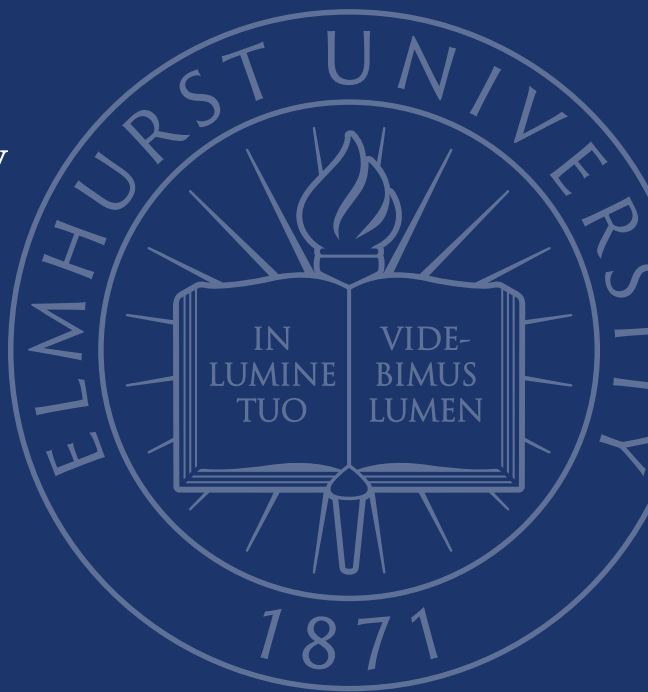




FOUNDERS RECOGNITION EVENING

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2020



PROGRAM

WELCOME

Valerie Day

VP, Institutional Advancement

INVOCATION

Rev. Dr. Bernard L. Jakes '97

Trustee, Board of Trustees

ALUMNI MERIT AWARDS PRESENTATION

Sabrina Ruff '09

President, Alumni Board

ALUMNI LEADERSHIP REMARKS

Scottie Williams '13

Director, Alumni Engagement

PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE MEMBER RECOGNITION

STUDENT LEADERSHIP REMARKS

Sonali Rajput '22

President, Student Union Board

FOUNDERS MEDAL PRESENTATION

Ed Momkus '74

Chair, Board of Trustees

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Dr. Troy D. VanAken

President, Elmhurst University

SYMPHONY NO. 14, MOVEMENT 4 - MOZART

Elmhurst University Philharmonic Orchestra

Taka Matsunaga, *Conductor*

FOUNDERS MEDAL RECIPIENT



**ALFRED N.
KOPLIN**

Alfred N. Koplin is a business leader and local philanthropist who has been a tremendous supporter of Elmhurst University, both as a donor and as a member of the Board of Trustees for nearly 40 years.

As president of Alfred N. Koplin, Inc., in Hinsdale, Koplin has been a successful real estate investor who literally built his business from the ground up. In the 1950s, after serving in the military for a number of years, Koplin and his wife, Jean, began building homes throughout the western suburbs of Chicago.

In 1966, they created the Hinsdale Management Corporation, a commercial real estate and property management company, to manage the more than 300 properties they had built. Over the next five decades, the Koplins built Hinsdale Management Corporation into a real estate portfolio that manages more than one million square feet of property.

Koplin has served on the Elmhurst University Board of Trustees since 1981 and has been a generous donor to the University and to the community at large. Not only has he invested a significant amount of his and Jean Koplin's wealth into the University, but he also has challenged others to raise their level of giving. In 2017, he created and championed his own "Koplin Challenge," where he promised to match up to \$200,000 of what was raised. His challenge raised more than \$211,000 in additional funds from Trustees alone.

His philanthropic gifts to Elmhurst University have supported faculty endeavors, student scholarships and curriculum development. In recognition of his many years of service, Elmhurst University awarded Koplin an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters on May 30, 2015.

ALUMNI MERIT AWARD RECIPIENTS



**ZACHARY
HUND '10**

Young Alumni Award

Zachary Hund '10 is an award-winning chemistry teacher at the University of Chicago Laboratory Schools who has used his passion for teaching to create new programs and engage more students, especially women, in the study of advanced chemistry.

For the past few years, Hund also has been an adjunct faculty member at Elmhurst teaching chemistry.

A Senior of the Year finalist at Elmhurst, Hund graduated early, in 2010, and attended the University of Chicago for graduate school in physical chemistry, where he earned his master's degree and Ph.D., as well as a University Teaching Certificate.

