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James A. Titmas, BSCE '60, a renowned engineer and recipient of the coveted Distinguished Alumni Award from The University of Akron College of Engineering, has launched a sideline hobby writing books about science and engineering for children. See his works by visiting jbjbooks.com.

Rev. Norman K. Douglas, B.A. '69, co-founder of Heart to Heart Leadership, received the 2024 recipient of Akron Community Foundation's Bert A. Polsky Humanitarian Award. Douglas is the 55th recipient of the award, which the foundation presents each year to an individual or couple who has shown selfless dedication to humanitarian causes in Akron.



Ernest A. Eggers, B.S. '61, retired at age 79 after performing over 22,500 total hip and knee replacements. Eggers was one of the first orthopedic surgeons in the U.S. to perform custom hips and knees for oversized patients. Eggers was listed in Who's Who for top orthopedic surgeons in America and the Arthritic Joint Surgeons.

Charles L. Greene, B.A.E. '62, J.D. '77, Ph.D. '77, was recognized by the Northeast Ohio Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals at its National Philanthropy Day Celebration Luncheon on Nov. 7, 2024, with a Special Recognition Award. The award is presented to an individual, family or group whose philanthropic contributions are "unique and impactful and whose work supporting a nonprofit organization or cause is innovative." Green's community service in the Akron area spans seven decades.

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Richard C. Fedorovich, BSA '74, a Cleveland Clinic board member, and his wife, Lisa, have committed \$5 million to Cleveland Clinic and Akron General. The gift will support future priorities and innovations to ensure the health system's leaders have resources to remain agile and responsive to community needs in the years to come. Akron General integrated into the Cleveland Clinic health system in 2015. Fedorovich's leadership as Akron General board chair helped bring the two together. As a result of this successful integration, more patients have been able to be served in Northeast Ohio and Akron General has developed as one of the region's top hospitals.



Nancy J. Keogh, MA '75, PhD '75, has been acknowledged as a Most Trusted Healthcare Professional by The Inner Circle for her contributions to the field of psychology. In the field for more than 40 years, Keogh currently works for Keogh Bendo and Associates and specializes in the treatment of various mental disorders related to depression, anxiety, trauma, and substance abuse. Among her many responsibilities, Keogh conducts psychological assessments on behalf of numerous local courts and attorneys.

John R. Nicholas, MSA '74, was recently elected to the Board of Directors of Walsh University in North Canton, Ohio. He retired from The Timken Co. as Interim Controller/CFO – China.



Charles R. Parnell, BSE '79, was recently elected by the Alpha Phi Alpha Foundation as Chairman. The Foundation was created by the Eta Tau Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. to provide financial assistance to nonprofit organizations that serve and support the minority communities in Greater Akron. Parnell currently works as a Human Resources Recruiter for Community Action Akron Summit.



James M. "Jim" Pulk, AAS '77, '79, and his wife, Julie Pulk, are now the owners of Prime Vine Winery in New Franklin, Ohio. They are excited to show off their historic 7,000-square-foot Colonial Revival home and have guests come out to enjoy the property. The estate includes a three-story brick mansion, carriage house and greenhouse. The mansion has been added to the National Register of Historic Places. The Pulks have been making Venture Wines at The Caves of Soda Canyon in Napa Valley, California, since 2012 along with business partner, Scott Dilyard.



John C. Smithkey, III, BSE '77, BSN '88, a certified Red Cross nurse, recently received his 50 Years of Service pin. In honor of this recognition, Congresswoman Emilia Sykes flew a flag over the U.S. Capitol and Senators Kirk Schuring and Scott Oelslager wrote senatorial letters of congratulations.



Peter H. Grant, M.A. '76, has published a biographical study of a prominent nineteenth century engineer, Leonor F. Loree, a gifted business leader who held responsible positions with the Pennsylvania Railroad and the Delaware and Hudson Railroad.

Paul W. Phister, Jr., B.S.E.E. '77, was appointed to the board of directors of the International Space Elevator Consortium. In 2000, Phister retired from the United States Air Force as lieutenant colonel.

Donn A. Swartz, B.S.I.M. '72, worked for both Firestone Tire and Rubber Company and The Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company in Brazil, Argentina, Ghana and India. He also owned a business franchise, AMPM, in San Diego, California.