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College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

2016
Honors and Awards Ceremony

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William Simpkins, professor and Smith Family Foundation departmental chair

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IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARDS

JAMES A. HOPSON ALUMNI VOLUNTEER AWARD
The Iowa State University Alumni Association established this award in 1999 to recognize ISU graduates, age 40 and under, who demonstrate early volunteer leadership in the ISU Alumni Association or alumni-related activities and who are members of the ISU Alumni Association.

Sarah F. Fischer
Political Science & English ’02
Washington, D.C.

Washington, D.C. is a transient city, making the presence of a strong and welcoming local alumni club a vital resource for area Iowa Staters. Thanks to the volunteer efforts of Sarah Fischer, who worked to revive a languishing ISUAA Club of Washington, D.C. in 2012, the organization is today a thriving group that has engaged countless individuals not only in the life, work and aspiration of Iowa State University, but with one another – and with the joys and opportunities associated with living and working in our nation’s capital.

Fischer, who went on to earn both a master’s degree and PhD in political science from American University after graduating from ISU, is now a faculty member at Marymount University. She researches secularization, gender and democratization in the Middle East – with a special emphasis on Turkey, where she lives part of each year. She has received grants from the Project on Middle East Political Science, the Boren Program and the American Research Institute of Turkey.

The 2002 ISU political science department’s outstanding senior honoree and a 2011 recipient of the Iowa STATEment Makers recognition for young alumni, Fischer has remained engaged with Iowa State in many ways – most notably by planning events for the ISUAA Club of D.C., including gamewatches, “cherry pie picnics,” a White House Christmas tour, Cy’s Days of Service volunteer events and even visits to the offices of Iowa Senators Tom Harkin and Charles Grassley.

In addition to her work with the alumni club, Fischer is an active volunteer with Friends of the National Zoo, the Cherry Blossom 10-Mile Run and a youth mentoring program.

Fischer and her husband, Tim Kearns (political science ’03), are annual members of the ISU Alumni Association.
ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD

The Iowa State University Alumni Association established this award in 2006 to recognize ISU alumni and friends whose self-initiated activities and service consistently support the daily work of the ISU Alumni Association in further connecting alumni, students and friends to the university.

Brian May

English ’93
Denver, Colo.

Brian May has long been known as a face for Iowa State University in the Mile High City, serving as a passionate volunteer for the ISU Alumni Association Club of Denver and as an engaged connector of ISU alumni and friends to each other.

May, who for many years served as president, has played an instrumental role in strengthening the Denver club in visible ways – through his coordination of the club’s annual golf outing and gamewatch events, his support of family events and ski outings, through his participation in the annual Cy’s Days of Service initiative and by working with his employer over the years to provide “Dollars for Doers” grant funding to the ISU Alumni Association.

A business development executive for Avnet Technology Solutions in Broomfield, Colo., May supports not only the ISUAA Club of Denver, but also local charities such as the American Heart Association, Bessie’s Hope, the Walk to End Alzheimer’s and Avnet Cares.

The youngest of four boys in his family who graduated from Iowa State, May was a walk-on member of the men’s swimming and diving team when he arrived on campus and ended his Cyclone athletics career as a team captain for a top-25 program.

May is a life member of both the ISU Alumni Association and ISU Letterwinners Club, as well as a Cyclone Club member.

CARRIE CHAPMAN CATT PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AWARD

Awarded to alumni of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences who have demonstrated outstanding achievement for their work with public entities at the local, state, national or international levels.

Elizabeth A. Baird

Journalism and International Studies ’76
Ames, Iowa

Elizabeth A. Baird retired in 2013 from serving as the lobbyist for the Iowa Department of Transportation after 17 years with the state agency.

She has served on the advisory board for Ready to Run® Iowa: Campaign Training for Women, presented by the Carrie Chapman Catt Center for Women and Politics. Baird helped shape the agenda for training workshops, used her contacts with state legislators to gain support and participation and recruited women to attend. Ready to Run® Iowa has trained more than 300 participants interested in community leadership and in elected and appointed political positions in the state of Iowa.

