2007 Recipients of the WMU Alumni Association Distinguished Alumni Award Announced

Jim Hickey, B.A. ’69, Jim McKinley, B.S. ’66, and Dennis Nally, B.B.A. ’74 are the 2007 recipients of Western Michigan University’s Distinguished Alumni Award. This award, the WMU Alumni Association’s most prestigious honor, was established in 1963 to recognize alumni who have achieved a high level of success in their professions.

The 2007 recipients will be honored at the annual Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner, which will take place Friday, October 19. The reception starts at 6:30 p.m. and dinner follows at 7:15 p.m. in the East Ballroom of the Bernhard Center. Alumni and friends who wish to join us in honoring Hickey, McKinley and Nally at this special event may make reservations by visiting www.wmich.edu/alumni and clicking “Events,” or by calling (269) 387-8777.

Jim Hickey is a 27-year veteran of ABC News and has been an anchor and correspondent for ABC News Radio since 1995. Hickey anchored ABC News Radio’s coverage of the terrorist attacks on September 11th. He is currently the national correspondent for the ABC Radio Network. Hickey was in the anchor chair for ABC News Radio’s special coverage of the terrorist attacks on September 11, and as national correspondent has reported extensively on the war on terrorism. In 2005 Hickey won a Murrow Award for the Best Use of Sound in the network radio division. He has also been nominated for a National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Award.

Before joining ABC News Radio, Hickey was a foreign correspondent for the ABC Television Network from 1980 to 1995. For 10 of those years he covered worldwide news events from his assignments in Germany, South Africa and Italy. Hickey worked at television stations in Philadelphia; Atlanta; Columbus, Ohio; Kalamazoo, MI, and elsewhere. He was a lieutenant in the U.S. Army from 1970 to 1972 and was the radio-TV information officer for Fort Benning, GA. He also was an action officer for the filming of Pentagon-sponsored TV commercials introducing the All Volunteer Army (VOLAR). Hickey’s broadcasting career began as a freshman at WMU, working for WIDR, the campus radio station. He is the chairman of the Monmouth University Communication Council, an advisory board for the Department of Communication.

Hickey received an Honorary Doctor of Public Service degree from WMU in 1999. He was inducted into the WMU School of Communication’s Alumni Academy in 2001 and serves on its External Advisory Board.

Jim McKinley

Jim McKinley is president and founder of McKinley Financial Services, Inc., based in Fort Lauderdale; FL. McKinley Financial Services has become one of the largest minority insurance agencies in the United States, with more than 50 agents and staff, and regional offices located in Atlanta and Orlando, FL.

McKinley’s ability and skill as a member of the Bronco football team were acknowledged with his 1992 induction into the WMU Athletic Hall of Fame and his selection in 2005 for the WMU All Century Football Team. Upon graduation from WMU, he spent the next 22 years in the coaching ranks.

As a coach on both the collegiate and professional level, he was a member of many championship teams. His coaching career took him to Eastern Michigan University, the USFL’s Oklahoma Outlaws and the University of Missouri, as well as to North Carolina A&T and Prairie View A&M universities, where he also served as athletic director.

Having sold insurance on a part-time basis for many years, in 1987 McKinley relocated to Florida and founded his company. Ten years later, McKinley’s business acumen and success were recognized with his induction into the Nova Southeastern University Entrepreneur Hall of Fame. In 2003 he was again recognized by being inducted into the Broward/Palm Beach Junior Achievement of South Florida Business Hall of Fame.

McKinley has remained active with his alma mater. He served on the WMU Alumni Association’s Board of Directors for six years, is an avid supporter of Bronco Athletics and has established permanent scholarships for current WMU students pursuing degrees in education or business.

Dennis Nally

Dennis Nally is the chairman and senior partner of the U.S. firm of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, and a member of the U.S. Board of Partners and Principals and the U.S. Leadership Team. First elected as the firm’s chairman and senior partner in 2002, he was elected to a second term in 2006.

Nally joined PricewaterhouseCoopers immediately after he graduated from WMU in 1974. He became a partner in 1985. Having moved from the firm’s Detroit office to New York, he served in the National Office Accounting Services Group in New York for three years before moving to Dayton as the partner-in-charge of the PWC office there.

Before assuming his current position, Nally served as the firm’s national director of strategic planning, vice chairman with responsibilities for finance and key client service support, and as a member of the U.S. Firm Policy Committee and the U.S. Management Committee. He was also a member of the General Council of the worldwide organization.

Nally has worked with many multinational clients in a variety of industries, and he is a frequent speaker and guest lecturer on issues affecting the accounting profession and the U.S. capital markets. Recently, he has spoken at the World Business Forum, the Detroit Economic Club and the Cambridge Energy Research Association annual global energy conference, among many other speaking engagements.

