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Celebrating the founding of  
Pittsburg State University

**Apple  
Day '99**

# CONVOCAATION



What does it mean  
to be a Gorilla?

Thursday • March 4 • 1999 • 12 Noon • McCray Auditorium

**Agelon Jones**  
**Animal Area Supervisor, Africa region**  
**Kansas City Zoo**

Jones has been at the Kansas City Zoo for 24 years and from the first he had a special place in his heart for the great apes. "I started working with the gorillas in 1976 and I quickly became fascinated with them," Jones said. Working with gorillas is much different from working with other animals, Jones said. With most animals, humans work to become part of the group and then control the group as the dominant member. Gorillas may accept a human into their group, but they're not willing to allow a human to control them, Jones said.

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**1999 Outstanding Faculty Award Recipients**

**Dr. John Daley**

Most importantly, I like what I'm doing and want to do it as well as I possibly can. I try to facilitate learning in my classes. Usually, that means encouraging the students -- not by lowering my standards but by being approachable.

**Dr. Susan Marchant**

My particular motivation is driven by a "bloom where you are planted" sort of philosophy. Knowing when to push and when to reassure comes with years of experience. I hope that students in my choirs feel that they are encouraged to succeed via positive, rather than negative, means.

**Dr. Mark Peterson**

For me, there are few joys as great as watching a student go beyond what they thought possible for themselves, and to know that this may enrich them throughout life. I also hope their development contributes to society, which is important to me.

**Other Nominees**

Mrs. Tysha Potter  
Dr. Chris Fogliasso  
Mr. Ron Wood  
Mr. Shannon Nicklaus

Mr. Ken Gordon  
Dr. Alice Sagehorn  
Mr. Craig Fuchs

Mrs. Mary Kay Wachter  
Dr. Larry Thornburg  
Mrs. Kathleen Fisher

# Golden Gorilla Student Leadership Award Recipients

Martina McGlothlin

Alison Auxter

Sarah Ingram

Gina Kimble

Alisha Snyder

Carrie Denton

Jennifer Smith

Shari Holland

Cynthia Maxton

Jessica Brecheisen

Shawn Naccarato

Shannon Dingman

Staci Frederick

Tally Prophet

Dana Watts

Melissa Harley

Betty Adams-Lemon

Laurie Hermon

Kyanna Shelar

Brian Moorman

Vikram Dendi

Amy Hammerschmidt

## University Chamber Choir

Sara Albertson

Tom Anderson

Laurie Bell-Adams

Lora Beltz

Randy Beyer

Amanda Brown

Karl Burgess

Aaron Cash

David Chamberlain

Heekyung Chun

Matt Cox

Maria Curry

Aaron DeGraffenreid

Charity Dozier

Sam Eubank

Bryan Ganer

Mary Jo Goedeke

Eric Haag

Timothy Henderson

A. Nikki Jones

Chris Kelly

Jennifer Klein

Leah McCormick

Shelly Mendon

J.A. Morris

Carol Patterson

Nicole Pearson

Brady Ross

Josh Simpson

Jennifer Sprague

Aaron Swaim

Timothy Terrell

Michelle Thornbury

Shawna Tullis

Melissa Warner

Suizanne Webb

Taylor Wine

## Distinguished Service Award Recipients

### *Roy S. Bennett, Jr.*

'51 BSBA, for 38 years has been the editor and has handled the mailing of the Epsilonian, the bi-annual alumni newsletter of Epsilon Chapter of Sigma Tau Gamma. Roy has actively participated in the recruitment of new students for PSU. Roy is an active member of the Kansas City area alumni chapter and has encouraged attendance at alumni activities by Sigma Tau Gamma alumni. He is a life member of the PSU Alumni Association and a member of the PSU Foundation. Roy is being recognized during the Epsilon chapter's seventy-fifth year on the Pittsburg State University campus.

### *Frank D. Dunnick*

'67 BSBA, is a past national president of the PSU Alumni Association and has served on two occasions as a chapter officer of the Girard, KS chapter. Frank is the President of the Prescott State Bank and the Farmers Exchange Bank in St. Paul, both corporate sponsors of the Alumni Association. He is an Alumni Association life member and PSU Foundation trustee. He serves as the 1967 Class Agent Representative for the PSU Foundation. Frank served as a charter board member of the KRPS public radio station and served for six years as an Advisory Board Member of the Kelce College of Business.

### *Duane D. Lawellin*

'53 BSBA, has served as a member of the Board of Trustees and president of the Pittsburg State University Endowment Association. In addition, he served a two-year term as president of the Pittsburg State University Foundation. Duane was Chairman of the Foundation Investment Committee. He has assisted the Foundation in receiving several major gifts. He has also served as a member of the Kelce College of Business Advisory Board. He is a life member of the PSU Alumni Association and is an active member of the Joplin Alumni Chapter.

# Convocation Program

## Welcome

Mr. Jeremy Swift, Vice-President, Student Government Association

## Remarks & Introductions

Dr. John Darling, President, Pittsburg State University

## Who were the first Gorillas?

Mr. Randy Roberts, Special Collections Librarian

## Commemoration Day Address

Agelon Jones, Animal Area Specialist, Kansas City Zoo

## Musical Selections

The University Chamber Choir, Dr. Susan Marchant, Director

"Gentle Annie"

Matt Cox, Tenor

Stephen Foster

arr. Robert DeCormier

Under the greenwood tree

Paul Chihara

## Presentation of the 1999 Distinguished Service Awards

Mr. Art Malle, National President of the PSU Alumni Association

## Presentation of 1999 Outstanding Faculty Awards

Mr. Shawn Naccarato, Academic Affairs Commissioner,  
Student Government Association

## Golden Gorilla Student Leadership Awards

Dr. John Darling, President, Pittsburg State University

## Closing

Mr. Jeremy Swift, Vice-President, Student Government Association

## Apple Distribution

Faculty Association

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## The Story of Apple Day

On February 21, 1903, Governor William J. Bailey signed the bill creating the Kansas State Manual Training Normal School Auxiliary, the first name of what is today Pittsburg State University. Classes began the following September in the city-owned Central School building at the northwest corner of Fifth and Walnut. Very soon the growing enrollment created a need for a larger facility. Senator Ebenezer F. Porter of Pittsburg led a successful fight for a building appropriation with the assistance of Principal Russell Station Russ, the faculty, and community leaders. After the funding bill was passed, Clarence Price, then mayor of Pittsburg, was fined a barrel of apples for lobbying on the floor of the legislature. Senator Porter, it should be noted, graciously donated two boxes of cigars to the House for passing the bill. Upon their triumphal return to Pittsburg, the story of the fine was told. In those days, students were disciplined for their absences. In the spirit of the celebration, Principal Russ and members of his faculty were fined a barrel of apples by the students because they had been gone to Topeka to help lobby. Thus, with the funding of the building we now call Russ Hall by the Kansas Legislature, the tradition of Apple Day was established in 1907.

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