

Award Honorees - Distinguished Alumnus/a

Since its inception in 1972, the Distinguished Alumnus/na Award celebrates Le Moyne graduates who excel in their profession, contribute to society through community projects, and uphold the Jesuit traditions of the College. Presented during Reunion or Golden Reunion Weekend, it recognizes outstanding achievement and commitment.

2025 Distinguished Alumna - Carolyn George '75



Carolyn B. George '75 counts attending Le Moyne as one of the most formative experiences of her life. A Westchester County native, Carolyn honed her ability to think critically and write cogently in a constitutional law class led by Dr. Edward Conan; explored her creative side as a DJ for the College's radio station, WLMU; and formed community and cultivated her faith during Masses held in the simple, warm environs of Nelligan Hall, often seated on the floor. She forged lifelong friendships that endure to this day and laid the foundation for a deeply rewarding career.

Carolyn has spent more than 40 years working as an attorney specializing in personal injury and insurance litigation. At each turn she has sought to advocate effectively for people who cannot do so for themselves, including the elderly and those for whom English is not their first language. Carolyn is of counsel at Cooper Erving and Savage LLP. It is a position she has held since 2019. Based in Albany, New York, Cooper Erving and Savage is one of the oldest law firms in the United States. Prior to joining the firm, Carolyn served as a partner at Friedman, Hirschen, and Miller, LLP from 2006 to 2019. Her professional experience also includes work as an associate at several other esteemed firms. She began her career

as a staff attorney and researcher at the New York State Temporary Commission on Child Welfare.

Highly respected by her peers, Carolyn has received numerous awards and designations, including the Gabrielli Award for service in Albany Law School's moot court and trial advocacy competitions. She is one of the top-rated personal injury lawyers in Albany, holding the highest designation from Martindale-Hubbell, which recognizes lawyers for their legal expertise, communication skills and ethical standards. She is one of only four women appointed for alternative dispute resolution with the Third Judicial Roster of Neutrals and also serves on the federal court mediation panel. In addition, Carolyn was recognized as a "Trailblazer" by Albany Law School's Pioneering Women Project. She is a member of the New York State Bar Association, the Capital District Trial Lawyers Association and the Albany County Bar Association.

Away from work, Carolyn is committed to helping support the next generation of legal professionals. She has mentored dozens of aspiring lawyers as a coach and trial judge with Albany High School's Mock Trial Team since 1996. She also served as the chair of the Albany County Bar Association's Lawyer Referral Service, matching persons in need of legal services with panel members. Additionally, she volunteered for the Lawyer-for-the-Day Program to provide free representation to tenants in eviction cases. She was previously a member of the New York State Character and Fitness Committee for the Third Judicial Department. A proud Le Moyne graduate, Carolyn has served as a volunteer with the College's Office of Career Advising and Development and on the Golden Reunion planning committee.

Carolyn graduated *cum laude* from Le Moyne in 1975 with a degree in modern languages. She received her Juris Doctorate from Syracuse University College of Law in 1978. She was admitted to the New York Bar and the U.S. District Court Northern District of New York in 1979, and the U.S. Court of Appeals 2nd Circuit in 1983.

Carolyn derives her deepest joy from her family, which includes her husband, Mike, and children, Daniel and Lauren.

2025 Distinguished Alumni - Carmine '90 & Lynda Swanson Rubino '90



Carmine A. Rubino '90 and Lynda (Swanson) Rubino '90 met as students on the Heights nearly four decades ago. They formed a friendship that grew into a partnership. Together Carmine and Lynda have built a life centered on faith, family and community that has brought them meaning and served as an inspiration to others.

Carmine is the managing partner of Kramer, Dillof, Livingston & Moore (KDLM), a New York City-based law firm specializing in civil trial practice, medical malpractice, and personal injury. As managing partner, Carmine ensures that every one of KDLM's cases is handled effectively while managing one of its largest case loads. He has been named to the New York Super Lawyers list each year since 2010 and has been listed in Best Lawyers in America each year since 2016. In addition to his busy

professional practice, Carmine serves on the Character and Fitness Committee for the New York Second Judicial Department and on the board of trustees of Futures in Education, a nonprofit organization providing tuition assistance to students attending Catholic schools and academies in the Catholic Dioceses of Brooklyn and Queens.

Lynda Rubino is an associate director in the New York City Office of EY, one of the largest professional services firms in the world. Lynda joined EY immediately following her graduation from Le Moyne, initially working in the audit practice and earning her CPA designation before turning to the consumer products sector. She now works with the firm's global markets organization. Lynda also serves as an adjunct faculty member at Molloy University, teaching courses in financial and managerial accounting. Away from work, Lynda has served on the boards of St. Agnes Cathedral School, Catholic Faith Network and Kellenberg Memorial High School, as well as the Finance Committee of the Cathedral of St. Agnes.

