



GOLD RUSH

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NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

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DECEMBER GRADUATES

303

First-generation students

243

URM graduates

39

Active military or veterans graduates



NKU ANNOUNCES 2024 ALUMNI AWARDS RECIPIENTS

NKU announces the recipients of the annual Alumni Awards: Chad Scott, Lisa and Gary Blank, Kristen Smitherman-Voltaire, and Jennifer Gardner. The winners will be honored in a celebration on Saturday, Feb. 3, 2024.

"This year's deserving honorees have made a lasting and profound impact on both NKU and the region," shared NKU President Dr. Cady Short-Thompson. "We are proud of their accomplishments, inspired by their dedication to their respective fields and honored to count them among our esteemed graduates and faculty."

Chad Scott ('97) is the recipient of the Outstanding Alumnus Award, which recognizes an alum who, through their successes and accomplishments, has enhanced the image of NKU. Chad Scott is the founder and managing director of Tindall Capital.

Lisa ('82, '01, '07) and Gary Blank ('83, '99) are the recipients of the Distinguished Service Award which recognizes alumni who have contributed time, talent and effort enhancing the quality of life at NKU or to make their community a better place to live. Lisa recently retired as the system director of organizational development and the office of workforce development at St. Elizabeth Healthcare. Gary Blank recently retired as executive vice president and chief operating officer for St. Elizabeth Healthcare, where he was an officer of the corporation and served as staff to St. Elizabeth Healthcare's Board of Trustees.

Kristen Smitherman-Voltaire ('17) is the recipient of the Outstanding Young Alumna Award, which recognizes alumni who have graduated within the last 10 years or are under the age of 40 who have contributed through service by enhancing the quality of life at NKU or their community and/or who have distinguished themselves through professional achievements. Kristen is an economic inclusion activist, construction career advocate, and community engagement practitioner with over 10 years of experience in the equity and inclusion space.

Jennifer Gardner is the recipient of the Faculty/Staff Strongest Influence Award, which recognizes a faculty or staff member whose teaching, counseling or advising had a strong and lasting impact on the life and/or career of our students as well as the University. Jennifer is the executive director for the Center for Student Excellence.

COLLEGE CORNER

The Northern Kentucky University Haile College of Business is establishing two new scholarships that will be awarded to students in the Construction Management program. The scholarships are part of the LIFT (Lifelong Investment and Future Transformation) Scholars program started by the university in 2019.

The Haile College of Business Construction Management Advisory Board is endowing one scholarship while the other is endowed by the Paul Hemmer Company, and Paul and Mary Hemmer. These scholarships will be endowed in perpetuity.

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