Nally’s ties to the University have remained strong, including a visit to campus for the Haworth College of Business Distinguished Speaker Series. He is a member of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce/Board of Directors and the Carnegie Hall Society/Board of Trustees, among others.
## Eleven Named 2007 Legacy Award Recipients

The WMU Alumni Association welcomes to campus the 11 recipients of its 2007 Legacy Award. Each year since 1990 the Association has provided awards to the children, stepchildren, grandchildren and stepgrandchildren of WMU Alumni Association members entering WMU for the first time as freshmen or transfer students. The criteria were expanded in 2006 to include siblings of Association members. To date, 134 awards have been distributed, with a maximum benefit of $4,000.

The WMU Alumni Association is proud of the Legacy Award recipients and wishes them well as they begin their academic careers at Western Michigan University. The Association would also like to thank the families of the Legacy Award recipients for making attending Western Michigan University a family tradition.

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Lauren Rose Brim, Royal Oak, Mi Daughter of Kevin Brim, B.B.A. ‘81
Laura Janelle Cavis, St. Clair, Mi Daughter of Anthony Cavis, B.A. ’69 and sister of Andrew Cavis, B.A. ’06
Alyssa Claire Chludzinski, Kalamazoo, Mi Daughter of Phillip (B.B.A. ’80) and Lisa (B.S. ’79) Chludzinska and Granddaughter of Arnold Papanca, B.S. ’52
Lisa Ann-Marie Della Pia, Manistee, Mi Daughter of Joyce Della Pia, B.A. ’76 and sister of Monica Della Pia, B.A. ’04
Anthony Conley Genter, Monroe, Mi Son of Daniel Genter, student ’72
Joshua Jubenville Plainwell, Mi Son of Cynthia Jubenville, B.S. ’84
Adam Taylor Lenz, Kalamazoo, Mi Son of Peter, (student ’80) and Nancy (B.B.A. ’78) Lenz
Christopher David Runsey, Paw Paw, Mi Son of David (B.S. ’83) and Julie Ann (B.S. ’83) Runsey
Lyle Joseph Shepich, Plainwell, Mi Son of Gary (B.A. ’76) and Mary Beth (B.A. ’77) Shepich
Courtney Stafford, Mattawan, Mi Daughter of Rusty Stafford, B.B.A. ’86

The Legacy Award was established by the WMU Alumni Association in 1990. Award recipients receive $1,000 for the first year, with the potential of an additional $1,000 per year for a total of four years. Applications for the 2008 Legacy Awards may be found online at www.wmualumni.com/?page=LEG. Recipients of the award will be notified in the spring.

## 2007 WMU Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees

Congratulations to the 2007 WMU Athletic Hall of Fame inductees. Since its inception in 1973, the WMU Athletic Hall of Fame has grown to include more than 150 former student-athletes, coaches and administrators. Athletes are eligible for nomination 10 years after graduation or their final year of competition. Inductees must have earned at least two letters in one sport, or one letter in two sports. Coaches and athletic administrators must have served the University for a minimum of five years. In addition to athletic contributions, professional careers and character are taken into consideration.

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During the 2006-07 fiscal year, the WMU Alumni Association received a gift from the estate of Lola Vorenkamp. The gift was made in memory of her late husband, Oliver, who passed away in 1995. A member of the 1934 graduating class of what was then Western State Teacher’s College, Oliver was a life member of the Association. The Association’s Board of Directors decided the most appropriate use for this gift would be to fund an additional Legacy Award, bringing the total to 11 for fall 2007.

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The ceremony honoring the 2007 WMU Athletic Hall of Fame inductees will take place on Friday, Oct. 5 at the Radisson Plaza Hotel and Suites in downtown Kalamazoo. The event begins at 6:30 p.m. and dinner is at 7:00 p.m. Inductees will also be honored at halftime during the WMU/Akron game on Oct. 6. Kickoff is 7:00 p.m.
Plan to Attend the 2007 WMU Alumni Association Homecoming PepFest
The Official Homecoming Celebration for Alumni of All Ages!
Featuring WMU President John Dunn and his wife, Linda, from noon - 1 p.m.
Saturday, October 20, at 11 a.m.

Alumni from every decade are welcome to celebrate Homecoming 2007 at this year’s PepFest, sponsored by the WMU Alumni Association. WMU President and life member of the WMU Alumni Association John Dunn and his wife, Linda, are excited about their first WMU Homecoming, and they are looking forward to meeting our alumni. The Dunns plan to attend as many events as possible, but before the game, you can be sure to meet them at the WMU Alumni Association’s PepFest from noon to 1 p.m. In addition to meeting the Dunn’s at PepFest, alumni will also have the chance to meet with deans and other representatives from WMU’s academic colleges. PepFest offers alumni of all generations a chance to get reacquainted with old friends and make new ones!

