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Jennifer Daurora ’99
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Gold Citation
Thoburn Award for Excellence in Teaching
Julian Ross Award for Excellence in Teaching
Robert T. Sherman Distinguished Service Award
Alumni Medal

CLOSING REMARKS

President Cook

ALMA MATER BEATISSIMA

Fair Allegheny, yonder on the hill,
Through all the years,
our hearts are turning still,
In love to thee, and so they ever will,
O, Alma Mater, Beatissima!

Warm rests the sun,
so soft on wall and vine,
No air in all the world can equal thine,
Again we flame our torches at thy shrine,
O, Alma Mater, Beatissima!
The Blue Citation & Gold Citation
The Executive Committee of the Alumni Congress of Allegheny College authorized the award of the Blue Citation and the Gold Citation in the spring of 1979. The Blue Citation is awarded in appreciation and recognition of outstanding service to the College. The Gold Citation is awarded in appreciation and recognition of honor reflected on Allegheny College by virtue of the outstanding achievements of the recipient.

These awards were first presented in 1980. This year’s recipients were selected for this honor by the Nomination and Awards Committee of the Alumni Council from a panel of candidates recommended by the alumni, faculty, staff, and trustees of Allegheny.

The Thoburn Award
The Thoburn Award for Excellence in Teaching is presented to a faculty member who has been at Allegheny College for ten years or less and has demonstrated outstanding teaching as evidenced by innovative pedagogy, creative course development, sustained commitment to student learning, and support from faculty, alumni, and students.

The Julian Ross Award
The Julian Ross Award for Excellence in Teaching is presented to a member of the faculty who has been at Allegheny College for more than ten years and who embodies those qualities of an outstanding teacher. They include competence in the academic discipline and in the classroom, interaction with students, and professional and personal integrity.

The Robert T. Sherman Distinguished Service Award
The Distinguished Service Award is presented to a current or retired employee of the College who has provided exemplary service above and beyond the requirements of his/her position or who has advanced the interests or goals of the Alumni Association in extraordinary ways.

The Alumni Medal
For more than half a century, the Alumni Medal has been Allegheny’s most prestigious alumni award. It honors those whose devotion and service to the College far exceed the norm.
JOHN M. KUTZ ’83
Blue Citation

With seemingly endless energy, selflessness, and desire to see others succeed, John Kutz never stops looking for ways to help Allegheny.

“John’s energy has boosted so many of our initiatives,” noted an individual who nominated him for the Blue Citation. “He is a shining example of service to our College, our students, and our alumni.”

As a member and president of Allegheny’s Alumni Council, John enthusiastically shared his vision that the College should provide meaningful opportunities for alumni to give back to their alma mater. He recognizes that, for alumni involvement to be truly beneficial, it must be a two-way street—directly meeting an immediate need at the College and providing a fulfilling and rewarding experience for those who are volunteering.

John played a key role in Alumni Council’s transition from standing committees to task forces focused on completing specific projects. He helped to revamp the new member orientation process, served on the task force that led to the development of the GatorLocator online community, and assisted in the drafting of the usage policy for the Patricia Bush Tippie Alumni Center. A generous financial supporter of the College, John actively encouraged 100 percent participation in the Annual Fund by Alumni Council members.

John’s dedicated service has enhanced the Allegheny experience for countless students. He chaired the Alumni Council careers committee, emphasizing the importance of internships and other experiential learning opportunities. He arranged for his employer, KeyBank, to twice host the Cleveland Roadshow, a one-day event in which students shadowed executives from area businesses and organizations. In addition, John served as a mentor to students in the Alumni Advising Program and has assisted in the College’s admissions efforts, sending holiday cards to prospective students and advocating for Allegheny in conversations he has with others every day.

Also a member of his 25th Reunion committee this year, John is quick to credit others for their work. It is especially significant, then, that we have this opportunity to recognize John and his devotion to Allegheny College with the Blue Citation.

JOHN H. ALDRICH ’69, PH.D.
Gold Citation

For John Aldrich, working as a professor of political science means putting his scholarly research into action.

The Duke University professor collaborated with the Carter Center to develop democratic election procedures for neighborhood councils in China. The procedures—which allowed citizens to vote in local elections with multiple candidates and secret balloting—were subsequently implemented in towns and villages across that country. The elections were noted as a crucial step toward continued democratization in China.

The Pfizer-Pratt University Professor of Political Science at Duke, John specializes in American politics and behavior, formal theory, and methodology. He joined Duke’s faculty in 1987, with prior appointments at Michigan State University and the University of Minnesota. John, who earned a master’s degree and doctorate from the University of Rochester, also has served as a visiting professor in Harvard University’s department of government and as an adjunct professor at the University of North Carolina.

