



A graphic for Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts Honors Day. The background is white with a pattern of small red plus signs. A large red circle is centered on the page. Inside the circle, at the top, is a white stylized letter 'N'. Below the 'N', the words 'HONORS' and 'DAY' are written in a white, serif, all-caps font, stacked vertically. Above the circle, the text 'HIXSON-LIED COLLEGE *of* FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS' is written in a red, serif, all-caps font, flanked by two horizontal red lines.

HIXSON-LIED COLLEGE *of* FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS

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HONORS
DAY

NEBRASKA CHAMPIONS CLUB
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN

PROGRAM

Welcome and Introductions — **Charles O'Connor**
Endowed Dean

Award Presentations — **Christopher Marks**
Associate Dean

Charles O'Connor
Endowed Dean

STUDENT AWARDS

Dean's Award for Academic Excellence — **Anika Zemleni**
Given to the student who has achieved the highest cumulative grade point average of all graduating seniors in the Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts. School of Art, Art History & Design

College Alumni Board's Student Leadership Award — **Michaela Wadzinski**
Given to a student who has proven to be a leader through scholarship, talent, service and dedication. Johnny Carson School of Theatre and Film

Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award — **Bridget Hill**
Honors the work of a graduate teaching assistant who has demonstrated true excellence in teaching. Glenn Korff School of Music

F. Pace Woods Scholarships — **Roxanna Piersol**
College-wide awards given to students who have demonstrated academic and creative/scholarly excellence. School of Art, Art History & Design

Rubén D. Gómez
Glenn Korff School of Music

Christa Retka
Johnny Carson School of Theatre and Film

Anne and William (Laurie) Porter Awards for Creativity — **Jordan Taylor Thomas**
Given to students who have demonstrated the highest level of achievement and excellence in theatre, film and dance.
Johnny Carson School of Theatre and Film
Undergraduate Student

Jill Hibbard
Johnny Carson School of Theatre and Film
Graduate Student

Aspen Reisen
Glenn Korff School of Music's Dance Division
Undergraduate Student

Vreeland Awards in Art and Music
Given to recognize the creative achievements of the recipients in art and music.

Francis William Vreeland Awards — **Ly Nguyen**
School of Art, Art History & Design
Undergraduate Student

Imani Brown
School of Art, Art History & Design
Undergraduate Student

Iren Tete
School of Art, Art History & Design
Graduate Student

Erik White
School of Art, Art History & Design
Graduate Student

Ida M. Vreeland Awards — **Abigail Siedell**
Glenn Korff School of Music
Undergraduate Student

Joshua Spaulding
Glenn Korff School of Music
Graduate Student

Myers B. and Martha H. Cather Graduate Excellence Award — **Isaiah Jones**
Recognizes a dedicated graduate student's excellence and accomplishments in the visual arts discipline.
School of Art, Art History & Design

FACULTY & STAFF AWARDS

Recognition of Hixson-Lied Faculty and Staff Awards

College Distinguished Teaching Award — **Colleen Syron**, School of Art, Art History & Design

Senior Faculty Research and Creative Activity Award — **Hans Sturm**, Glenn Korff School of Music

Outreach, Engagement or Service Award — **Sandra Williams**, School of Art, Art History & Design

Academic Advising Award — **Jacqueline Mattingly**, Glenn Korff School of Music

Curriculum Development Award — **Jacqueline Mattingly**, Glenn Korff School of Music

Junior Faculty Teaching Award — **Walker Pickering**, School of Art, Art History & Design

Outstanding Lecturer Award — **Chris Irvin**, Johnny Carson School of Theatre and Film
and School of Art, Art History & Design

David von Kampen, Glenn Korff School of Music

Outstanding Staff Award — **Kathe Andersen**, Dean's Office

Staff Award for Exemplary Service — **Allison Casey**, Dean's Office

M.V.P. Award — **Meghan Stratman**, Mary Riepma Ross Media Arts Center

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Recognition of faculty and staff retirements:

Craig Fuller, Glenn Korff School of Music

Christin Mamiya, School of Art, Art History & Design

Janet Sievert, Glenn Korff School of Music

Sandy Veneziano, Johnny Carson School of Theatre and Film

Recognition of the graduating Hixson-Lied Fellows:

Katherine Cox, School of Art, Art History & Design

Nicholas Sheldon, School of Art, Art History & Design

Daniel d'Egnuff, Johnny Carson School of Theatre and Film

Mallory Trecaso, School of Art, Art History & Design

Ayaka Kondo, Glenn Korff School of Music

Erik White, School of Art, Art History & Design

ALUMNI AWARDS

***College Alumni Board's Alumni Achievement Awards* — Karen Kunc**

Recognizes alumni from each academic unit of the college who have demonstrated outstanding achievement and overall professional excellence.

