

The Washburn Alumni Association
and University deans present:

Alumni Fellows

2011

George A. Barton, jd '77

A native of Kansas City, Mo., George A. Barton is one of the top litigators in the country holding a degree from Washburn's School of Law.

The Mission Hills, Kan., resident has successfully litigated several landmark cases that have significantly improved the calculation and payment of natural gas royalties paid by various energy producers to thousands in Colorado.

Barton has also successfully litigated royalty underpayment cases against energy producers in Kentucky, Indiana, Missouri and Oklahoma.

He was president and a board member of the Pembroke High School Alumni Association in Kansas City, Mo., and is a past president and current board member of the city's River Club.

Barton also was a secretary and board member at the Kansas City Country Club.

While at Washburn, he was a member of Phi Delta Phi and executive editor of the Law Journal.

Remembering Washburn: "My favorite memory of Washburn Law School is the camaraderie that existed between the students and the faculty during the entire three years that I was at the law school."

School of Law honoree

Barry F. Feaker, ba '80



Executive
director,
Topeka
Rescue
Mission

A native and resident of Topeka, Barry F. Feaker is the executive director of the Topeka Rescue Mission. He has been with the Rescue Mission for more than 25 years.

He has served in a number of volunteer capacities, including president of the Safe Streets Coalition, coordinator for the Topeka City of Character, public relations board member for the Shawnee County Department of Corrections and member of the board of directors for Prevention and Recovery Services.

His list of honors and accomplishments includes proclamations from the offices of the governor and mayor of Topeka, as well as the Community Impact Award from United Way.

Feaker also received the Martin Luther King Living The Dream Award.

Remembering Washburn: "I remember how all of the faculty took such a vested interest in me and the other students. They were not only interested in our academic accomplishments, but also were personally interested in each one of us. This was an encouragement to me throughout my studies."

College of Arts & Sciences honoree

Daniel F. Hutchins, bba '78



Principal,
Hutchins &
Haake, LLC

A Topeka native, Daniel F. Hutchins is a principal at Hutchins & Haake, LLC, a certified public accounting firm in the Kansas City, Mo., area.

The Shawnee, Kan., resident is a CPA with special accreditation as a personal financial specialist and was listed as a top asset manager by CPA Wealth Provider.

Hutchins & Haake, LLC was recognized as a top 25 CPA firm in the Kansas City area by the Kansas City Business Journal.

Hutchins is a trustee for the Washburn University Foundation and a member of the Mid-American Angels, a group of investors dedicated to identifying and funding startup businesses in the Kansas City area.

While at Washburn, Hutchins was a member of Delta Sigma Psi and Tau Kappa Epsilon.

Remembering Washburn: "Meeting my wife Susie on her first day of college. I had to ask her out five different times before she accepted. She never said 'No,' just 'Maybe next weekend.' Finally, on Oct. 5, we went on our first date, watching the show 'Bus Stop' at Washburn Theatre, followed by a late night dinner at Pore Richard's Café."

School of Business honoree

Nialson F. Lee, bsn '76



Retired as
director of
health care
services for
the Kansas
Neurological
Institute

A native and resident of Topeka, Nialson F. Lee retired as director of health care services for the Kansas Neurological Institute.

Lee had two stints at KNI. He started as director of nursing in 1990 and was director of health care services from 1995-99. He returned in 2006 and worked there until his retirement in March.

He is a member of Sigma Theta Tau nursing honor society and was the keynote speaker for Washburn's School of Nursing commencement in 1989 and 2008.

Lee is a past president of the Washburn Nursing Alumni Association and co-president of the Topeka High School Booster Club.

Remembering Washburn: "My favorite Washburn story was our pediatric course. The first graduating class was an accelerated program, so we took the eight-credit hour, pediatric course in the summer. I believe it was the summer of 1975. Our schedule was a clinical rotation from 8 a.m. to noon, followed by lecture from 1 to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, for eight weeks. We had a test every Friday. By the end of the week we were drained."

School of Nursing honoree

Daryl W. Palmer, ba '82



Associate
professor,
English,
Regis
University

A native of Hutchinson, Kan., Daryl W. Palmer is an associate professor of English at Regis University in Denver, Colo.

Palmer taught at the University of Akron, Ohio and chaired the Department of English at Regis.

He has written two books, presented research in several countries, was named adviser of the year in 2011 at Regis and received the outstanding achievement in teaching award from the University of Akron in 2000.

Remembering Washburn: "At the beginning of the semester, I wrote the perfect essay for Robert Stein's Victorian literature class. It was about Thomas Carlyle's 'Sartor Resartus' and the idea of freedom. I even stretched the margins so I could increase the perfection. Imagine my chagrin when I discovered that Dr. Stein had missed the perfection! Of course, I went to talk to him about the essay ... you know, I can't remember his gracious words, but I certainly remember how I felt as he talked. For the first time in my life, I saw my failings as opportunities, my limitations as stepping stones. My Washburn professors were like that. They balanced heart and mind and modeled aspiration."

College of Arts & Sciences honoree

Paul R. Silovsky, as '85



Owner,
director,
physical
therapist,
Rebound
Physical
Therapy

A native and resident of Topeka, Paul R. Silovsky is the owner, executive director and a physical therapist at Rebound Physical Therapy.

Silovsky received the Legislative Leadership Award from the American Physical Therapy Association in 2008 and served as the chairman of the Kansas Physical Therapy Association's legislative committee from 1999 to 2011.

He was chairman of the Mayor's Council for Community Health and Wellness in Topeka and is a regular supporter of the Arthritis Foundation.

Silovsky played football at Washburn and was a member of Fellowship of Christian Students and the Catholic Campus Center.