Proud Le Moyne graduates, both Carmine and Lynda are committed to giving back to their alma mater and their community. Carmine has served the College as a pre-law adviser and Career Advisory Network volunteer. He was a "Home to the Heights" speaker in 2019. Lynda served as a member of the College's board of trustees from 2013 to 2022 and board of regents from 2007 to 2013. She has served on the Reunion Committee and Le Moyne in New York Committee numerous times and was a member of the Madden College of Business and Economics Capital Campaign Committee.

The Rubinos reside in Rockville Centre, New York, and share the joy of having raised two adult daughters, Victoria, an assistant district attorney in Brooklyn, New York, and Emily, who is currently studying dentistry at New York University.

Carmine earned a bachelor's degree in history from Le Moyne and a law degree from Loyola University of New Orleans. Lynda earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from Le Moyne and a master's degree in accounting from Hofstra University.

Previous Recipients

Year	Recipient	Field / Major
1972	Dr. John F. Blasi '54	Education
1973	J. Barry Jesmer '52	Mental Health
1974	Chrysant E. Makarushka '62 Julia M. Loughlin '62	Education
1975	Dr. Theresa Riley Buckley '54	Ophthalmology
1976	Robert J. Dermody Sr. '51	Accounting
1977	Dr. James A. Prevost '56	Psychiatry
1978	Dr. Marcia Cleary Kirsch '59	Anesthesiology
1979	Bernard T. King '56	Law
1980	Robert L. Errico '57	Finance
1981	Dr. Frances Giannino Merkley '54	Education
1982	The Rev. Peter C. Major '60	Ministry
1983	Dr. Ronald J. Dougherty '54	Medicine
1984	Daniel S. Frawley '65	Law
1985	Margaret A. Dwyer '54	Education
1986	Dr. Charles F. '52 and Kathleen Hopkins Elliott '51	Medicine

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1987	G. Edward Grant Jr. '51	Business
1988	Dr. Mary Ann Abend Donnelly '59	Education
1989	Dr. James R. Mahoney '59 Dr. Jerome J. McGann '59 Marie Gettino McMahon '54	Science Academia Social Services
1990	John D. Collins '60 Dr. William H. McNeill '60 (posthumous)	Business Science
1991	Dr. J. Ronald Fox '51 Anthony S. '61 and Eileen Lawton Oliva '65	Business Community Service
1992	Daniel F. Crough '57	Business
1993	Richard S. Corriero '63 Noreen Reale Falcone '58 Dr. Joanne Sadowski Ingwall '63	Accounting Community Service Medicine
1994	Therese Sharpe Schoeneck '54	Community Service
1995	Carl A. Thomas '65	Education
1996	Anne Jones Endries '66 Francis J. Lostumbo '56 Michael D. Madden '71	Community Service Health Services Business
1997	Michael F. Curtin '62 James J. Zogby '67	Law International Relations
1998	Emil M. Rossi '63 Joan Zuendt Tonra '68	Law Finance

Year	Recipient	Field / Major
1999	Winifred E. Coleman '54 Joanne T. Marren '74	Education Law
2000	Robert M. Turner '70 John J. Zogby '70	Education Market Research/Polling
2001	Dr. Daniel L. Dombroski '56 John D. James '66	Medicine Business
2002	Daniel R. Brandhorst '82 (posthumous) Richard A. Hibey '62	Community Service Law
2003	Joseph S. Sansone Jr. '53 Dr. Carl J. Schramm '68	Military Health Care & Finance
2004	Eugene P. Vukelic '54 Robert Fagliarone '59	Industrial Relations Accounting
2005	Dr. Ronald A. Naumann '55 Henry "Hank" E. Braden IV '65	Medicine Law
2006	Dr. Theresa Pace Pretlow '61 Daniel J. Brown '51	Medicine Accounting
2007	John E. Kidd '57 Henry Fust '67	Law Accounting
2008	Jane Breschard-Wilson '63 Robert J. Hunt '63	Communications Law
2009	Dr. Frank Congel '64 Dr. David Dasher '69	Science Medicine
2010	Dena "Katy" Feeney '60	Mathematics

Year	Recipient	Field / Major
2011	Dr. Grace Wolff '61	Biology
2012	Leslie Shaw Ph. D. '62	Chemistry
2013	John T. Boorman '63	Mathematics
2014	Robert Doucette '69	Sociology
2015	Dr. Marc D. Brown '75	Biology
2016	S. Richard Fedrizzi '76	Accounting
2017	Kris M. Balderston '77	Political Science
2018	James S. Fralick '63	Economics
2019	Thomas G. Berkery '79	Accounting
2020	Wright L. Lassiter, III '85	Chemistry
2021	Tenzin Priyadarshi Rinpoche '01	Philosophy, Religious Studies, Physics
2022	Susan Gennaro '72 Joan M. McDonald '77	English English
2023	Regina (Lisi) Croucher '93	Accounting
2024	Vincent Brown '74	Political Science