School of Art, Art History & Design
B.F.A. 1975

Donald C. Gorder

Glenn Korff School of Music
B.M. 1973

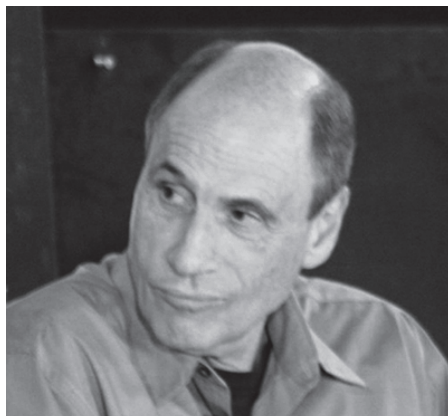
Scott Raymond

Johnny Carson School of Theatre and Film
B.F.A. 2003

AWARD OF MERIT

***College Alumni Board's Award of Merit* — Mike Hill**

Honors those who have made contributions to the college, but who are not necessarily an alumnus of the college.



MIKE HILL

Mike Hill is a retired film editor who won an Academy Award for the film *Apollo 13* in 1995. Hill and his editing partner Dan Hanley had a longstanding, notable collaboration with Director Ron Howard, having edited all of Howard's films since *Night Shift* in 1982.

Hill was raised in Omaha, Neb., and received a criminal justice degree at the University of Nebraska at Omaha in 1972. His first job was as a guard at a Chino prison in California. He then entered the film editing profession and worked on several television programs and two feature films before starting his association with Hanley and Howard on *Night Shift*.

In addition to *Apollo 13*, Hill and Hanley have been nominated for Academy Awards for Howard's *A Beautiful Mind* (2001), *Cinderella Man* (2005) and *Frost/Nixon* (2008). His other editing credits include *Backdraft*, *Cocoon*, *The Da Vinci Code*, *Rush* and *In the Heart of the Sea*.

Hill has volunteered his time to the Johnny Carson School of Theatre and Film, serving as a professional mentor to the student editing teams for the Carson Films *Vipers in the Grass* and *Digs*. Once those projects were complete, he has continued his volunteer mentorship of the students, as well as attending numerous post-production classes, as his schedule allows, to give students a detailed look at the life of a film editor.



KAREN KUNC

B.F.A. 1975

*Alumni Achievement Award
in Art, Art History & Design*

Karen Kunc has taught at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln since 1983 and was named a full professor in 1998. In 2003, she was named Willa Cather Professor of Art with an emphasis in printmaking.

Highly respected nationally and internationally among her peers, she has had more than 110 solo exhibitions, received more than 90 awards, 60 grants and commissions, eight residency awards and has participated in 850 group exhibitions. Her work is featured in more than 26 publications.

In 2007, she received the prestigious Printmaker Emeritus Award from the Southern Graphics Council.

In 2013, she founded Constellation Studios in Lincoln, a space where Kunc shares her passion for printmaking with the community. It is her studio, a printmaking exhibition space, as well as a workshop and teaching center, that specializes in workshops for etching, woodcuts, papermaking and bookmaking.

Kunc received her Bachelor of Fine Arts from Nebraska in 1975 and her Master of Fine Arts from The Ohio State University in 1977.



DONALD C. GORDER

B.M. 1973

*Alumni Achievement Award
in Music*

Donald C. Gorder is chair and founder of the Music Business/Management Department at Berklee College of Music in Boston and is an attorney, educator and musician.

He holds advanced degrees in law and music (B.M. University of Nebraska–Lincoln, M.M. University of Miami, J.D. University of Denver), has authored numerous articles on the music industry, and has spoken at many national and international music industry events and academic conferences.

He co-authored the course *Legal Aspects of the Music Industry* for Berklee Online. As an attorney, he has represented clients in matters of copyright and contracts, and he remains active as a trumpet player in a variety of jazz and commercial settings.

Gorder is past president of the NAMM-Affiliated Music Business Institutions, a past officer and board member of the Music and Entertainment Industry Educators' Association, a past Trustee with the Arts & Business Council of Greater Boston, and currently serves on the Alumni Advisory Council of the Sturm College of Law, University of Denver. He served for 14 years with the International Association for Jazz Education as the Resource Team representative for music business/management.



SCOTT RAYMOND

B.F.A. 2003

*Alumni Achievement Award
in Theatre and Film*

Fifteen years ago, Raymond was a member of the first graduating class of the new film and new media program in the Johnny Carson School of Theatre and Film. He received a second Bachelor of Fine Arts in theatre design and technical production.

