

UNCW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
DISTINGUISHED
 AWARDS

Alumnus/a of the Year

2025 Robert T. Abbotts '85
 2024 Linda B. Sayed '78, '85M
 2023 Marcia Avedon, Ph.D. '83
 2022 Jean and Eddie Lawler
 2021 Dr. Phillip Brown Jr. '88
 2020 Mark Scalf '80
 2019 Donald E. Godwin '69
 2018 Brandon Beane '98
 2017 Chad Porter '98
 2016 Caroline Reda '85
 2015 Lt. Col. Robert W. Rideout, Jr. '95
 2014 Dr. Anthony J. Cavalier '75
 2013 Linda Patton Nance '74
 2012 Shanda Williams Bordeaux '92 2011
 Malcomb Coley '86
 2010 Bill Saffo '83
 2009 Dr. Sherick Hughes '97
 2008 Herbert '53 and Sylvia Fisher '50
 2007 Major General Thomas Dyches '69
 2006 Judge John Tyson '74
 2005 Bill Dobo '51; Bob Dobo '50
 2004 Joseph King III '66
 2003 Col. Darrell Thacker '83
 2002 James Stasios '70
 2001 Norman Melton '74
 2000 Gary Chadwick '82
 1999 James Corcoran '70
 1998 Marvin Robison '83
 1997 Robert King '66; John Pollard Jr '70;
 Caroline Pollard '73
 1996 Janice Kingoff '77
 1995 Connie Yow '65
 1994 Rebecca Blackmore '75
 1993 Ronald Choate '72; James Fugate '71
 1992 Frank Bowen '74; Carl Willis '90 1991
 John Baldwin Jr. '72
 1990 Charles Green, III '71
 1989 J. Carl Dempsey '65
 1988 Robert Warwick '55
 1986 Dr. Anne McCrary '56
 1985 Ray Buchanan '72
 1984 Cecil Reynolds '75
 1981 Estell Harrelson '55
 1980 W. Albert Corbett '65
 1979 Dr. Jerry Coleman '56
 1978 R. Terrell Horton, Jr. '67
 1977 Robert King '66
 1976 James Cook '62, '78

Citizen of the Year

2025 Mary Claire Curran '11
 2024 James Stasios '70
 2023 Lauren Daley Bryant '07, '10M
 2022 Dr. Lolita Bryant '04, '11M
 2021 Wilbur D. Jones Jr.
 2020 Ashlee Balena '95
 2019 Janine Bilodeau Powell '88
 2018 Amy & Ben Wright '98
 2017 Chip Mahan
 2016 A. Farrell Teague '54
 2015 Joshua Vach '87
 2014 Dr. J. Richard Corbett
 2013 Peter Hexter
 2012 Ann Sherman-Skiba
 2011 C. Edward Alexander III
 2010 Walter Pancoe
 2009 Jerry Wilkins
 2008 M. Tyrone Rowell
 2007 Frank Capra Jr.
 2006 Dr. J. Marshall Crews
 2005 George Diab
 2004 Louise Gorham '59
 2003 Ronald Gumm
 2002 Wayne Jackson
 2001 Hannah Block '55
 2000 George Hutaff
 1999 Bertha Todd
 1998 Dorothy Marshall
 1997 Leslie Boney Jr.; Lillian Boney
 1996 Dr. Luther Lawson
 1995 John Burney Jr.
 1994 Daniel Cameron
 1993 Roman Gabriel
 1992 William Brooks
 1991 Estell Harrelson '55;
 Adrian Hurst
 1990 Raiford Trask Sr.
 1988 Hubert Eaton
 1986 Frank Hall
 1985 Gerald Shinn
 1984 Addison Hewlett
 1983 Emsley Laney
 1982 Frederick Graham
 1981 B.D. Schwartz

Young Alumnus/a of the Year

2025 Laurel Shackleton Hillen Engel '14
 2024 Sergio Madera-Garcia '21
 2023 Riley Stephenson '15
 2022 Arely Ramirez Diaz '19
 2021 Courtney Rickert '15, '18M
 2020 Julie Andrews '13
 2019 Lindsay S. Harkey '09
 2018 Rachael Beatty '13
 2017 Darion Jeralds '10, '14M
 2016 Travis Corpening '00, '06M
 2015 Ryan Crecelius '06
 2014 Susan Chandler Webb '07
 2013 Bradley Ballou '06
 2012 Justin Queen '04
 2011 Shaun Olsen '02
 2010 Lee Grant '00
 2009 Rebecca Scherrer '00
 2008 Dr. William Mayew '97, '98M
 2007 Dr. Mandy Cook '99, '02M
 2006 Kristen "Doc" Dunn '97
 2004 Jason Wheeler '99, '03M
 2003 Meghan McCleery '03

Distinguished Diversity & Inclusion Award

2025 John Scholz '84
 2024 Dr. Melissa Batchelor '96, '00M
 2023 Alejandra Sotelo '00
 2022 Chris Montero '12, '16M
 2021 Edelmira Segovia '98, '12Ed.D