John has received research and teaching grants from the National Science Foundation and the National Endowment for the Humanities—a testament to the relevance and originality of his scholarship. Likewise, several Ph.D. students with whom he has worked have been awarded the prestigious Dissertation Improvement Grant from the National Science Foundation. John also has served as co-editor of the American Journal of Political Science and on the editorial boards of the major publications in his field.

Many prominent organizations have recognized John’s achievements. He has been a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the Center for Advanced Study in Behavioral Sciences, and the Rockefeller Foundation Center in Bellagio, Italy. A prolific author, he has received several national and international honors for his books, papers, and articles—including awards from the American Political Science Association for the best book on U.S. national policy and the best paper on legislative politics.

A dedicated mentor and a respected scholar, John has reflected great honor upon Allegheny College through his commitment to teaching and research. Generations of students and society at large have benefited from his innovative scholarship and his service to the field of political science.
ISHITA SINHA ROY
Thoburn Award for Excellence in Teaching

Although some might argue that it’s impossible to teach creativity, it is certainly possible to model it—and Ishita Sinha Roy does that day in and day out in Allegheny’s classrooms. “Professor Sinha Roy was hands down the most creative professor I ever had,” says one former student. “Her teaching style was unique, engaging and, most of all, effective.”

Another student took part in a videoconference course that Sinha Roy co-taught with Hollywood producer Lloyd Segan ’80. “I met the head of the Sci-Fi network, the head of the Game Show network, two writers from ‘The King of the Hill,’ a talent agent, the director of development from the USA Network and several others,” he says enthusiastically. “All of these opportunities were made possible through Dr. Sinha Roy’s creativity.”

An associate professor of communication arts with expertise in media studies, Sinha Roy has taught at Allegheny since 2001. She is known not only for her engaging teaching style but for her challenging assignments, which demand the same level of creativity from students that she puts into her own work. “Every assignment was carefully designed to give the student the most enriching experience possible,” says an alumnus.

Another student explains: “Reading a book isn’t enough. In Dr. Sinha Roy’s world, you read the book, e-mail the author, research the publisher, and investigate the citations.”

Other students note that Sinha Roy’s interest in their work was the same whether they were majoring in chemistry or comm arts—and extended well beyond their course work as she talked with them about their plans for jobs, graduate school, or simply their hopes for their lives.

“In my current career as a graduate student in chemistry,” says an alumnus, “I am not often—if at all—called upon to recall any factual information from my communication arts classes. Despite this, I find the lessons learned from Professor Sinha Roy to be with me as I progress through my Ph.D. work. She did not just teach information, but she taught how to think.”

Dr. Sinha Roy has modeled not only creativity but how important it is to have passion for one’s work. “Ishita has set the bar for me,” an alumna says, “and I know I can accomplish anything through her example.”

ROBERT K. SCHWARTZ ’66
Julian Ross Award for Excellence in Teaching

Robert Schwartz is as solid as the rocks that fill the Alden Hall geology labs. A respected researcher, a challenging teacher, a memorable mentor, it is fitting that he received this award named for the legendary Julian Ross.

As an alumnus of Allegheny, Dr. Schwartz knows what excellent teaching is. As a professor of geology at Allegheny, where he has taught since 1979, he is committed to carrying forward that tradition.

“Bob is a shining example of how teachers should inspire interest and enthusiasm in their students,” says one former student. “He forced us to figure out what the rocks were telling us, instead of just giving us the answers. On field trips he expected us to question, observe, discover and solve the geologic questions firsthand. He was there to guide us, but ultimately we had to be the scientists.”

Another former student says, “Not thinking for yourself was never an option in Bob’s classes.” That challenge to students to think for themselves has resulted in students whose work is of such a high caliber that many of them have presented their research at professional conferences while still undergraduates at the College.

Dr. Schwartz has led students on research projects across the Appalachians, in the Rocky Mountains, along the coastal zones from New England to Georgia, and to the Caribbean.

“Bob’s quest for discovery through research and for engaging students in learning has not faltered throughout his career at Allegheny,” says a colleague. “Bob provides a learning environment for ‘doing’ science and immersed his students in experiential learning in and out of the classroom long before that phrase became part of today’s educational mantra.”

An alumna sums up the qualities that make Dr. Schwartz an extraordinary mentor and teacher. “In addition to being a brilliant scientific mind, Bob’s interpersonal relationships and interactions with students from all walks of life are remarkable,” she says. “He has an ability to relate to people in a completely unassuming manner that puts them at ease and encourages honest and open discussion. His frankness and honesty are both a source of encouragement and a reality check for students during a time in their lives when change is rapid, influences are abundant, and choices are important.”
ROBERT M. TUTTLE
Robert T. Sherman Distinguished Service Award

Bob Tuttle has made a career of developing relationships that advance the mission of Allegheny College.