Remembering Washburn: "My best memory is the timeframe of 1983-84, when I was a part of the 1983 championship football team, got married to my wife Roxanne in the spring of 1983 and had our first child in the spring of 1984, all while attending Washburn! It was the formula for winning in life through education, family and athletics. It was definitely one of the most exciting and accomplished times of my life that set the tone for the future."

School of Applied Studies honoree

Past Alumni Fellows	
College of Arts & Sciences	
1992	Randall Exon, ba '78 Paul Maricle, ba '76, jd '79 David Woods, ba '56 Marla Luckert, ba '77, jd '80 James Parks, ba '66 Tom Turpin, bs '65 Marta Edmonds, bs '84 Mark Nusbaum, ba '77 John Tidwell, ba '69
1993	Dan Bennett, ba '76 Debra Scroggins Dickson, ba '75 Teresa Naylor, ba '89 Gregory Lyne, ba '69 Carol Raish, ba '68 Richard Whelan, ba '55
1994	David Ashcraft, bba & ba '92 Patty Dick, b ed '71 Edward Glotzbach, ba '70 Mark Hunt, ba '71 Jack Richmond, ba '50 George Knowles, ba '65 Jonathan Kuhn, bfa '73
1996	Charles Axton, ba '56 Robert Meinershagen, ba '63 William Shuart Jr. ba '73 David Adams, ba '69 Jim Slattery, ba '70 and jd '75 Scott Greger, ba '87 Christy Levings, b ed '74 Victoria Nelson, ba '75 Gregory G. Fitch, ba '74 Larry Peters, bfa '62 Suzanne Clarke Weiss, ba '95 Kenneth Bronson, jd '59 Robert Gerry, ba '74 Roger Noriega, ba '82 Susan Hattan, ba '73 Richetta Manager, ba '75 Maj. Gen. Tod Bunting, ba '81 James Payne, ba '62 Kristin Rinne, ba '76 R. Clayton Funk, ba '93 C.J. Hamilton, b ed '73 & m ed '84 Larry Jacoby, ba '66 Karla Hedquist, ba '88 John McConnell, bs '60 J. Kirk Romery, bs '56 David Chavez, ba '88 Paul Etzel, bs '71 Marianne Webb, b music '58 Timothy S. Durst, ba '84 Gary Peer, ba '63
School of Applied Studies	
1993	Gary Bayens, ba '90
1994	Charles Lenoir, ba '76
1995	Leo Taylor, ba '75
1996	Ron Thornburgh, ba '85
1997	Kenneth Kerle, ba '52
1998	James McClinton, aa '85 & ba '87

1999	Elaine Duffens, ba '75
2000	Dean Forster, ba '74
2001	Col. Rufus Forrest Jr., as '86
2002	Steven Walker, ba '68
2003	Bart Chavez, ba '82 & jd '85
2004	David Lee, ba '80
2005	David Burlew, ba '80
2006	Richard Barta, ba '86
2007	Paul Morrison, ba '77 & jd '80
2008	Pamela Johnson-Betts, ba '72
2009	Michael Mustain, ba '76
2010	Brandon Kennedy, as '88
School of Business	
1993	Steven Kitchen, bba '70
1994	Thomas Puckett, bba '74, & jd '77
1995	Gilbert Viets, bba '65
1996	Tom Davidson, bba '57
1997	Gregory Brenneman, bb '84
1998	Cindy Shields, bba '89
1999	Francis "Gene" Reardon, bba '67
2000	William Greiner, ba '74
2001	Robert Etzel, bba '73
2002	Gail McRorie, bba '79
2003	Mayo Schmidt, bba '80
2004	Ken Calwell, bba '84
2005	Dale Pond, bba '69
2006	Gary Eisenbarth, ba '69
2007	John Runyan, bba '63
2008	Barbara Davison, bba '86
2009	John B. Wood, bba '73, jd '78
2010	Nancy Paul, bba '76
School of Law	
1992	Kent Smith, jd '66
1994	David Fisher, jd '75
1996	Ed Sondker, ba '69, jd '73
1997	John D. Kemp, jd '74
1998	Thomas Corcoran, Jr., ba '76 & jd '79
1999	Durward "Duke" Dupre, jd '73
2000	Bernard Bianchino, ba '70 and jd '74
2001	Paul Hulsey, jd '76
2002	Michael Manning, jd '77
2003	Donald Rupert, jd '76
2004	Sue Jean White, bba '77 & jd '80
2005	Kay McFarland, ba '57 & jd '64
2006	David Fenley, bba '76 & jd '79
2007	Michael J. Manning, jd '69
2008	Richard Hite, jd '53
2009	Paul Hoferer, jd '75
2010	Lynn R. Johnson, jd '70
School of Nursing	
1992	Steven Martin, bsn '79
1993	Michael Brown, bsn '80
1994	Linda Bonnel, bas '80, ba '83
1995	Ginger Breedlove, bsn '78
1996	Toby Turner, bas '82
1997	Penny Marshall-Chura, bsn '81
1998	Lesa Hirschman, bsn '80
1999	Theresa "Terri" Roberts, bsn '78 & jd '82
2000	Mary Wentworth, bsn '85
2001	Dr. Kathryn Hope, bsn '83
2002	Arlene Wahwasuck, bsn '76
2003	Stan Langhofer, bsn '91
2004	Carolyn Middendorf, ba '76
2005	Mari Tietze, bsn '77
2006	Jana Larsen Peters, bsn '95
2007	Brig. Gen. Deborah Rose, bsn '82
2008	Carol Lynch-Perry, bsn '84
2009	Cynthia Hornberger, bsn '78
2010	Warren Stewart, bsn '98



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