



Martin-Gatton CAFE Hall of Distinguished Alumni

Presented by the Martin-Gatton CAFE Alumni Association

The Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment Alumni Association is pleased to announce the call for nominations for the Martin-Gatton CAFE Hall of Distinguished Alumni which recognizes individuals who have had a path of lasting influence and meaningful contributions to the agriculture industry, their communities, and society.

All nominations will be submitted to a review committee comprised of current Hall of Distinguished inductees, University of Kentucky faculty and staff members, and Alumni Association Board members who will recommend the nominees they consider qualified for this unique distinction. The Martin-Gatton CAFE Alumni Association will announce those selected for induction.

Posthumous nominees are eligible.

Recent Members of the Martin-Gatton CAFE Hall of Distinguished Alumni

2016 – Robert Hall Jr.
2016 – James D. Kemp
2016 – Barbara L. Rice
2016 – Bonnie O. Tanner
2016 – Myra Leigh Tobin
2017 – Brady J. Deaton
2017 – Harold G. Love
2017 – Rupert G. Seals
2018 – Alice Woods Baesler
2018 – George A. Duncan
2018 – Jewell Deene Ellis
2018 – William E. Seale
2018 – Dallas Milton Shuffett
2020 – Zhiqiang An
2020 – Patrick M. Henderson

2020 – Sarah Tabb Henry
2020 – Dorothea Smith Oatts
2022 – Rick Carringer
2022 – Sandra Carringer
2022 – Barbara Glenn
2022 – Drew Graham
2022 – Percy R. Luney
2022 – Mike Richey
2022 – Jessie Wilson Ringo
2022 – William "Bill" Smith
2024 – Valerie Still
2024 – Audrey Carr
2024 – David Williams
2024 – Dennis Parrett
2024 – Marianne Smith Edge

Questions? Please contact McKenna Hulette (859-257-7211) or (mckenna.hulette@uky.edu) or cafealumni@uky.edu

HALL OF DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI



The Hall of Distinguished Alumni, awarded on a biennial basis, honors and recognizes extraordinary alumni who have contributed substantially to their chosen fields, their communities and society. This award is the highest honor the college will bestow.

To be considered for the UK Martin-Gatton Hall of Distinguished Alumni award, the nominee must:

- Have a bachelor's, master's or doctoral degree from the UK Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, including the former College of Home Economics and the former College of Human Environmental Sciences
- Have completed their degree at least 10 years prior to the nomination deadline.
- Have made a significant contribution to their profession, society and/or community
- Have a record of outstanding accomplishments
- Have shown evidence of strong support for their fields in the Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment
- Not hold political office at the time of nomination
- Not be a current employee of the University of Kentucky
- Not be currently serving on the UK Martin-Gatton CAFE Alumni Association Board



Martin-Gatton CAFE Nomination Application Night of Excellence Awards

Please use the below form to outline information on both the nominee and the nominator for the Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment Night of Excellence Award Program. This is a central form to be used for all awards: Hall of Distinguished Alumni, The Oran & Myrtle Little Friend of M-G CAFE Award, The Paul Appel Alumni Service Award, and The Horizon Award.

Nominations are open to the public. Posthumous nominees are eligible.

Award Information:

Which award are you nominating this individual for:

Nominee Information:

Name of nominee:

M-G CAFE Degree(s):

M-G CAFE Graduation(s) year:

Please note, non-alumni are eligible for The Oran & Myrtle Little and The Paul Appel Service Award. In these cases, degree information is not required.

Address:

City, State, and Postal code:

Country:

Email address:

Telephone number:

For posthumous nominations, please include relatives/colleagues email and phone in place of the nominee.

Nominator Information:

Nominated by:

Nominator(s) telephone number:

E-mail address:

**This nomination form as well as the required supplements must be submitted by email no later than
October 31, 2025 for induction on February 20, 2026.**

Email complete nominations to mckenna.hulette@uky.edu or cafealumni@uky.edu

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Nomination Checklist

All required documentation outlined below must be submitted before the nomination deadline for the nominee to be scored.

Please organize the nomination information below and attach with the nomination application for submission.

Please refer to the qualifications document before submitting.

1. Professional Accomplishments

- Education (institution(s), graduation date(s), degree(s))
- Curriculum vitae or resume
- Current professional position
- Awards

2. Service to the Profession

- How has the nominee made a significant contribution to his/her profession? (Including but not limited to: board position, mentoring, outreach and education)

3. State and National Activity

- Describe the areas in which the nominee has achieved success on a state and national scope, outside of the nominee's professional accomplishments.

4. Local Community Activity

- List nominee's involvement in local community organizations and activities.
- Briefly describe the impact the nominee's leadership has had on these organizations.

5. Peer Support

- No more than a two-page support statement about why the nominator feels this nominee merits the distinguished award.
 - Please include information about the nominee, for example:
 - Outstanding personal qualifications
 - Examples of professional, civic, and/or service accomplishments and contributions
 - Details about how the individual's contributions have changed his/her chosen profession
- Three letters of recommendation.
 - At least one from a person affiliated with the Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment (alumni, faculty, staff)

Please provide an electronic copy and/or hard copy of the nomination materials by October 31st. Nomination materials can be emailed to **mckenna.hulette@uky.edu** or mailed to the **M-G CAFE Alumni Association (P.O. Box 21925, Lexington, KY 40522)**