Baird is also a founding member, financial supporter and volunteer mentor of United Way of Story County’s Women with Initiative, an effort to align women’s leadership and philanthropy to achieve self-sufficiency and confidence through financial education and one-to-one mentoring. Baird volunteers for Mary Greeley Medical Center and was a member of the board of directors of the YWCA Greeley-AMES. She is active in the League of Women Voters, the Iowa Democratic Party, the Iowa and National Women’s Political Caucus and candidate campaigns at the local, state and national levels. She was involved with and supported the development of the Ames Progressive Alliance and serves as a board member and chair of the APA’s community solar committee.

Baird is a life member of the ISU Alumni Association.
CITATION OF MERIT
Awarded to distinguished alumni of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences who have demonstrated outstanding achievement and received national or international recognition.

**Rear Adm. Randall M. Hendrickson**  
Political Science & Naval Science ’83  
Stafford, Va.

Randall Hendrickson is a member of the United States Senior Executive Service and serves as the associate administrator for management and budget in the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA). As senior career official, he leads and manages the budget and administrative staff responsible for enterprise-wide systems and policies at NNSA.

Hendrickson previously served 30 years in the U.S. Navy as a Surface Warfare Officer. He retired in 2013 as a Rear Admiral. He holds a master’s degree in national security affairs, with sub-specialties in Far Eastern/Pacific studies and strategic planning, international organization and negotiations from the Naval Postgraduate School.

Hendrickson’s tours included Command of USS Lake Erie (CG 70) and USS Ramage (DDG 61). During his tours, the crew earned consecutive Battle Effectiveness Awards for best ship in the group and squadron, as well as Golden Anchor Retention Awards. Hendrickson has served as the deputy director of the Missile Defense Agency in the U.S. Department of Defense, as the program executive of the Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense and as the Commander Navy Air and Missile Defense Command. He is a designated Joint Qualified Officer and a Certified Acquisition Professional.

Hendrickson’s awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal (Navy), Defense Superior Service Medal (two awards), Legion of Merit (two awards), two State Department Awards (including a Superior Honor Award) and various personal and unit awards.

He is a life member of the ISU Alumni Association.

DEAN’S ARTS AND HUMANITIES AWARD
Awarded to alumni and friends of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences who have enhanced appreciation of the arts and humanities at a local, state, national or international level.

**Dennis C. Wendell**  
Distributed Studies ’76  
Ames, Iowa

“We come to college not alone to prepare to make a living, but to learn to live a life.”

This quotation, engraved upon a wall at the Memorial Union, has been pivotal to Dennis C. Wendell as a student and as a faculty member.

Wendell, an emeritus faculty member who retired after 30 years with Parks Library, viewed it as a privilege to interact with a diverse group of students outside of the classroom through his work advising various international student organizations and mentoring individuals. Whether he was leading a study abroad program, tutoring, writing recommendations or going above and beyond for students with financial need, Wendell challenged students to make a difference in the world.

Wendell served on the Music Advisory Committee, the Committee on Lectures and the Institute on World Affairs and has hosted annual fundraising Scholarship Musicales in his home recital hall. He once even gave students a paid internship for assisting an organ builder in installing his home pipe organ. Wendell has been an exceptional champion for piano and organ faculty and students and also maintains contact with alumni, many of whom have descendants currently attending Iowa State.

Wendell is an ISU Alumni Association annual member.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD
Awarded to alumni, faculty, staff, and friends of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences for outstanding service or academic contributions that have furthered the educational mission of the college.

Thomas A. Connop
History ’76
Dallas, Texas

Thomas A. Connop is one of the longest-serving active members of the ISU College of Liberal Arts and Sciences’ Dean’s Advisory Council, and one of the college’s strongest supporters. He has hosted alumni events and financially supported the college and Iowa State University for more than 25 years. Connop came to Iowa State from a farm near Mount Union, Iowa. Following his graduation from Iowa State, Connop obtained a Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Michigan School of Law.

