Alumni Association Announces Recipients of 2015 Distinguished Alumni Awards

WARRENSBURG, Mo. (March 23, 2015) – The University of Central Missouri Alumni Association is proud to sponsor several awards that recognize alumni for exemplary achievement and service. Since 1978, the association has honored alumni considered by their peers as the “brightest and most distinguished” in their field. The following recipients will be honored at the 2015 Homecoming Celebration Sat., Oct. 24.

Brig. Gen. Troy Kok ’86, ’87, receiving the Distinguished Alumni Award, is the commanding general of the 11th Aviation Command at Fort Knox, Ky., and senior aviator in the U.S. Army Reserves.

Ashvin P. Vibhakar ’73, receiving the Distinguished International Alumni Award, is the senior adviser and executive sponsor of the CFA Institute’s Future for Finance initiative, a long-term global effort to shape a forward-thinking financial industry focused on better serving society.

Tom Wyrsch ’78, receiving the Distinguished Alumni Award for Service, has been involved in government and politics for more than four decades and is currently chair of the Jackson County Democratic Committee.

The Distinguished Alumni Award recognizes exceptional professional and personal achievement and extraordinary distinction in a chosen field. The same criteria, on an international scale, applies to the Distinguished International Alumni Award. And the Distinguished Alumni Award for Service recognizes individuals who have generously shared their time, talent and resources to enhance the university, their community or both. If you know of alumni deserving of such recognition, please nominate them using the online form. The deadline is Aug. 1.

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