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**MSU Alumni Association Names Grand Award Winners**

*Nine Distinguished Spartans Receive University's Highest Alumni Honors*

**EAST LANSING, Mich.** – The annual Michigan State University Alumni Grand Awards Gala will be held Thursday, September 25 at the Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center. Nine individuals have been selected by the MSU Alumni Association Awards Committee to receive the MSU Distinguished Alumni Award, Alumni Service Award, Distinguished Young Alumni Award and the Philanthropist Award.

The following individuals will be recognized:

**Distinguished Alumni Award**

The Distinguished Alumni Award is given annually to alumni who have distinguished themselves by obtaining the highest level of professional accomplishments and who possess the highest standards of integrity and character to positively reflect and enhance the prestige of MSU.



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**Lt. Gen. Judith Ann Fedder**

Deputy chief of staff for logistics, installations and mission support, United States Air Force Headquarters  
Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D.C.

**Patricia M. LoRusso, DO**

Professor of Medicine, Associate Director of Innovative Medicine at Yale Cancer Center  
New Haven, Connecticut

**Micheline Ann Maynard**

Director, Donald W. Reynolds National Center for Business Journalism, Arizona State University's Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication  
Phoenix, Arizona

**Alumni Service Award**

This award is presented to MSU alumni who have demonstrated continuing outstanding volunteer service to MSU and/or meritorious public service on a local, state, national or international level. Candidates must possess the highest standards of integrity and character to positively reflect and enhance the prestige of MSU.

**Bruce Ransom Leech**

Founder, former CEO and board member of CrossCom National  
Chicago, Illinois

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**James C. Williams**

President of Williams Distributing, providing an array of building products and systems  
Ada, Michigan

**Distinguished Young Alumni Award**

The Distinguished Young Alumni Award is given annually to candidates who have distinguished themselves by obtaining a high level of professional accomplishment and who possess high standards of integrity and character to positively reflect and enhance the prestige of MSU. These individuals demonstrate a commitment to MSU by continuing outstanding volunteer service on behalf of the university and/or participation and leadership in meritorious public service on a local, state, national or international level.

**Travis Bernard Key**

Associate packaging engineer, Kellogg Co.  
Portage, Michigan

**Kurt Charles Rothhaar**

Software engineer, Boeing Co.  
St. Louis, Missouri

**Nathan Andrew Triplett**

Mayor, City of East Lansing  
East Lansing, Michigan

**Philanthropist Award**

This award is presented to an individual, family, association, corporation or foundation with a proven record of providing major, on-going financial support and leadership to MSU. The candidates will have demonstrated outstanding philanthropic responsibility toward MSU; their generosity encourages others to take leadership roles in philanthropy toward Michigan State University.

**Donald Koch and Barbara J. Sawyer-Koch**

Donald is an MSU professor emeritus of philosophy. Barbara is a former member of the MSU Board of Trustees. Together they have established numerous endowments at MSU and volunteer at university activities.  
East Lansing, Michigan

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