PURPOSE
Recognizes a living person who has an international or national reputation and has brought distinction to the State of Idaho, the University of Idaho or rendered extraordinary service to one or both.

ESTABLISHED: 1978

CRITERIA
Consideration will be given for international or national reputation including:
1. Significant achievements
2. Distinction or extraordinary service to the State of Idaho
3. Distinction or extraordinary service to the University of Idaho
4. International recognitions or honors
5. National recognitions or honors
This award has been presented to a limited number of select people, and is not necessarily presented each year. At no time shall more than one award be presented annually.

RECIPIENTS: YEAR HONORED
Henry Day 1979
Philip Habib 1983
Lionel Hampton 2002
Gary Michael 2004
Boyd Martin 1991
James McClure 1995
Carol & Malcolm Renfrew 2006
Kristen Armstrong Savola 2015
J. R. Simplot 1997

PROCEDURE
Application Deadline: Nomination form must be returned to the Alumni Office prior to August 1. Nomination form must be complete and thorough. This information is the basis for the evaluation of the candidate.
(Note: Nominations may not be submitted for persons currently holding or running for state or national political office.)

Review Body: Members of the Alumni Association Awards Committee shall review all completed award nominations. The Awards Committee shall recommend candidates to the Alumni Association Board of Directors. The Alumni Association Board of Directors shall review and approve, or disapprove, recommending candidate for final approval by University of Idaho President.

Nominee Review and Consideration: Candidates with completed nomination forms on file shall be eligible for review and consideration for an additional two years following initial submission. Nominators are encouraged to update application materials.