While successful at publishing his research at UChicago, Hund's passion lay in teaching. He is in his sixth year as a chemistry teacher at the University of Chicago Laboratory Schools, where he has boosted enrollment in advanced chemistry from 10 students (20 percent female) to almost 60 (about 50 percent female). Hund also mentors UChicago graduate students interested in K-12 education, and has received numerous honors and awards for service, teaching and research. This past spring, the 20-member science department selected Hund as their new chair.

ALUMNI MERIT AWARD RECIPIENTS



**JEANNE
BURDA '82**

*Distinguished Service to Alma
Mater Award*

Jeanne Burda '82 is a member of the Elmhurst University nursing faculty and an active alumna whose efforts have significantly enhanced nursing alumni engagement with the University.

As a lecturer in the Department of Nursing and Health Sciences, Burda specializes in family health, specifically maternal-neonatal care. She also has a focus in community health nursing, and encourages students to expand their worldview of maternity nursing and improving health care outcomes. Burda co-wrote the grant that started the White Coat Ceremony, which celebrates nursing students when they begin their clinical practice. She received her BSN from Elmhurst University and her MSN from Loyola University.

Burda is a board member of the Elmhurst University Alumni Association, as well as the nursing department's alumni coordinator. During her tenure, the number of nursing alumni at Homecoming has increased, as has the size of the nursing department's alumni database.

Burda's nomination letter says her teaching exemplifies the Elmhurst University mission because it inspires intellectual and personal growth in her students, and prepares them for meaningful and ethical contributions to a diverse, global society.



**ROBERT
CARTER
OLSON '83**

*Distinguished Service to
Society Award*

Robert Carter Olson '83 is a superior court judge in Arizona who has spent a distinguished career in public service as a judge, prosecutor, public administrator and civic leader.

Serving on the Superior Court bench in Pinal County, Ariz., Olson began his career with the county in 1990, when he joined the County Attorney's Office as a criminal prosecutor. He would go on to serve more than 11 years as the elected county attorney before his first appointment to the Superior Court in 2007. He also has served as a commissioner, and was reappointed to the Superior Court in 2018.

Beyond judicial service, Olson served on the Board of Trustees of the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System, a multi-billion dollar pension system that covers police, firefighters, elected officials, judges, and corrections officers. He also has received numerous awards for his civic and professional activities.

An Honors Program student at Elmhurst, Olson graduated in 1983 with a bachelor's degree in public accounting.

PREVIOUS ALUMNI MERIT AWARD WINNERS

1962	Rev. Armin F. Meyer '10 * Victor C. Barth '28 * Dr. Clarence E. Josephson *	1973	Hon. George W. Unverzagt '53 * Kathryn M. Kacena '58 *
1963	Donald E. Jepsen '38 * Matilda Langhorst * Dr. Oliver M. Langhorst '30 *	1974	David W. Rasche '66 Mamrou J. Fujioka '51 Chaplain Joseph Degi, Jr. '49 * Rev. Gary L. Miller '65 *
1964	No award given	1975	Robert C. Wordel, Jr. '50 * Col. Herman J. Kregel '30 * Dr. Milton A. Maxwell '29* Rev. Richard Kenneth Wobbe '37 *
1965	Kenneth Boldt '36 * Robert J. Gliessman '39 * Dr. Antone E. Hotle '38 *	1976	Rev. Donald E. Stuart '48 * Dr. Christine E. Rasche '68 * Ervin T. Bosworth '42 * Dr. Merle Baker '51
1966	Hon. William J. Bauer '49 Hilda K. Limper '35 * Thomas H. Price '35 *	1977	Dr. Paul Mauer '18 * Ramon G. Gaulke '55 K. David Kuebler '69
1967	Dr. John J. DeTuerk '34 * Dr. Paul DeBruine '55 Dr. George H. Langelier '49 *	1978	Rev. Henry G. Kroehler '27 * Marjorie Davis '40 * Joel G. Herter '59 Nancy (Klusmeyer) Herter '61 Rev. David L. Ostendorf '69
1968	William J. Haude '34 * Eldred C. Strobel '38 *	1979	Dr. Carolyn L. Barth '58 Rev. Dr. Donald G. Bloesch '50 * Mary C. Kozy '72 Rev. Raymond L. Whitehead '55 Rhea H. (Menzel) Whitehead '57 *
1969	Dr. John Wickman '53 Barbara (Straub) Griesinger '35 *	1980	Jean L. (Thornton) Branding '49 * Dr. David L. Ford '65 * Dr. William P. Smotherman '70 *
1970	Dr. Carl F. Mueller '10 *	1981	William J. Adelman '56 * Dr. Johnnie Davenport '71 Paul R. Hayden '65 * Rev. Walter W. Lauer '37 *
1971	Dr. Herbert H. Gass '27 * Dr. D. Earl Klein '27 * Marilyn (Seay) Wille '58 * Rev. Dr. Karl H. Meyer '23 * Everett F. Seegers '47 * Dr. Lloyd Pfautsch '43 * Marilyn A. Rogge '58 *		
1972	Charles J. Baumrucker '34 * Rev. Robert F. Klepper '39 * Gustav A. Norwood '37 * Dr. Harry J. Parker '47 *		