For more than twenty-five years, Bob has helped alumni and other individuals find significant ways to help Allegheny through their time, talents, and financial resources. He joined the College in 1982 as director of capital gifts, playing a key role in one of Allegheny’s first major fund-raising campaigns. Bob educated constituents about the importance of their support to the College’s ongoing success—an effort that continues to pay dividends today.

Over the years Bob also has served as director of major gifts and director of principal gifts. While his job title may have changed, his commitment to helping Allegheny’s people, programs, and places has not. Every academic and administrative department at the College has benefited in some way from Bob’s work. He has secured gifts to construct new facilities, enhance technology in classrooms, fund scholarships, beautify and preserve the campus, and provide research and experiential learning opportunities to students and faculty.

Through frequent visits, phone calls, and correspondence, Bob has developed close friendships with many alumni and friends of the College. He and his wife, Karen, often entertained alumni in their home before and after campus activities. Bob also stayed in regular contact with children and grandchildren of alumni who were attending Allegheny—taking them to lunch, inviting them to family outings, and simply making sure they were adjusting well to college life.

“During the twenty-some years of my trustee tenure, Bob was an integral part of the Allegheny family,” stated Pete Scibetta ’54. “He made giving not only a pleasure, but replete with meaning and purpose about what it means to be an Alleghenian, and to contribute one’s self to the needs of others. Bob is synonymous with Allegheny and all that it stands for; to us, he will always be an honorary alumnus who finished his term summa cum laude!”

THE HONORABLE JACK MANDEL ’58
Alumni Medal

Mitzvah, as recounted in Jewish tradition, is a good deed, an act of kindness. A mitzvah can change a life, both for the receiver and the giver. Perhaps the mitzvah’s greatest power is how it can reverberate through lives and time, creating change on a grand scale.

Jack Mandel’s mitzvahs on behalf of students in Orange County, California, have had a profound effect not just on these young men and women and their families but on Allegheny College as well. By giving students equal parts challenge and hope, he has helped dozens of young people to realize their dreams. By making it possible for them to attend Allegheny, he has not only broadened their horizons but made our campus a more diverse and interesting place.

The “judge’s kids”—as they proudly call themselves—take leadership roles both on campus and in their chosen careers. They leave Allegheny to become lawyers, teachers, and health professionals—and to perform their own mitzvahs, knowing from their own experience that one person truly can make a difference.

Jack’s work with young, disadvantaged students in a tutoring program he started at the Santa Ana library has gained attention from media hungry for good news from areas plagued by poverty and gang culture. He recently was selected to head a new tutoring and mentoring center in Santa Ana. “I saw that Jack had accomplished so much already with no funding,” philanthropist Henry T. Nicholas III stated.

But that is just one side of Jack’s service to his alma mater. His work as a trustee, from the time he joined the board in 1977, has been extraordinary. A trusted legal guide for the College, he has always been considered a voice of reason, someone who can quickly analyze complex information and ask the questions that can better inform further discussion.

His dedication to his board service has been an inspiration to others. His passion for Allegheny is an unstoppable force, and to hear him talk about the College is to want to become as engaged as he is in the life of this institution. It is in this way—through his eloquence and his love for the institution—that he has helped reconnect many alumni, perhaps most notably the late Lenie Schwartz, to the College, both to their benefit and to ours.

It is with deep gratitude for his many years of outstanding service and leadership that we honor Jack Mandel with Allegheny College’s oldest and most prestigious award, the Alumni Medal.
Blue & Gold Award

1980
Ruth Williams Knights
Herbert E. Ransford, Jr. ’38

1981
Blair Hanson
Paul A. Knights
Richard K. Naum ’67
John C. Phillips, Jr. ’56
Anne Gilmore Stewart ’31
George J. Barco ’30
Geo. R. D. Braun ’27
Mary Brock Duffy ’41
Donna M. Guenther ’60
Walter M. Small ’11