PepFest will feature fun and games, including Wheel of Fortune and Corn Hole, with great prizes sponsored by Liberty Mutual. Also, check out our speed caricaturist and have your picture drawn in less than one minute! Listen for the WMU Marching Band as it works its way through the area while the Bronco football team makes its way to Waldo Stadium. The 2007 Homecoming Court will also stop by to visit with returning alumni.

You don’t have to wait until you are at the football game to eat. The Association has arranged for EMA Enterprises (formerly Damon’s) to prepare food for purchase right next to the PepFest tent. No reservations are required for PepFest, and everyone is welcome.

In addition to the Association’s PepFest, private tent parties, and individual tailgates, The Buster Zone, hosted by the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics, will have activities for alumni and their kids with games, jumping balloons, clowns, pony rides, face painting and lots of fun!

After the festivities, head across the street and cheer the Broncos on to victory as they face off against the Ball State University Cardinals at 2 p.m. Go Broncos!

For more information about Homecoming alumni and student events visit our Website at www.wmich.edu/alumni (click on events).
Homecoming Events Continued

Onyx Society: Roger’s Thang
Friday, October 19, 9 p.m., American Legion Post 143
An Onyx Society traditional Friday night social gathering to welcome Alumni and old friends back to Kalamazoo. It will be a very casual event with cards, dominoes, games, free refreshments and a cash bar. For more information, please contact J.T. Slaughter at jtscoffee@comcast.net.

WMU Alumni Association Distinguished Alumni Award Dinner
Friday, October 19, 6:30 p.m., Bernhard Center
Join us for a reception and dinner to honor the winners of this year Distinguished Alumni Awards, Jim Hickey, B.A. ’69; Jim McKinley, B.S. ’66; and Dennis Nally, B.B.A. ’74. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.wmualumni.com/events.

The Campus Classic
Saturday, October 20, 8:15 a.m., Bernhard Center
This annual tradition is open to individuals and families. The 5K run, 5K and 1K Walk and Run through the beautiful WMU campus are open to all ages. For more information and to register, visit http://www.wmich.edu/race/.

WMU School of Communication Tailgate at the Tower
Saturday, October 20 10:30 a.m. – noon, Sprau Tower and the fountain area
Remember the good times in Sprau Tower and Brown Hall? Come see how the WMU School of Communication is open to all ages. Enjoy hors d’oeuvres and a cash bar. For more information, contact Robyn Gibson at robyn_g2002@yahoo.com.

Dr. Dunn’s on the Road*
Dr. John Dunn, Western Michigan University’s eighth president and life member of the WMU Alumni Association is hitting the road to visit with alumni. Events confirmed at press time for 2007–2008:

Reception in Southeast Michigan with President Dunn
Tuesday, September 25, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Heathers Club of Bloomfield Hills
Enjoy hors d’oeuvres and a cash bar.

Pre-game event with President Dunn
WMU vs. Northern Illinois Football
Saturday, October 13, 1 p.m. pre-game event, Barsea Alumni and Visitors Center; 3 p.m. football game, Huskie Stadium, DeKalb
Join WMU President John Dunn and fellow WMU alumni and friends to cheer for the Broncos as they take on the Huskies.

Reception in Chicago with President Dunn
Tuesday, October 23, 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m., Maggiano’s Little Italy
This event will offer hors d’oeuvres and a cash bar.

Reception in Southwest Michigan with President Dunn
Monday, November 5, 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m., WMU Regional Center-Southwest, Benton Harbor
Come meet and greet President John Dunn at this hors d’oeuvres reception.

*To register and purchase tickets for these events, please visit www.wmualumni.com/events.

College of Health and Human Services Homecoming Open House
Saturday, October 20, 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., College of Health and Human Services Building
The WMU College of Health and Human Services invites all alumni to its first annual Homecoming open house, next to the WMU Alumni Association Homecoming PepFest.

WMU Honors College Homecoming Dance
Saturday, October 20, 8:30 – 11:30 p.m., Lee Honors College
The Honors Student Association and the Lee Honors College will host this semi-casual affair with the theme “Kickin’ it out at the LHC,” a retro-style dance that heralds the return of Motown and the ’60s and ’70s for one night only. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit http://www.rso.wmich.edu/hsa/.

WMU Bronco Football Homecoming Game
Saturday, October 20, 2 p.m., Waldo Stadium
Cheer your Broncos to victory in the Homecoming football game vs. Ball State at Waldo Stadium.