Today Connop is an attorney at Locke Lord LLP in Dallas, Texas, and has been a shareholder/partner in the firm since 1987. He practices commercial litigation in state and federal courts and before arbitration panels. He was named a Texas “Super Lawyer” in 2008, 2009 and 2010, and was included on the “Best Lawyers in America” list from 2013-2016. Connop is active in church, in Bar Association activities and is a member of the board of directors of Dallas Academy, a K-12 school devoted to children with learning disabilities. He and his wife, Lisa, have two children: Robert, an accountant in Austin, Texas, and Michael, a photographer in Dallas, Texas.

Connop is a member of the Order of the Knoll Campanile Society, and he is serving on the 2016 Campaign Committee for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

He is a life member of the Iowa State University Alumni Association and was elected to the ISUAA board of directors in 2016.

YOUNG ALUMNUS AWARD
Awarded to an alumnus of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences who is under 40 years of age and who has excelled professionally and provided service to the community.

Tyler P. Stafford
Advertising & Speech Communications ’11
Culver City, Calif.

A member of the Forbes 30 Under 30 list for Marketing and Advertising who was named among the “Top 20 Marketers in Los Angeles,” Ty Stafford is a renaissance man of the digital era. After gaining experience as a video creator, creative strategist, producer and social media expert, Stafford focused his energy on understanding how all of these skills can apply to the new advertising landscape.

Stafford established a reputation for innovation and results-driven success with awards of recognition from The Webby’s and Streamys honoring his work running Red Bull’s YouTube channels. While at Red Bull, Stafford managed the company’s global YouTube channel efforts and increased subscribers to more than 4 million and achieved more than 1 billion views.

Today, Stafford oversees content strategy efforts at the L.A.-based advertising agency Omelet, focusing on creating non-traditional digital content and audience-first marketing.
DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

Shazia Manus
Economics ’98
Ames, Iowa

As CEO of TMG, Shazia Manus leads a company dedicated to helping community-based financial institutions evolve for the next generation of payments. Prior to joining TMG, she served as CEO of Greater Iowa Credit Union where she engineered a significant turnaround of the institution, achieving substantial profitability and membership growth.

Manus is currently serving on the World Council of Credit Unions’ Global Women’s Leadership Network and the Credit Union National Association (CUNA) Payments Policy Subcommittee. In 2012, she was named a Woman to Watch by Credit Union Times and, in 2016, was selected as one of the top 25 female leaders driving change in financial services by PaymentsSource.

Manus earned a bachelor’s degree in economics from Iowa State University and graduated from the three-year Certified Chief Executive program. Additionally, she completed the Harvard Business School’s Executive Leadership Program, specializing in Leading Change and Organizational Renewal (LCOR).

She is a member of the Iowa State University Alumni Association.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

Public Engagement Award

Rajesh Girish Parekh
MS Computer Science ’93
PhD Computer Science ’98
San Jose, Calif.

Rajesh Girish Parekh is the director of analytics for Facebook where he leads a data science team focused on video analytics. His passion is applying big data analytics and data mining to solve business problems. He has 18 years of industry experience leading teams of data scientists, engineers and product managers. Prior to Facebook, Parekh was vice president of data science at Groupon where he led the global Data Science and Business Intelligence teams. His work at Groupon led to identifying key insights and building large-scale data products that drove more than $100 million in incremental revenue, improved operational process efficiencies and enhanced user experience. He received the Top Inventor Award in 2013 and the Most Prolific Inventor Award in 2014. Before Groupon, Parekh was senior director of research at Yahoo Labs where he led the display advertising targeting sciences. His efforts led to a new advertising product called perform-alike targeting, and he received multiple awards for his contributions to commerce. Parekh started his professional career at Allstate where he used data mining to solve insurance problems like cross-sell, retention and fraud.

Parekh earned his PhD in computer science from Iowa State with a dissertation on constructive learning of Neural Networks and Grammars from example data. He received the Teaching Excellence Award and Research Excellence Award at Iowa State.