1982
Stephen W. Graffam ’53
Marjorie Kirk
Thomas M. St. Clair ’57
R. Budd Dwyer ’61
Robert H. Gray ’50

1983
Sandra McLaughlin Byers ’58
Silas Rush Mountsier III ’52
Chester L. Sceiford ’66
Ernest J. Schwarz ’56

1984
Thomas A. Myers ’71
Cora Kraus Ransford ’40
John D. Smith ’49

1985
Jacob Kolff ’61
Alton A. Lindsay ’29
William H. Muir ’49
William M. Wells ’53

1986
Jack K. Mandel ’58

1985 CONT
David H. Hoag ’60
Arthur L. Lowrie ’55
Harry W. McCurdy ’40
Samuel T. Pees ’50

1986
Thomas N. Slonaker
Deborah Lynn Wijnberg ’78
Daniel Lindsay Bratron ’54
Julian Krainin ’62
Barbara Webb Robinson ’48
Theodore F. Shaker, Jr. ’72
Robert A. Shobman ’40
Arthur David Steffee, Jr. ’56

1987
John B. Harrison ’27
John J. Werle ’32
Barbara Hotham Iglewski ’60
J. Arvid Klein ’54
Mary-Blair Matejczyk ’71
Richard F. Smith ’50

1988
Marilyn Muckinhoupt Snyder ’49
M. Peter Sicibetta ’54
Paul R. Zavarella ’53

1989
Carol Fetcko Barndollar ’64
Ann Simakas Degenhart ’71
Harry C. Blaney III ’59
C. Milo Connick ’39
Morris P. Fiorina, Jr. ’68

1990
Joseph M. Dickey ’50
Terrence Darrow Kelly ’68
Cris L. Groenendaal ’70
Linda C. Smith ’71
Tina Thoburn ’47

1991
Carleton J. Anderson III ’76
James B. Drake ’63
Virginia L. Crowthers ’41
Eugene V. Wolik ’48

1992
Roberta McKenny Miller ’73
Barbara Ogwry ’55
Richard Murphy ’71
David A. Reed ’55

1993
Joan Jaeckel Corderman ’67
George M. ’43 & Kathryn Hill Hill ’42
Don Cowill Skinner ’56
Howard H. Alliger ’52
William E. Crofut ’58
Robert D. McVey ’41

1994
Willow Wilcox Brost ’74
Ellinor Kistler Hamilton ’40
Pamela Schmitt O’Brien ’70
William Erbey ’71
Jean Merrill ’44
James Trippi ’75

1995
William P. Fallow ’41
Eliot P. Green ’80
Arthur S. Blank ’57
W. LeRoy Schneck ’41
Lynne M. Shuster ’61

1996
Ann Tannehill DiTullio ’60
Robert K. ’65 & Lynn Campbell Smith ’66
Richard Browdie ’69
Brian J. Hill ’81
Doris Larsen Snell ’46

1997
Elizabeth J. Harrison ’71
David F. Johnson ’47
Michael J. Baxter ’77
J. Lew Davies ’40
Becky Myton ’63

1998
Chris W. Brussalis ’87
Charles E. Butters ’60
Antonio J. Chiroldes ’84
Robert A. Marchman ’80
Maron Calderwood Mays ’64
Martha D. Mills ’49

1999
Stephen K. Gauyl ’68
Howard E. R. Hutton ’64
Isabelle Crabb Moss ’67
Gustave (Gus) Rylander ’49
Sharyn Ann Lenhart ’70
Arthur D. Pressley ’72

2000
Ann H. Arsen ’67
Thomas T. Frampton ’70
Barbara W. Rimer ’52
Charles E. Rimer ’50
Stephen A. Weinrich ’81
Walter J. Greenleaf, Jr. ’50
Gary M. Kelsey ’76
James W. Lyons ’54
Christine Scott Nelson ’73
James F. Sheridan ’50

2001
C. Dale Gull ’36
James S. Lewis ’51
Darrell S. Park ’91
Suzanne Dougall Sweeney ’55
Donna Bowman ’67
Margaret S. Burns ’61
David R. Hurst ’74
Victoria N. Luine ’67

2002
Scott D. Heffren ’76
Jonathan E. Miller ’69
Diane Sutter ’72
Robert O. Blomquist ’52
George C. Bradley ’61
Q. Todd Dickinson ’74

2003
Louis P. Sicibetta ’57
Ruth Ann Peterson Verell ’57
Carol A. Travis Alonso ’63
William H. G. Cross ’90
M. Roy Wilson ’76

2004
Frank E. McElree ’47
Thomas D. Gladden ’54

2005
Carol (Darnell) Freund ’54
Bill Owen ’74
Henry Drucker ’64
Earl Stockdale, Jr. ’70

2006
Gary A. Mitchell ’60
John D. Wheeler ’61
Nedzad Ajanovic ’95
Timothy M. Hoffman ’88
Michael J. Ryan ’93

2007
Paul Roese ’53
Edward Hodgson, Jr. ’47
D. Arnold Lewis ’52
Mary Sue Sweeney Price ’73
Thoburn Award
for Excellence in Teaching

