

CENTRE COLLEGE

24th
annual

Associates
Dinner

Friday
January 31, 2014



PROGRAM

• WELCOME •

Shawn Lyons
*Associate Vice President for Development
and Alumni Affairs*

• INVOCATION •

Jacky Thomas Seaver
Director of Annual Giving

• DINNER •

• SPECIAL PRESENTATION •

Richard Trollinger
Vice President for College Relations

• CLOSING REMARKS •

John Roush
President

• ENTERTAINMENT •

The Lovin' Spoonful

CENTRE ASSOCIATE OF THE YEAR FOR 2014

DAVID F. RAY



The motto of the United States Secret Service is “Worthy of Trust and Confidence.” If you were to add the phrase “always willing to answer Centre’s call for assistance” to that motto, you would have a near perfect description of our Centre Associate of the Year for 2014.

David F. Ray, Centre Class of 1959, had a distinguished 31-year career with the United States Secret Service. Prior to joining the Secret Service, he spent five years with Reynolds Tobacco Company. Then, after his retirement in 1996, he established his own security consulting firm, which he ran until 2004, when Kentucky’s governor appointed him to serve as Inspector General of the Transportation Cabinet, a post he held until February 2012. In each of these roles, he proved himself to be worthy of trust and confidence, and our state and nation are better for his service. Our College is as well.

In 2000, he accepted the invitation to serve as volunteer security consultant to Centre for its first Vice Presidential Debate. Because of the experience and knowledge he brought to that role, he very quickly became the “go to” person for helpful information. It is no overstatement to say that the College would never have been as successful in hosting that event without the able guidance and leadership of David Ray. The success of the 2000 debate helped Centre win the opportunity to host another Vice Presidential Debate in 2012. The College asked and once again he answered the call to assist with the planning, preparation for, and execution of that event.

David began his long and distinguished career with the Secret Service in 1965 as a Special Agent in the Charlotte, North Carolina Field Office. In 1969, he transferred to the Presidential Protective Division at the White House. During his 17-year tenure in Washington, he served as liaison between the Secret Service and the U.S. Capitol, Special Agent in Charge of the Technical Security Division, and Deputy Assistant to the Director for the Office of Training. Additionally, during his career, he protected Presidents Johnson, Nixon, Ford, Carter, Reagan, the first President Bush, and President Clinton as well as other government officials, both foreign and domestic. He led the security arrangements at the 1978 Camp David Summit, at which President Carter, Israeli Prime Minister Begin, and Egyptian President Sadat achieved peace between Israel and Egypt. In 1986, he was appointed Special Agent in Charge of the Louisville Field Office, a post he held until his 1996 retirement.

David was named a Distinguished Alumnus by Centre’s Alumni Association in 2000, and in 2005, he was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame as a member of the undefeated 1955 football team. He has subsequently served a three-year term on the Alumni Association Board of Directors.

He and his wife Pam live on a farm in Shelby County, KY, and are active in numerous church and civic organizations. They have four children, including Amy Ray Jordan ’90, and ten grandchildren.

In grateful recognition of the trust, confidence, and service that characterize his professional achievements, his service to community and nation, and his support of the work and mission of Centre College, we are pleased to recognize David F. Ray as the Centre Associate of the Year for 2014.

YOUNG CENTRE ASSOCIATE OF THE YEAR FOR 2014

STEPHEN A. DEXTER



When our Young Centre Associate of the Year was a senior at Centre and president of the Student Government Association, he learned that while there was a Faculty/Staff phase of the Campaign for *A More Perfect Centre*, there was no formal plan for student involvement. Believing that students should be involved in securing the future of their college, he approached the Development staff about creating a Student phase of the campaign. As a result of his initiative, there is a plaque on the arch that stands between Crouse and Sutcliffe halls, symbolically connecting the two, crediting the Student Campaign for *A More Perfect Centre* with making the arch possible. Loyalty to Centre and an infectious enthusiasm for promoting the common good are typical of Stephen A. Dexter, Centre Class of 2004.

His activities while a student at Centre speak well of the range of his interests and his determination to get as much as possible from his college experience. In addition to serving as Student Government president, he was a member of Phi Delta Theta and the *Cento* staff, and he served as a phonathon caller. He also was a defensive back on the 2003 SCAC football championship team and a member of the men’s tennis team. And he still found it possible to study abroad in Strasbourg and to appear regularly on the Dean’s List.

