

Wade McCamey

2010 Distinguished Community Service Award

The 2010 recipient of the Hiwassee College Alumni Association Distinguished Professional Achievement Award grew up on a farm in Greene County and was one of the first of his family to attend college. After graduating from Hiwassee College in 1966, he continued his education at East Tennessee State University earning his Baccalaureate in 1968, a Masters Degree in 1972 and his Doctorate in Education in 1976.

At age 26, our honoree was named principal at Chuckey-Doak High School, becoming the youngest principal in the state. After his service at Chuckey-Doak High School, he moved to Walters State Community College where he served in several positions, including Vice President for Academic Affairs and Chairperson of Behavioral/Social Sciences. In 2001, he was named President of Roane State Community College. While President there, he led the school to be the first in Tennessee to achieve a perfect score for three consecutive years on the Tennessee Higher Education Commission performance funding standards. In 2005, he was named President of Walters State Community College where he continued that perfect score in his first year. At Walters State, he has overseen fund raising efforts for a \$9.5 million expansion of the Walters State Community College, Sevier County campus.

Our award recipient has had a long-term commitment to community service. These include serving on the Hamblen County United Way Board of Directors, the Morristown Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, the Moose Lodge and formerly serving on the Boards of the Great Smoky Mountain Council of the Boy Scouts of America, the Greeneville Kiwanis, YMCA, East Tennessee State University National Alumni Board, Ruritan, Jaycees, and Habitat for Humanity. He is an active member of Trinity United Methodist Church of Greeneville.

Our honoree has dedicated his life to helping improve the lives of students in East Tennessee. As president of two community colleges, he is committed to the importance of the first two academic years of students. Everyone who has had the honor of working with him, has found him to be a man of honor and integrity. His warm personality and professional leadership style make him a true leader. There can be no doubt that his life-long career in education has its foundation in his

experiences at Hiwassee. He is an outstanding example of how Hiwassee can change not only an individual, but all those who come within the realm of his influence. His gifts to his community and list of accomplishments make him an easy choice to be this year's recipient of the Distinguished Professional Achievement Award. Hiwassee College is proud to have him as one of our alumni. As current president of Walters State Community College, Hiwassee's theme of investing in Great Beginnings is evidenced, in not only his personal story, but in the way he believes in higher educational opportunities for students from rural areas.

The Hiwassee College Alumni Association is proud to name Wade McCamey as the winner of this year's Distinguished Professional Achievement Award.

Congratulations, Wade!