1990  Bill Bywater
1995  Eric T. Pallant
1996  Laura L. Quinn
1997  David E. Anderson
1998  Beth L. Watkins
1999  Joshua Searle-White
2000  Michael F. Maniates
2001  Craige Champion
2002  Shaun Murphree
2003  Andrey Meleshevich
2004  Ron Cole ’87
2005  Jennifer Hellwarth
2006  Eric Boynton
2007  Catharina Coenen

Julian Ross Award
for Excellence in Teaching

1982  Irwin N. Gertzog
1983  Charles B. Ketcham
1984  Samuel S. Harrison ’63
1985  Christine M. Nebiolo
1986  Richard E. Kleeman
1987  Dieter P. Lotze
1988  Anthony J. LoBello
1989  Jeanne Braham
1990  Stephen M. Lyons
1991  Jeffrey D. Cross ’73
1992  Diane B. Goodman
1993  Glen E. Rodgers
1994  Brian C. Rosenberg
1995  Giles Wayland-Smith
1996  Paula A. Treckel
1997  Mary P. Bivens
1998  James O. Palmer
1999  Ward M. Jamison
2000  James C. Bulman
2001  Bruce Clayton
2002  Stephen Casler
2003  Deborah Dickey
2004  Janyce J. Hyatt ’83
2005  Earl Adams, Jr.
2006  Sue Buck
2007  Robert Cupper
Alumni Medal

1937 Ida M. Tarbell ’80
Lewis Walker, Sr. ’77
1938 Clarence F. Ross ’91
1939 Andrew A. Culbertson ’01
1940 Frank P. Miller ’07
1941 Andrew W. Robertson ’06
1951 C. Sidney Burwell ’14
1952 Paul W. Johnston ’14
1953 Sumner E. Nichols ’12
1954 John R. McFarland ’38
1955 Edith Rowley ’05
1956 Frank Wilbur Main ’04
1957 Robert W. Thomas ’12
1958 Albert G. Curry ’16
1959 Leo H. McKay ’16
1960 Charles F. Lewis ’09
1961 Ben F. Miller, Jr. ’07
1962 Paul Sturtevant ’99
1963 Julian L. Ross ’23
1964 Martha Petersen Bartberger ’03
1965 Sterling G. McNeese ’09
1966 Theodore Thoburn ’14
1967 Robert S. Bates ’31
1968 Edwin P. Kennedy ’11
1969 Forest G. Moorhead ’00
1970 Horace T. Lively ’12
1971 Margaret Sheldrake ’12
1972 Charles S. Miller ’13
1973 Bruce L. Middaugh ’27
1974 William J. Armstrong ’16
1975 E. Alexander Hill ’26
1976 Grace H. Miller ’10
1977 Paul H. Younger ’31
1978 Gerald D. Prather ’23
1979 Robert L. Kirkpatrick ’28
1980 Gordon D. Patterson, Sr. ’19
1981 Marian Whieldon Bell ’26
1982 Nancy L. Sutton ’44
1983 J. Mylan Harvey ’38
1984 D. Armour Hillstrom ’37
1985 Arthur H. Bartlett ’26
1986 Virginia Grenelle ’23
1987 President Richard J. Cook ’06
1988 Cora Kraus Ransford ’40
1989 J. Llewellyn Davies ’40
1990 Gustave Rylander, Jr. ’49
1991 M. Peter Sicibetta ’54
1992 David H. Haig ’60
1993 Richard A. Stewart ’56
1994 William C. Roher, Jr. ’50
1995 John C. Phillips, Jr. ’56
1996 Silas Rush Mountsier III ’52
1997 Marilyn S. Snyder ’49
1998 Class of 1938
1999 William J. Cramer ’44
2000 Thomas M. St. Clair ’57
2001 William K. Mohney ’40
2002 John J. Werle ’32
2003 Samuel Hellmuth ’55
2004 Helena Mumaw Schwartz ’36
2005 Helen Corcoran ’35
2006 Daniel F. Graffam ’53
2007 Richard A. Stewart ’56
2008 David McInally
2009 James F. Pomroy ’56
2010 Carr F. Ransford ’40
2011 Patricia Bush Tippie ’56
2012 President Richard J. Cook ’06
2013 Teresa M. Lahti ’06
2014 Willard Tillotson, Jr. ’52
Nominations for award recipients are welcomed.

The deadline for nominations for the 2009 awards is January 31, 2009.

Nominations can be mailed to the Office of Alumni Affairs, Allegheny College, 520 N. Main St., Meadville, PA 16335.

A form for submitting a nomination online can be found at www.allegheny.edu/alumni.