

Dear Webster Community,

It is with great sadness that I announce the death of Mrs. Wilma Messing, an important community leader and a tremendous friend to Webster on Monday, March 10, 2008.

Wilma served the University as a Daniel Webster Society Board Member and she and her husband Roswell "Bud" Messing established The Messing Sabbatical award that has benefited so many in our community. Since the awards began in 1977 thirty Webster Faculty members have used these awards to complete international research projects and infuse the results of those studies into their curricula and teaching. As the first recipient of the Messing Award I know how valuable this support has been for the University, the faculty, and most importantly, for our students.

I enjoyed visiting with Wilma and hearing her describe how her own life had been enriched by her international travel and experiences. She was a kind, generous, and caring person whose impact was felt across the St. Louis community. In our last meeting she mentioned to the group that of all the projects she supported the Messing Award was her favorite because it reminded her of the wonderful experiences that had filled her life.

While I feel a profound sense of loss at her passing it is also very appropriate to celebrate the life of one of Webster's truly wonderful friends. We will miss Wilma, but continue to celebrate the extraordinary opportunities and influences she brought to us.

Neil J. George  
President

### *MESSING AWARD RECIPIENTS*

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2007	Anne Schappe	Nursing
2006	Joseph Stimpfl	Religious Studies
2005	Brian Kennelly	Int'l Languages & Cultures
2004	Van McElwee	Elec. & Phot. Media
2003	Tracey McCarthy	Behavioral & Social Sciences
2002	Keith Welsh	English
2001	Brad Loudenback	Art
2000	Beckah Voigt	Theatre and Dance
1999	Allan MacNeill	History, Politics & Law
1998	Deborah Stiles	School of Education
1997	Bill Barrett	School of Communications
1996	Chris Risker	Management
1995	Chris Parr	Religion
1994	Earl Henry	Music
1993	Mustapha Pasha	History, Politics & Law
1992	Janice Hooper	Nursing
1991	Roy Tamashiro	Education
1990	Don Corrigan	Media
1989	Michael Burks	Media
1988	Arthur Sandler	Philosophy
1987	Graciela Corvalan	Foreign Language
1986	Steve Schenkel	Music
1985	James Staley	Music
1984	Peggy Gaskill	Foreign Language
1983	Robert Corbett	Philosophy
1982	Harry Cargas	Literature & Language
1981	Dan Hellinger	Political Science
1980	No Award	
1979	Seena Kohl	Behavioral & Social Sciences
1978	Marita Woodruff	Theatre

1977	Neil J. George	Political Science
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