He has authored over 30 research publications and filed over 50 patents. He is an advisor to the Hive, an incubator for data-driven businesses; LigaDATA and is a co-chair for the Applied Data Science Invited Talks track at the KDD-2016 conference.
DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGICAL AND ATMOSPHERIC SCIENCES

Distinguished Alumni Award

David E. Hamilton
Geology ’74
MS Geology ’79
Houston, Texas

David E. Hamilton is a senior geological advisor in reservoir characterization for Noble Energy, Inc. He began his career in 1979 at Exxon Production Research Company building subsurface geological models. In 1986, Hamilton participated in publishing *Contouring Geologic Surfaces with the Computer*, a book that defined rules for building structural frameworks used by companies developing modeling software in the 1980s and 1990s.

Hamilton left Exxon in 1986 to work at Zycor Inc., a mapping software company whose international work introduced him to consulting on a global stage. He then enlisted the help of Zycor and NERCO Coal Mine to bring computer mapping to Iowa State’s geology field camp, taking students and their data to the coal mine to build computer maps. It was repeated in 1989 by enlisting Marathon Oil Company’s help to bring computers to Iowa State’s field station.

In 1992, Hamilton founded Subsurface Computer Modeling Inc., a geologic consulting, software and training company, and was CEO for 17 years. He was chief editor for *Computer Modeling of Geologic Surfaces and Volumes*, the first book in the American Association of Petroleum Geologists’ *Computer Applications in Geology* series.

Throughout his career, Hamilton was an active American Association of Petroleum Geologists’ member, teaching courses at conventions and training seminars. Hamilton works with the Boy Scouts of America, training scouts in canoeing, kayaking and survival skills. He returns often to the high adventure camp Philmont to recharge his geologic engine.

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

Outstanding Alumna Award

Janice C. Kreamer
History ’69
Leawood, Kan.

Janice Kreamer is the retired president and CEO of the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation and Affiliated Trusts. Under Kreamer’s leadership, the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation’s asset base grew from $14 million to $1 billion. Today, it ranks among the leaders of more than 650 community foundations across the country in assets, gifts received and grants bestowed. While at the Community Foundation, Kreamer was instrumental in creating the Partnership for Children and YouthNet organizations, as well as New Start, a pilot program that extends Head Start to full-day, year-round support. In her honor, the Community Foundation established the Janice C. Kreamer Community Fun with $1 million in assets focused on strengthening area nonprofit organizations. Kreamer is the Chairman of the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation. She also sits on the boards of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas City, Edna McConnell Foundation in New York, the Center for Creative Learning and Kauffman Center for Performing Arts.
DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

GREENLEE SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM AND COMMUNICATION

James W. Schwartz Award for Distinguished Service to Journalism and Mass Communication

Dean Borg
Agricultural Journalism ‘59
Mount Vernon, Iowa

Eldean “Dean” Borg is a senior correspondent and producer for Iowa Public Radio, and he reports nationally for NPR. He also hosts “Iowa Press” and anchors other public affairs programming on Iowa Public Television. Borg’s journalism and political science degrees have helped distinguish him as one of the state’s foremost voices on public policies and politics. His career also includes developing a television news service at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics that provided health news programming for stations in three Midwest states.

Borg’s career began as noon programming announcer at WOI Radio during his freshman year at Iowa State University, evolving to extensive student experience with UPI and KASI and a scholarship from the WMT Stations of Cedar Rapids. On Borg’s graduation day he delivered WOI’s morning newscasts before joining other graduates at commencement ceremonies. After Air Force officer active duty, he joined the WMT Stations’ staff, reporting for WMT and CBS News from the Iowa Legislature, South Vietnam and the Paris Peace Talks. Borg has worked for what is now Iowa Public Television for 45 years. In 1971, he was invited to join a panel of journalists on the initial telecast of the Iowa Press program. Every U.S. President since Richard Nixon has appeared on the program, and Borg has interviewed every President since Dwight Eisenhower. He has also moderated presidential candidate debates televised nationally by PBS, as well as other PBS programs. In 1979 he anchored the international telecast of the visit of Pope John Paul II to Des Moines.

