Past Par Excellence Award Winners
Presented by the Young Alumni Board
1982 - 2012

2012  Kiri L. Wagstaff, Senior Researcher, NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California
2011  Luz Robles, Utah State Senator and VP, Hispanic/Latino Market Manager, Zions Bank
2010  Brad Wilkins, Architect, Smith+Gill, Chicago, Illinois
2009  Edward R. Morrison, professor of law, Columbia University, New York City
2008  Neil H. Ashdown, chief of staff to Governor Huntsman
2007  Kirk 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

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 the
University of California, Santa Barbara

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