Following graduation, he earned his Master of Fine Arts cum laude in animation and visual effects from the Academy of Art University. He did post-graduate work at Animation Mentor, where he received a certificate in advanced studies in character animation.

While in graduate school, he worked at elementFX and after graduating worked as a crowd artist and cycle animator at PDI/DreamWorks Animation, one of the most prestigious animation studios in the world. He spent nearly eight years at DreamWorks on such well-known projects as *Trolls*, *Kung Fu Panda 3*, *The Penguins of Madagascar*, *Madagascar 3* and *Shrek Forever After*.

In 2015, he began teaching at Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tennessee, where he is developing a new animation and visual effects program. Although a full-time instructor, Raymond continues his work as a freelance animator. His recent freelance clients include *The Highway Rat* for BBC, the Racing Legends ride at PortAventura Theme Park, and the Kid's Choice Awards for Nickelodeon.

PREVIOUS HONOREES

Alumni Achievement Award in Art and Art History

1994	Steven Yates
1995	Robert Culver, Jr.
1996	T.L. Solien
1997	Neil Christensen
1998	Suzanne Wise
1999	Ruth Rosekrans Hoffman
2000	Betty Kjelson
2001	Margaret Furlong
2002	Carol Haerer
2003	James D. Butler
2004	Lawrence L. Reger
2005	Bruce Conner
2006	John Nygren
2007	Dr. Anne El-Omami
2008	Christopher Ervin
2009	Thomas Riesing
2010	Peggy Gomez
2011	Wendy Jane Bantam
2012	James Cantrell
2013	Michael Strand
2014	Maureen Mills
2015	Susan Puelz
2016	Marcia B. Goldenstein
2017	Lawrence McFarland
2018	Karen Blessen

Alumni Achievement Award in Music

1994	Gene Bedient
1995	Jack Snider
1996	William Hatcher
1997	Dr. Lee Kjelson
1998	Helen Laird
1999	Theodore Brunson
2000	Charles Krutz
2001	Richard Svoboda
2002	Robert Nelson
2003	Vaughn Jaenike
2004	W. Dieter Kober
2005	Col. Gary Lamb
2006	Dr. Frank Tirro
2007	Dr. Lawrence Gwozdz
2008	Dr. Eugene O'Brien
2009	Dr. Laurie Scott
2010	Dr. Sharon Hansen
2011	Dr. Dennis Keith Cox
2012	Stephanie Taylor
2013	Robert Snider
2014	Dr. Alan J. Wenger
2015	Barbara Zach
2016	Dr. Robert H. Woody
2017	Dr. Lance Nielsen
2018	A. Kevin Kaisershot

Alumni Achievement Award in Theatre Arts and Film

1995	Frederick Gaines
1996	Robert Schanke
1997	Judith Hart
1998	Richard Maulsby
1999	Alan Schuster
2000	Henry Blanke, Jr.
2001	Daniel Stratman
2002	Daniel Proett
2003	Bob Hall
	Sandy Veneziano
2004	James Baffico
2005	Kent Broadhurst
2006	Robert J. Askey
2007	Dr. Phyllis Gates
2008	Dr. Alan Nielsen
2009	Breanna Benjamin
2010	John Stark
2011	David Duffy
2012	Ahna Packard
2013	Timothy Croshaw
2014	Crystal Craft
2015	Nancy Marcy
2016	Jim Hanna
2017	Patricia Raun
2018	Matthew Miller

Award of Merit

1994	Dean Tschetter
1996	Marguerite Hac
	William and Anne Porter
1997	Julie Hagemeyer
1998	Norman Geske
	Ron Hull
1999	Art Thompson
2000	Sen. LaVon K. Crosby
2001	Dennis Schneider
	David Landis
2002	Christina M. Hixson
2003	Col. Jack Rokahr
2004	F. Pace Woods II
2005	Joseph M. Ruffo
2006	Ann Keyser Rawley
2007	Jim and Rhonda Seacrest
2008	Ernest Weyeneth
2009	Larry and Bets Frederick
2010	Harley Jane Kozak
2011	Richard Hay, D.D.S.
2012	William Tomek
2013	Ann Blomquist-Poll
2014	In Honor of Glenn Korff
	and Mary Riepma Ross
2015	Lucy Buntain Comine
2016	Leta Powell Drake
	Philip L. Perry
2017	Rev. Stephen Griffith
	MarySue Harris
2018	Liana K. Sandin

Faculty Service Award

2007	Tice Miller	2011	Gail Kendall
2008	Dan Howard	2013	Ian Borden
2009	Jon Nelson	2014	Laurel Shoemaker



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