Borg currently serves as co-chairman of the Archives of Iowa Broadcasting Board of Directors. In 2008 he received the Jack Shelley Award, the highest honor bestowed by the Iowa Broadcast News Association, and in 2012 he received the six-state Midwest Broadcast Journalists Association’s Mitchell V. Charnley Award. In 1991, Iowa State University recognized his achievements with the Distinguished Alumni Award.

Borg is a life member of the ISU Alumni Association.

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

Distinguished Alumni Award

Bob Antol
Mathematics ’78
Poughquag, N.Y

After graduating from Iowa State University in 1978, Bob Antol joined IBM in East Fishkill, New York. He served as a senior software engineer in the Electronic Design Automation Department and retired after a 35-year career with the company. As a student, Antol was Iowa State’s first recipient of the Richard V. Andree award for his paper entitled “The Perfect Numbers and Pascal’s Triangle.”

In 1985 Antol went on an expedition to the North Pole. Ever an explorer, Antol and his wife built an addition to their house in 2005 and incorporated a two-story octagonal tower with a 16-foot Ash dome observatory. It took four months from groundbreaking to achieving first light. His observatory is known as “Stargate 4173 at Grimaldi Tower.” He wrote about the process, from design to construction to first light, for in chapter eleven of the book titled “My Heavens!: The Adventures of a Lonely Stargazer Building an Over-the-Top Observatory” by Gordon Rogers. Antol and his observatory were featured in Iowa State’s “VISIONS Across America.” An image of this project is on display in Carver Hall’s Sprague Room.

Antol is on the advisory board for the Department of Mathematics at Iowa State and is a member of the Iowa State University Alumni Association.

DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS
Dr. Thomas R. Gleason, D.O., F.A.O.C.R
Zoology ’78
Boone, Iowa

Dr. Gleason was commissioned in 1978 as a line officer in the United States Navy Reserve following graduation. He later earned his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine. Dr. Gleason was a US Navy Flight Surgeon flying with Marine Aircraft Group 31 from 1985-1987. After active military duty he practiced emergency medicine and was director of emergency medicine in Ohio. He later completed a residency in diagnostic and interventional radiology at Oklahoma State University followed by a Fellowship in Body Imaging at the University of Virginia Health Sciences Medical Center, College of Medicine.

He has taught medicine as an adjunct professor of radiology at Des Moines University. He has also lectured in radiology with the American Osteopathic College of Radiology where he also served on several boards and executive committees.

Dr. Gleason is currently in active medical practice as a diagnostic radiologist and medical director at Texas Health Methodist Hospital, Stephenville, Texas.

Dr. Gleason has been a member of the Iowa State University Alumni Association for 38 years.

Samantha L. Clark
Political Science ’09
Washington, D.C.

Samantha Clark is the deputy general counsel for the Senate Armed Services Committee Majority staff. She also serves as the personnel subcommittee lead, responsible for a multi-billion dollar portfolio covering military end strength authorizations, military pay and compensation, civilian personnel policy, acquisition personnel policy, women in combat integration and National Guard and Reserve personnel policy. Clark was appointed to the committee in 2013. Prior to joining the Senate Armed Services Committee, Clark worked for the National Guard Bureau, Office of the Chief Counsel in the litigation and employment law division. She also prosecuted for the Douglas County Kansas District Attorney’s Office, where she tried misdemeanor and felony cases and argued before the Kansas Court of Appeals.
DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

Distinguished Alumni Award

Jeffrey H. Kahn
MS Psychology ’94
PhD Psychology ’97
Bloomington, Ill.

Jeffrey H. Kahn is a professor in the Department of Psychology at Illinois State University and teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in clinical-counseling psychology, personality, statistics and research methods. His research interests focus on emotion regulation and psychological functioning, the scientific training of graduate students in psychology and the application of quantitative methods to clinical research. Kahn has published research articles in journals such as Journal of Counseling Psychology, The Counseling Psychologist and Journal of Personality and Social Psychology. He has served on the editorial board of the Journal of Counseling Psychology since 2007 and is a past member of The Counseling Psychologist editorial board.

