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Professional and personal achievement to be Recognized at Kettering ReunionWeekend, May 17-19

Kettering University Alumni Association will recognize seven alumni for professional achievement, service and human relations during the Kettering Alumni Reunion Weekend May 17 to 19.

Richard Allen Smith '62, of Rochester Hills, has been nominated to receive the Distinguished Alumni Award for an exceptional career and involvement with the Alumni Association at Kettering. Smith worked for General Motors Chevrolet Division, TRW, and Rochester Gear. After selling Rochester Gear to Newcor in 1985 he became president and then CEO of Newcor. He is currently a private consultant. Smith was selected "CEO of the Year-Bronze Medal" by "Finance World" magazine and received the 75th Anniversary Award from Kettering in 1994. He has been involved with Kettering on the President's Council Executive Committee, Planning Committee for the Capital Campaign, and as a member of the Board of Trustees.

Paul Tosch '62, of Bloomfield Hills, has been nominated to receive the Management Achievement Alumni Award. Tosch worked for General Motors' Fisher Body Division, the Buick-Oldsmobile-Cadillac Group, GM's Bedford Commercial Vehicles operation in Luton, England, Vauxhall Motors Limited, and Delphi Interior and Lighting Systems. He is currently president of Delphi Saginaw Steering Systems and a Delphi vice president. Among his professional achievements is the Delphi Automotive Systems E-Steer electric powersteering system. Tosch holds an MBA from Michigan State University.

Dr. Patrick Atkinson '91, of Grand Blanc, has been nominated to receive the Engineering Achievement Alumni Award for his work as an educator and researcher at Kettering University. Atkinson, associate professor of Mechanical Engineering, spearheaded the establishment of a cooperative bio-medical research lab with McLaren Regional Medical Center in Flint and Kettering, where his research includes: crash test studies, mechanical stresses on blood vessels during knee surgery and improved orthopaedic bone implants and bone cement. He also serves as adjunct faculty for Michigan State University's College of Human Medicine. Atkinson was awarded the Kettering Rodes Professorship in 2000 and the prestigious Ralph R. Teetor Award at the 2002 Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) World Congress in Detroit. He received his master's of science and Ph.D. from Michigan State University.

Frank Krohn '77, of Canton, has been nominated to receive the Human Relations Alumni Award for his inspiring unity in the workplace. Krohn positively impacts fellow employees, subordinates and friends with his emphasis on addressing the needs and interests of others. Krohn is currently manager and assistant staff engineer for Powertrain in Ypsilanti.

John M. Cachat '82, of Cleveland, has been nominated to receive the Outstanding Achievement Alumni Award for exceptional career achievement. Cachat is president and founder of IQS Inc., a quality assurance consulting, training and software company. He has created web-based, user-friendly software systems for manufacturers worldwide. IQS Inc. is the world leader in providing QS-9000 software to auto makers. He previously worked for General Motors' Chevrolet Division in Parma, Ohio, and Cleveland Pneumatic. He earned his master's degree from Texas A&M.

Don Barefoot '77, of High Point, N.C., has been nominated to receive the Kettering Alumni Service Award for his outstanding volunteer service to the university. Barefoot is a member of the Kettering Board of Trustees and President's Council. He is active with the Alumni Association and with Phi Gamma Delta (FIJI), received the 75th Anniversary Award in 1994, and the Management Achievement Award in 1997. Barefoot recently started his own consulting firm Covenant Partners Consultancy.

Robert Evangelista '89, of Westland, has been nominated to receive the Entrepreneurial Achievement Alumni Award for his contribution to management methodology through his book *The Business of Winning: A Manager's Guide to Building a Championship Team*, in which he translates the lessons he learned coaching youth hockey into the business world. Successful in the U.S., the book has been licensed for printing in Russia, China, Germany, Singapore, India and Southeast Asia. He has launched a seminar version of the book, and works with business managers to improve their skills. Evangelista currently serves as the production launch manager for GM's Premium V Future Engine Program.

For more information on Alumni Reunion Weekend, contact Jeanne Bourassa at 1-888-884-7741, Ext. 9883, or via e-mail at jbouassa@kettering.edu.

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