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1982	Rev. Dr. Richard P. Ellerbrake '55 Dr. John M. Grollmus '61 * William R. Smith '57 *	1994	Dr. Lester H. Brune '48 * Thomas N. Tyrrell '67
1983	Rev. Dr. Walter A. Brueggemann '55 Beverly (Landon) Fawell '52 * William F. Shattuck '45 * Robert L. Tiemann '41 *	1995	Ervin J. Baumrucker '38 * Trevor W. Pinch '58 * Dr. O. Charles Press '44
1984	Rev. Dr. Paul J. Achtemeier '49 * Dr. Harry J. Augensen '73 Terri Hemmert '70	1996	Dr. Ralph W. Bonner '54 * Barbara K. (Wahl) Brent '75 * Ambassador Jacques P. Klein '61
1985	Roberta (Brodt) Dauderman '65 Rev. Dr. Robert E. Kasper '50 * Bob Martin '52 *	1997	Rita J. Athas '76 Rev. Dr. Paul H. Westernmeyer '62
1986	Karen A. Barlow '72 Rev. Dr. Paul E. Irion '43	1998	John W. Terrill '67 Sandra (Centner) Terrill '67 John P. Stack '78
1987	Barbara Fischlowitz '68 Derald M. Schultz '51 *	1999	Rev. Dr. Jerry W. Paul '71 *
1988	Walterine (Szalay) Lira '58 * Dr. George E. Sangmeister '57 *	2000	Judge Michael R. Galasso '58 * Russell G. Weigand '64
1989	Maria E. Crowley '77 Dr. Francis Karasek '42 *	2001	Bruce A. Hill '76 Dr. Terrance D. Lagerlund '71
1990	Dr. Marjorie (Miller) Goodban '65 Dr. Billy D. Reeves '53 * Dr. J. David Small '59	2002	Barbara J. Lucks '73 Rev. Dr. Peter M. Schmiechen '59 Deborah (Biersach) Tritt '72 John R. Tritt '72
1991	Phyllis J. (Maass) Doan '73 Dr. Ralph E. Lundgren '57	2003	Alan J. Brinkmeier '76 Gail (Kasperski) Brinkmeier '76 Rev. Dr. Robert J. Clark '53 *
1992	Rev. Dr. William R. Johnson '68	2004	Charlotte Klein '54 Denise P. (Hebble) Jones '90 Rev. Dr. William Nelson '68
1993	Dr. James H. Andersen '52 * Rev. Joseph J. Richardson Jr. '89	2005	Glenn D. Lid '79 Edward J. Momkus '74 Rod Randall '75

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2006	Rev. Robert E. Hatfield Jr. '73 *	2016	Robert Ullman '71 Elizabeth Dudek '73 Anna Martin '09
	Lee A. Marinaccio '67 Milos Ovan '79 Dorothy (Koenig) Powers '49	2017	Zubair Ali Ahmed '06 Katherine M. Lenz '09 Susan Frick '85 Herbert K. Washington Jr. '97
2007	Carl E. Dahlgren '85 David Hotle '67 Joe D. Seger '57 Conrad J. Spitek '54 *	2018	Harold Edward Bruescke '65 Rev. Emily Ann Davis '09 Reema Syeda Kamran '01
2008	Elizabeth A. (Klick) Postula '47 Edwin E. Sprandel '50 *	2019	Richard Dabrowski '85 Phillip Lee '14 Lori Tompos MBA '15
2009	Dr. William F. Fraccaro '70 * Linda (Baltscheit-Klaas) Schiff '90 Rev. Don A. Stahlhut '66		
2010	Wallace E. Goode '75 Michael Delaney '57		
			<i>* Deceased</i>
2011	Rev. Dr. Bob Mutton '66 Patricia DeAnda '01, '05 Lindsay (Young) Hodges '05		
2012	Ronald F. Koeppl '61 * Robert L. Mills '64 Valerie Mazzone '05		
2013	Bill Batte '63 David Cuomo '10 Barry Warren '67		
2014	Al Kromholz '60 * David Watkins '93 Darryl Vincent Thomas Jr. '04 Scott Tharp Kromholz '05		
2015	Dr. William R. Barclay * Charles T. Canfield '89 Dr. John Brown '50 Erik Ellingson '11		

