



"Linking you with the U"

**Past Par Excellence Award Winners
Presented by the Young Alumni Board
1982 - 2009**

- 2009 Edward R. Morrison, *professor of law, Columbia University*
- 2008 Neil H. Ashdown, *chief of staff to Governor Huntsman*
- 2007 Kurt L. Jowers, *director of the Hinckley Institute of Politics, University of Utah*
- 2006 Matt Minkevitch, *director of The Road Home (homeless services)*
- 2005 Stacey Orlob Richins, *director of the Children's Ballet Theatre*
- 2004 Luther Elliss, *former Utah football star, humanitarian*
- 2003 Mark John Ott, *chair of the Department of Surgery at LDS Hospital*
- 2002 John Kendall Garff, *CEO and founder of Vehix.com*
- 2001 Kristin Brewer, *director of the Office of Guardian ad Litem*
- 2000 David Spafford, *cofounder of Megahertz and founder of the Carmen B. Pingree School for Children with Autism*
- 1999 Robert Lynn Flores, *associate professor, University of Utah College of Law*
- 1998 John H. Stevens, M.D., *founder, director, and chief technology officer for Heartport, a manufacturer of Port Access Systems used to perform minimally invasive cardiac surgery*
- 1997 Christopher R. Johnson, *director of the Center for Scientific Computing and Imaging, and holder of four faculty appointments at the University of Utah*
- 1996 Jon M. Huntsman, Jr., *vice chair, Huntsman Chemical Corporation (former governor of Utah; currently U.S. ambassador to China)*
- 1995 No award made
- 1994 Holly Sloan Smith, *social worker and executive director of the Association of Junior League International, Inc., New York*

- 1993 Lillian Tom Orme, *nurse specialist: Native American, Transcultural Nursing, Salt Lake City, Utah*

Anne M. Stirba, J.D., *Third District judge, Salt Lake City, Utah*
- 1992 Stephen Greg Marsden and Megan McCuniff Marsden, *coaches of the University of Utah Women's Gymnastics Team*
- 1991 Terry Tempest Williams, *author (Refuge, Leap) and conservationist*
- 1990 Steven B. Giddings, *renowned physicist and professor of physics at Stanford University*
- 1989 Penny Simpson Brooke, *assistant dean, University of Utah College of Nursing*
- 1988 Jeffrey Clawson, M.D., *inventor of national 911 emergency response system*
- 1987 *Frederick Kempe, former editor and associate publisher of The Wall Street Journal Europe, and author of Divorcing the Dictator: America's Bungled Affair with Noriega and Siberian Odyssey: A Voyage into the Russian Soul*
- 1986 Victoria Morgan, *principal dancer and choreographer, San Francisco Ballet*
- 1985 Cecil Samuelson, *former dean, University of Utah College of Medicine, current president of Brigham Young University*
- 1984 Stephen Jacobsen, *robotics innovator and professor of Engineering at the University of Utah*

Heidi H. Jacobs, *professor of education at Columbia University Teachers College, and innovator in child education programs*
- 1983 Robert Jarvik, M.D., *inventor of the artificial heart*

Ralph Mabey, *bankruptcy court judge*
- 1982 E. Gordon Gee, *president of Ohio State University and former chancellor of Vanderbilt University*