



## Old Dominion University Announces 2019 Alumni, Hall of Fame Awards

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Norfolk, VA. The Old Dominion University Alumni Association (ODUAA) is pleased to announce the 2019 Distinguished Alumni Honorees. These awards are given annually to graduates who have brought extraordinary honor to Old Dominion University (ODU) through distinction in their fields.

This year, ODUAA is proud to recognize **Robert A. “Bootie” Barker, III ’96**, Engineer, Leavine Family Racing; and **Halah M. Eldoseri ’12 PhD**, Scholar in Residence at the Center for Human Rights and Global Justice, NYU School of Law.

The Honorary Alumni Award, given in recognition of outstanding and meritorious service, will be given to **Cecelia “Cee Cee” Tucker**, Director of Community Relations, Old Dominion University.

**Kenneth E. Ampy ’90**, CEO, Astyra Corporation, will be awarded the Jack Frost Alumni Service Award.

Finally, the event will recognize the ODU Sports Hall of Fame inductees. Those being honored in 2019 include **Shareese N. Grant ’04**, Women’s Basketball; **Carlos S. Mendes ’19**, Men’s Soccer; **Gerald R. Lee ’10**, Men’s Basketball; and **James W. Nicholson ’11**, Wrestling.

The Old Dominion University Alumni Association traces its roots back to the days when Old Dominion University was the Norfolk Division of the College of William and Mary and the Virginia Polytechnic Institute. The school was founded in 1930. After the concerted effort of a number of the College’s first four-year graduates, the groundwork for the present Old Dominion University Alumni Association was established. In 1957, a formal alumni organization was successfully established and its first leadership team created. In 1985, in order to better serve the needs of the University, the association reestablished its independent, incorporated status.

The current Alumni Association Board of Directors is a dedicated group of volunteers representing more than 147,000 alumni in all states and 76 countries worldwide. Through the Board’s active leadership, the Alumni Association has established a number of programs to connect alumni and students to the University and each other. Included in these are chapters, career networking panels, and events to support ODU Athletics. The Alumni Association also annually awards the ODU Alumni Association Merit Scholarship, which recognizes top students and the New Faculty Award and Tonelson Award, which recognize outstanding teaching, research, and service among the faculty.

The Old Dominion University Sports Hall of Fame was established in 1980 with the induction of five charter members. Over 160 former student athletes, coaches and administrators have now had the honor of being

enshrined into the hall. These include 46 first team All-Americans, 14 Olympians, 11 members of the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame, a member in the CoSIDA Academic All-American Hall of Fame, and two members in the Naismith basketball and Women's Basketball Hall of Fame. Old Dominion accepts nominations each winter for candidates and welcomes fan and alumni response.

The Old Dominion University Alumni Honors Dinner will be held on Friday, October 25, 2019, at Hilton Norfolk The Main, beginning with a networking cocktail reception at 6:00 p.m. The dinner and awards begin at 7:00 p.m.

If you are interested in attending the Alumni Honors Dinner or becoming a sponsor, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 757.683.3097 or email to [odualumni@odu.edu](mailto:odualumni@odu.edu).