PAST FOUNDERS MEDAL RECIPIENTS

1979	Arthur E. Larkin Jr. *	1992	Ruth H. Frick * Fred W. Gretsich '71 Lloyd J. Palmer *
1980	Donald W. Buik * Rev. Dr. Robert O. Laaser *	1993	Betty Buik '49 * Frank R. Young *
1982	Clarence A. Herbst Sr. *	1994	Alben F. Bates Jr. * Hazel Stevens Dame * Robert S. Jepson Jr.
1983	Raymond H. Giesecke * Erwin J. Goebel '27 * Thomas H. Price '35 *	1995	Dr. Ralph E. Lundgren '57 Rudolf G. Schade *
1984	Edwin F. Deicke * Lois L. Deicke * Oliver M. Langhorst '30 *	1996	Robert J. Clark '53 * Lawrence P. Fricke John A. Jump *
1985	Ervin T. Bosworth '42 * Herbert M. Licht *	1997	William W. Boyd * Phyllis Tirmenstein John Watson *
1986	Virginia C. Sodemann * Rev. Theodore Van Dyck '34 *	1998	Frank B. Allen * Joy P. Rasin Rev. Joseph J. Richardson Sr. '89
1987	Milton F. Darr Jr. * Martha M. Mueller * Roland Quest '36 *	1999	Dorothy Bosworth '45 * Ivan E. Frick *
1988	Rev. Allen C. Blume '55 * Lucille H. Franzen *	2000	Lester H. Brune '48 * Joan L. Brune '51 * John B. Kelly Jr. *
1989	Frank C. Rathje * Phyllis D. Willett *	2001	Robert A. Faganel '52 * Shirley Scott '55 * Dr. Thomas Scott
1990	Lygia Brock '56 Robert M. Kross '42 * Theodore H. Kross '38 *		
1991	Patricia C. Bergstrom '71 * Goudyloch E. Dyer * Harold M. Mayer *		

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2002	Joel G. Herter '59 Shirley L. Myers Thomas O. Myers Jr.	2013	Raymond J. Allen Sally J. Allen Denise P. Jones '90 Dr. George Langelier '49 *
2003	Paul DeBruine '55 Ronald G. Goetz *	2014	Alben F. Bates and Clara G. Bates Foundation Roberta Dauderman '65 Laura Hyde '71 Robert Hyde '57
2004	Ragnar Moen * Dr. Andrew K. Prinz *	2015	The Honorable William J. Bauer '49 The Siragusa Foundation Edwin E. Sprandel '50 *
2005	Violet M. Hansen '53 Earle Harmon Jr. * Virginia "Ginny" Harmon	2016	BMO Harris Bank Dr. Wallace Lagerwey The Stanger Family
2006	Marcia Goltermann Robert Goltermann John W. Popp '44 *	2017	Daniel L. Goodwin and The Inland Real Estate Group of Companies Barbara J. Lucks '73 Dr. Martha Sampsell David F. Sampsell
2007	Kenneth L. Block * Alice A. Jepson Thomas N. Tyrrell '67	2018	Dr. J. David Small '59
2008	Dr. Bryant Cureton Dr. Jeanette Cureton Marcia Day *	2019	Ralph Pechanio Rudolf "Rudy" G. Schade Jr.*, posthumous
2009	Dr. John M. Grollmus, M.D., '61* Dr. George Thoma Jr., Ph.D.		
2010	Abner S. Ganet * Barbara W. Swords *		
2011	Dr. William Fraccaro '70 * Joyce Fraccaro '70 Dr. Richard A. Nyako '67 *		
2012	Kenne P. Bristol Marilyn Graber *		

** Deceased*



THE FOUNDERS MEDAL

Elmhurst University awards the Founders Medal to individuals who have made outstanding contributions in philanthropic or personal service to the University's mission. Established in 1978, the Founders Medal is one of the University's highest honors.

ALUMNI MERIT AWARDS

The Alumni Merit Awards were established in 1962 by the Alumni Association of Elmhurst University. These awards serve as a means of annually recognizing three outstanding alumni who provide excellent contributions to society and the University.



The President's Circle recognizes our annual giving leaders who invest most generously in our mission—to transform the lives of our students, and prepare them to make meaningful contributions to a diverse, global society.

