

Ignatian Award, Honorary Alumnus/a

The Ignatian Awards were created by the Alumni Association's Awards Committee to honor the achievements of Le Moyne College's alumni and friends, reflecting the philosophy of St. Ignatius and the core principles of a Jesuit education. The Ignatian Award, Honorary Alumnus/Alumna, is bestowed upon a community member who, though not a Le Moyne graduate, exemplifies the spirit of being a Dolphin. This award is presented during Reunion Weekend.

2025 Recipient - Helen Dillon



Through her enduring commitment to the legacy of her late husband, John "Jack" Boorman '63, Helen J. Dillon has become a devoted and cherished supporter of Le Moyne College. Jack enjoyed a distinguished career at the International Monetary Fund and served on Le Moyne's board of trustees for 18 years, most notably as chair of the Investment Committee. His deep engagement with the College included delivering the Spring Madden Lecture in 2002, receiving the Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2013 and being awarded an honorary degree in 2020.

Helen actively supported Jack's philanthropy and service, frequently attending College events such as Founders' Day and alumni receptions in New York and Washington, D.C. Following Jack's passing in 2021, she honored his legacy by establishing the John T. (Jack) Boorman '63 Endowment for International Study, Travel or Volunteer Service - providing students with transformative global learning opportunities.

In 2023, Helen made another remarkable contribution by partnering with Michael Madden '71, with additional support from Dominick '76 and Rita Pullano, to create the John T. (Jack) Boorman '63 Endowed Chair in Business and Economics. This generous gift ensures Jack's passion for academic excellence and economics will continue to inspire and benefit generations of students.

Helen is a graduate of Marymount College in Tarrytown, New York, (now part of Fordham University). A lifelong international traveler and avid cyclist, she worked as a historian for the National Park Service in Washington, D.C., and later spent 25 years as a national account manager at AT&T, overseeing clients such as Marriott and the Federal Reserve. She has also shared her talents as an English as a second language teacher for immigrants.

Previous Recipients

Year	Recipient
1994	Frances E. Campion
1995	William F. Lynn
1996	Frank Fernandez
1997	Genevieve Saya
1998	Richard Rockwell
1999	John M. Endries
2001	Anne McLaughlin LaCasse
2002	Katharine Rose Hanley, Ph.D.
2003	Jay W. Wason
2004	The Rev. Harold E. Ridley, S.J. Theodore J. Scallon
2005	James N. Jerose
2006	Dr. Louis D. Degennaro
2007	Barbara Maylone Karper William S. Morris
2008	William Bosch, S.J.
2009	Daniel Mulhauser, S.J. Thomas Muench

Year	Recipient
2010	Dr. Martha Grabowski
2011	Bettye Dunn
2012	J. Barron Boyd Jr. Ph. D. '85
2013	Kim McAuliff Dr. Shawn Ward
2015	Fran Adams
2016	Steven W. Kulick
2017	Edward J. Bernat Diane H. Butler
2018	John P. Bucki S.J.
2019	Daniel Sheehan
2020	Inga H. Barnello
2021	Thomas Andino
2022	Susan Wetzel
2023	Frank Nash, S.J. Kasha Mitchell Godleski
2024	Frederick Glennon, Ph.D. Anne Kearney