Onyx Society Scholarship Dance
Saturday, October 20, 9 p.m. – 2:00 a.m., Radisson Plaza Hotel
The Onyx Society invites you to a semi-formal dance in downtown Kalamazoo at the Radisson Plaza Hotel. Tickets are $20 in advance or $25 at the door. You can purchase tickets at International Profyle Barber and Beauty on West Main in Kalamazoo. For more information, contact Robyn Gibson at robyn_g2002@yahoo.com.

“Urbana” Dance
Saturday, October 20, 10 p.m. - 2 a.m., East Ballroom, Bernhard Center
We’re inviting our alumni back for our second annual alumni party. We are bringing an unbelievable experience to WMU Homecoming weekend that you don’t want to miss. There will be a cash bar, live DJ and a buffet. Tickets are $15. Please contact deawmu@gmail.com for additional information.

Onyx Society Annual Meeting and Call for Nominations
Sunday, October 21, 10:30 a.m., WMU Bernhard Student Center
Attend this important meeting to discuss plans and initiatives for the Onyx Society. An election committee will be formed and a call for nominations will be made.

*Other Events

College of Education Alumni Society Golden Apple Award Dinner
Friday, October 5, 6 p.m., Fetzer Center
The College of Education Alumni Society invites you to the 2007 Golden Apple Award Diner on Friday, October 5, to honor this year’s recipients, Dr. James Hawkins, Dene W. Hadden and Rhonda D. Vander Veen. For more information contact Amy Burns at amy.burns@wmich.edu.

Football Watch Party, WMU vs. CMU
Tuesday, November 6, 6 p.m. Game starts at 7:30 p.m., Washington, D.C. area, Top Shelf Sports Tavern
Support your Broncos by watching the biggest game of the year at Top Shelf Sports Tavern, located within two blocks of two Metro stations (Gallery Place and Navy Archives). For directions to the bar, visit www.shelffdc.com. Tuesday, November 6, 7:30 p.m., New York area, Time-Out Sports Bar Support your Broncos by watching the biggest game of the year at Time-Out Sports Bar on the Upper West Side of Manhattan, near 77th Street. Tuesday, November 6, 7:30 p.m., Southeast Michigan, The Lodge Support your Broncos by watching the biggest game of the year at The Lodge, www.lodgegrillandbar.com. For any questions please contact, Dave Kopka at dkopkahome@aol.com.
2007 Golden Apple Award Recipients

The WMU Alumni Association congratulates recipients of the 2007 Golden Apple Award presented by the College of Education Alumni Society. The Golden Apple Award is given to honor an outstanding individual who attended or graduated from the WMU College of Education and is presently working or retired from one of the many education-related professions. The individuals are selected by their peers as being representative of educational excellence and commitment.

This year's recipients are:

Dr. James Hawkins, B.S. ‘63, Elementary Education, Superintendent of the Ypsilanti Public Schools
Dene W. Hadden, B.S. ’69, Social Sciences, M.A. ’73, Educational Leadership, Principal of South Haven High School
Rhonda D. VanderVeen, B.S. ’84, Special Education, Portage Public Schools

The Golden Apple Award Dinner will be held Friday, October 5. The reception starts at 6 p.m and the dinner at 7 p.m. at WMU’s Fetzer Center. To register for this event, please contact Amy Burns at amy.burns@wmich.edu or (269) 387-2966.

New! Permanent E-mail Forwarding Available

The WMU Alumni Association is excited to announce that all registered users of the WMU Online Alumni Community now have access to "permanent" e-mail forwarding. Now you can change your e-mail provider without ever having to change your e-mail address. When you sign in and go to your profile, you will see a "Permanent E-mail" link on the right-side menu under "My Profile." When you select this option, you will be prompted to create an @wmualumni.com address. When your new e-mail forwarding address is established, you will always be able to use the address, regardless of the number of times you change e-mail providers. For more details, visit us online at www.wmualumni.com.

It's Never Too Early to Identify Future Broncos

Refer the best and brightest high school students in your community, and help shape WMU's student body of tomorrow. Return this card to us via mail or fax, (269) 387-8770. Thank you for supporting the Western Michigan University Alumni Association!
Alumni and friends gathered at the first WMU Alumni Association Book Club event, featuring Khaled Hosseini’s The Kite Runner. The discussion was led by Professor Judith Rypma, master faculty specialist in the WMU English Department. The July 2007 event was such a great success that the next Book Club event is being planned. Please check the Association’s Web site for details at www.wmich.edu/alumni.

In July WMU President John Dunn spent the day in Lansing meeting with the governor and members of the Michigan House and Senate. He ended the day by sharing a laugh with a small gathering of WMU alumni.