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J. Pollard Turman Alumni Service Award

The J. Pollard Turman Alumni Service Award recognizes distinguished Emory alumni who have demonstrated exceptional volunteer leadership in alumni-related activities.

Background: J. Pollard Turman 34C 36L was an influential humanitarian whose support of higher education and cultural organizations benefited institutions throughout Georgia. In 1996, through the generosity of the Tull Charitable Foundation (an organization Turman helped form), Emory established the award to pay tribute to his lifelong contributions to the University. The Turman Award recognizes Emory alumni who, following graduation, have performed extraordinary service or made outstanding contributions of time, expertise, and leadership to Emory, and whose devotion to their alma mater can be expected to continue maturing.

Criteria: Recipients of the Turman Award are selected by the Nominating and Leadership Committee of Emory Alumni Board based upon one or more of the following criteria:

- Extraordinary service to Emory through alumni organizations, regional clubs, class programs, and other related groups.
- Leadership roles assumed through the Emory Alumni Association (EAA).
- Achievements in developing and enhancing alumni-related activities.
- Exceptional contributions of time and expertise as a part of his or her volunteer service on behalf of Emory.

Unless there is a compelling reason to select more than one recipient (for example, a couple whose achievements are difficult to distinguish from one another's), one Turman Award winner will be chosen each year.

The award: All recipients are expected to participate in a ceremony honoring the Turman award winner.

- **The ceremony:** Typically, the Turman Award dinner is held in the spring at Emory. This celebration includes members of the Turman family, previous winners, alumni, staff members, and Emory students. A cocktail reception for Turman family members and current and past award recipients will take place prior to the dinner.
- **Gathering with students:** The Turman Award recipient(s) will meet prior to the dinner with a group of students in the recipient's field for a roundtable

- discussion. EAA staff will work with the dean of the appropriate school(s)—those affiliated with the recipient—to develop an invitation list for students. Meeting a distinguished alumnus will be of great value to students and will ensure the Turman Award plays an important role in the life of the University. Following the discussion, students will join the Turman family and current and past recipients at the predinner reception.
- **Monetary award designation:** The Tull Foundation will make a gift of \$25,000 to Emory in honor of the Turman Award recipient to be directed to an Emory program, school, or division of his or her choosing. The direction of the gift shall be made in consultation with a designated staff member from the Office of Development and University Relations and appropriate deans and directors. The gift may be made to either academic or nonacademic programs, but must be directed—in its entirety—to a single entity with a valid account number within Emory. Social fraternities or sororities, student organizations without a permanent staff advisor, club sports organizations, and individual students, faculty, or staff members may not be designated recipients of the monetary award. In the event two Turman Award recipients are selected, each will designate half of the \$25,000, unless they agree the entire gift should be directed to one entity.

Nominations: Nominations for the Turman Award are solicited and accepted each year by EAA staff. Any member of the extended Emory community may nominate a worthy Emory alumnus for this distinguished award.

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