



HONORARY ALUMNI AWARD

For outstanding leadership and service to Columbia College

George W. Hulett

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George W. Hulett was honored with the Honorary Alumni Award for his unwavering support and dedication to Columbia College. He has been a committed donor for more than 30 years and is among the most generous philanthropists in the school's recorded history.

The president of Hulett Heating & Air Conditioning in Columbia, Missouri, Hulett has served on the Columbia College Board of Trustees since 2009 and as treasurer since 2016. While he did not attend Christian College or Columbia College himself, several of his family members have, including his grandmother, three children and granddaughter.

"We have quite a history there," he says. "Somewhere, I still have the sign-in sheet from when my grandmother signed into Christian College in 1895. When Dr. Brouder asked me to be a trustee, I was honored to be able to give back to the college for all they did for my family."

Hulett and his wife, Jeanne, have supported the Criminal Justice department and Cougar athletics for many years. They established two endowed scholarships: the

Hulett Family Criminal Justice Graduate Study Scholarship in 1991 and the Hulett Family Scholarship in 2010.

"The area of criminal justice is particularly important to us because our son worked for the Columbia Police Department and our daughter graduated with a degree in criminal justice," he says.

As a regular supporter of various capital campaign projects on the Columbia College campus, Hulett and his family were honored in 2016 with the naming of the new Hulett Family Campus Safety Office on the Quad. In 2018 he was inducted into the Rogers Gate Circle of the President's Society as one of the college's most dedicated donors.

Hulett graduated from Hickman High School and earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Missouri-Columbia. He played baseball for the Kansas City A's organization and later worked as auditor for an accounting firm and controller for a truck line in Kansas City. He returned to Columbia in 1970 to his family's business, Hulett Heating & Air Conditioning.



Hulett also serves on the Foster Grandparent Program Advisory Board, which helps senior men and women to serve youth with special needs. He's been volunteering with the program since 1979.

Hulett says he enjoys watching Cougar Athletics, particularly because of his granddaughter, Katie Cook, who was a member of the soccer team. This spring, Cook graduated from Columbia College, and Hulett was able to present her with her diploma at the ceremony.

"Columbia College is dear to my heart," he says. "Partly because of all of the members of our family who have gone here, but also because of all of the wonderful people who have been so nice to us at Columbia College. It's a wonderful college for youngsters to go to school, and I just have a warm place in my heart for it."

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