



West Virginia University School of Medicine

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS

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2020

PETER M. MURRAY, MD
CLASS OF 1985

presented during Alumni Weekend, September 25, 2020

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD

Established in 1984
by the Executive Council of the
West Virginia University School of Medicine Alumni Association
Revised in 1995 by the Awards Committee

to honor alumni

*“whose distinguished careers and unselfish contributions
to society have enhanced the prestige of
West Virginia University School of Medicine
and, in their own special way, have helped to upgrade
the quality of health care.”*

SELECTION CRITERIA

A candidate must be a graduate (MD or PhD) of the West Virginia University School of Medicine whose career has been distinguished by scholarly achievement, humanitarian contribution, or outstanding service to the institution. This award honors a single outstanding accomplishment, or a lifetime of merit with international or national recognition.



Peter M. Murray, MD, Professor and Chair of the Department of Orthopedic Surgery at Mayo Clinic in Florida, specializes in hand surgery and microsurgery, with a special interest in surgical reconstruction of peripheral nerve injuries, including brachial plexus reconstruction.

A native of Parkersburg, West Virginia, Dr. Murray earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry and graduated magna cum laude from West Virginia University and completed his Doctor of Medicine degree in 1985. He completed his orthopedic surgery training at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City, Iowa, followed by a fellowship in hand and microsurgery at Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota.

Dr. Murray is a Distinguished Graduate of the United States Air Force ROTC program at WVU and served on active duty, rising to the rank of Lt. Colonel. He was deployed in support of the Operation Desert Storm campaign in 1991 and received the USAF Meritorious Service Medal and the USAF Commendation Medal.

Dr. Murray is Past President of the American Board of Orthopedic Surgery (ABOS) and is currently a Senior Director for the ABO, chairing the Combined Committee on Surgery of the Hand. He is past President of the American Association for Hand Surgery, and currently chairs the Orthopedic Surgery Residency Review Committee (RRC) for the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME).

He has authored more than 125 scientific publications and three books. He lectures internationally on hand surgery and has been a visiting professor at 18 United States institutions. He received the "Healthcare Hero Award" by the Jacksonville Business Journal and has received Jacksonville's "Top Doctor" award numerous times.

PREVIOUS AWARD RECIPIENTS

1984

Pat A. Tuckwiller, MD 1926*

1985

Larry Schwab, MD 1966

1986

Dana L. Farnsworth, MD 1931*

1987

Mitchell M. Benedict, MD 1923*

1988

Jay M. Arena, MD 1930*

1989

David Z. Morgan, MD 1950*

1990

Isaiah A. Wiles, MD 1933*

1991

Lawrence A. Krames, MD 1966

1992

C. Richard Daniel, Sr., MD 1954*

1993

Michael J. Lewis, MD 1975*

1994

David C. Fogarty, MD 1973

1995

Larry K. Pickering, MD 1970

1996

Charles B. Cuono, MD, PhD 1971

1997

Margaret C. Heagarty, MD 1959

1998

Margaret Anne Kessinger, MD 1967

1999

David P. Westfall, PhD 1968

2000

Edward J. Shahady, MD 1964

2001

Ivan Schwab, MD 1973

2002

James E. Cottrell, MD 1968

2003

Ronald O. Valdiserri, MD 1977

2004

Richard M. Allman, MD 1980

2005

Larry W. Moreland, MD 1983

2006

William A. Neal, MD 1966

2007

Raymond F. Morgan, MD 1976

2008

Ellen Shaw de Paredes, MD 1978*

2009

John R. Marler, MD 1980

2010

B. Thomas Hutchison, MD 1956*

2011

Lawrence H. Phillips II, MD 1974

2012

Clay B. Marsh, MD 1985

2013

David R. Jones, MD 1989

2014

David B. Peden, MD 1984

2015

A. Paul Brooks, Jr., MD 1966

2016

Michael B. Edmond, MD 1986

2017

Norman D. Ferrari III, MD 1982

2018

Robert A. (Gus) Gustafson, MD 1976

2019

Richard W. Thomas, DDS, MD 1994

* DECEASED

AWARDS COMMITTEE

Charles A. Moore 1984, Chair

G. Anne Cather 1983

Cynthia S. Clarkson 2004

Claudia A. Goodwin 1974

Charles J. Mullett 1993

Larry Schwab 1966

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL 2019-2020

Thomas C. Dotson 1995
Chair

Kai D. Fu 1995
President-Elect

G. Anne Cather 1983

James D. Mills 1991

Marc Yester 2006

Norman D. Ferrari III 1982
President

Charles A. Moore 1984
Secretary-Treasurer

Lisa M. Costello 2011

John C.Y. Wright, Jr., 1978

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