After Centre, he enrolled at the University of Louisville’s Brandeis School of Law, where he was a member of *Law Review* and the Tax Moot Court team. Following his 2008 graduation from law school, he returned to Danville to join the practice of what is now Sheehan, Barnett, Dean, Pennington, Little & Dexter. In 2011, he was named city attorney for the City of Danville, a role in which he has served with distinction.

Active in community life, he has been a board member of the Wilderness Trace Community Foundation since 2009 and currently serves as its chairman. He also is a board member for the Family Services Association of Danville/Boyle County and the Heart of Danville Main Street Program. In addition, he is a member of Southland Christian Church, where he plays keyboard in the Southland Band. Despite his many professional, civic, and church involvements, he is actively engaged in efforts to promote and strengthen his alma mater, serving as a class correspondent, co-chair of the Young Associates, and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association.

Stephen is married to the former Stacey Schwartz, Centre Class of 2007, and they are the proud parents of Abell Matthew Dexter.

In grateful recognition of his professional achievements, his service to church and community, and his support of the work and mission of Centre College, we are pleased to recognize Stephen A. Dexter as the Young Centre Associate of the Year for 2014.

CENTRE ASSOCIATE OF THE YEAR HONOREES

1990	Mary Bingham and Jane Morton Norton
1991	E. Golladay LaMotte
1992	Clarence Day
1993	Ewing T. Boles and Ashland Inc.
1995	Ruby Moss Cheek
1996	James M. Ratcliffe
1997	James D. Rouse
1998	The Contributors to the Front & Centre Campaign
1999	Paul W. Chellgren
2000	S. Gordon Dabney
2001	Churchill Downs Incorporated
2002	John W. Landrum
2003	James O. "Jim" Buck
2004	Adele and H.W. "Wes" Stodghill
2005	Jane L. Stevenson
2006	James L. Rogers III
2007	Anita M. Britton
2008	The Contributors to the Campaign for <i>A More Perfect Centre</i>
2009	The Corella and Bertram F. Bonner Foundation, Inc.
2011	James B. Metzger
2012	James Graham Brown Foundation
2013	Hugh G. Hines, Jr.
2014	David F. Ray

YOUNG CENTRE ASSOCIATE OF THE YEAR HONOREES

2007	Leonard Napolitano
2008	The Young Contributors to the Campaign for <i>A More Perfect Centre</i>
2009	Stephen A. Hodges
2011	Robert M. "Rob" Duncan, Jr.
2012	Austin Thompson Anderton
2013	Rob King III
2014	Stephen A. Dexter



The Centre Associates program was established in 1990 by the College's Board of Trustees as an enhancement of the Isaac Shelby Society, which recognized annual donors of \$1,000 or more. Beginning with 202 members at that level, current membership in the Centre Associates has grown to over 1,100 donors. It is no coincidence that as Associates membership has risen, so has Centre's recognition as one of the leading national liberal arts colleges.

The partnership between the Centre Associates and the College makes it possible for gifted scholars and teachers to engage some of our most promising young people in an environment that encourages intellectual growth, moral development, and civic responsibility. It is also clear that you, as a member of the Centre Associates, are among the most important partners in this great enterprise.

Your gifts help sustain the quality of Centre's programs for this generation of leaders. Equally important, your support helps ensure access to this transformational experience for bright and highly motivated students who have the desire and the talent to thrive at Centre, but whose families could not afford to make such an opportunity available to them.

The leadership provided by the Centre Associates sets an example for others who support the College. As a Centre Associate, you lead the way. Without question, your gifts to Centre College make a difference in the lives of its students, and it is clear they continue to be worthy of your support.

• ENDOWED CIRCLE •

(1962-2007)

Members have made a contribution of \$25,000 or more in one year. Membership in the Endowed Circle is granted for the donor's lifetime.

• CHAIRMAN'S CIRCLE •

Individuals in this circle contribute \$25,000 or more annually.

• TRUSTEES CIRCLE •

Members have made annual gifts of \$10,000 to \$24,999.

• PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE •

Individuals in this circle contribute \$5,000 to \$9,999.

• FOUNDERS CIRCLE •

Members have made annual gifts of \$2,500 to \$4,999.

• ISAAC SHELBY CIRCLE •

This circle, named for the College's first Board of Trustees' chairman and Kentucky's first governor, recognizes donors whose annual gifts total \$1,000 to \$2,499.

• YOUNG CENTRE ASSOCIATES •

Membership is given to current Centre students and to alumni beginning at \$100 for students and increasing to \$1,000 through their tenth reunion.

• CORPORATE AND FOUNDATION CIRCLE •

This circle recognizes corporations and foundations contributing \$5,000 or more annually.

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