In 1997 Kahn was awarded the Iowa State University Karas Award for Outstanding Dissertation in the Behavioral Sciences and the Division 17 of the American Psychological Association's Barbara A. Kirk Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Research. He was also named Outstanding University Researcher at Illinois State University in 2016.

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

Alumni Achievement Award

Michael Guge
Political Science ’93
MA Political Science ’95
West Des Moines, Iowa

Michael Guge is an intelligence analyst for the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s Des Moines office. He is embedded with an investigative squad that addresses criminal violations as well as broader national security issues.

Guge received both his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from the Department of Political Science, and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa in 1993. In 1999 he earned a PhD in political science with an emphasis in political psychology from the State University of New York at Stony Brook. He also taught undergraduate and graduate courses in American politics, psychology and statistics and conducted research on political attitude ambivalence.

Following graduate school, Guge took a position at West Des Moines-based Starr Litigation Services as a research analyst where he worked until 2004. At Starr, Guge conducted research and analysis on criminal cases and complex civil litigation. He did argument analysis and investigated the characteristics of potential jurors in trial venues across the United States.
Emily Johnson Batista
German '75
Broomall, Pa.

Emily Johnson Batista has worked in public, special, government and academic libraries, including more than 30 years at the University of Pennsylvania Libraries. Throughout her career, she has used automation to enhance library services. Her areas of expertise include circulation and access services, resource sharing services, library management systems and library staff management. She has also been active in the American Library Association, both nationally and locally, as well as in numerous users’ groups, especially in system enhancement teams.

Following graduation from Iowa State University, Batista continued her education at University of Illinois, Champaign and received a degree in library science. She then worked as a public librarian in the Chicago suburbs for four years and met her husband. After they both completed second degrees at Illinois, Batista worked at the Minnesota State Law Library in St. Paul, Minn. In 1984 she and her husband moved to Philadelphia where she joined the University of Pennsylvania Libraries. She has since held numerous positions there and has been active in both local and national library organizations. Batista serves in a variety of capacities including the role of section chair for three different sections in two divisions of the American Library Association.

Batista is a member of the Iowa State University Foundation’s Order of the Knoll.

Kristen Hawkes
Sociology '68
Salt Lake City, Utah

Kristen Hawkes is distinguished professor of anthropology at the University of Utah. Her principle research and teaching interest is the use of evolutionary ecology to help explain what happened in human evolution.

Her ethnographic fieldwork with hunter-gatherers in South America and Africa combined with evolutionary modeling raised questions about widely assumed benefits for hunters and also highlighted the provisioning role of grandmothers as a possible explanation for the evolution of human longevity. The Grandmother Hypothesis focuses on key differences in life history between people and our closest living relatives (great apes), which include human post-menopausal lifespans and distinctively male-biased sex ratios in the fertile ages. Ongoing modeling collaborations confirm that helpful grandmothering could explain the evolution of these features. Hawkes is also continuing investigation into the ancestral importance of fire as a foraging tool.

Hawkes is a member of the Scientific Executive Committee of the Leakey Foundation and has been elected to the National Academy of Sciences and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.
ABOUT THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (LAS) at Iowa State University is a world-class learning and research community. It is Iowa State’s most academically diverse college, and it educates students to become global citizens by providing rigorous academic programs in the sciences, humanities and social sciences.

The college has more than 8,500 students among 21 departments, the Greenlee School of Journalism and Communication and more than 20 additional programs. Our faculty members teach more than 50 percent of all student credit hours at Iowa State leading to nearly 50 baccalaureate degrees, in addition to PhD and master’s degrees.

The liberal arts and sciences have been central to the mission of Iowa State University since it was founded in 1858. The College of Sciences and Humanities was established in 1959, and the name was changed to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences in 1990 to acknowledge its specializations and breadth.