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Ebbers to receive Iowa State University Distinguished Alumni Award

Ames, IOWA – The Iowa State University Alumni Association will confer upon Larry Ebbers ('62 ag ed and studies, MS '68, PhD '71 higher ed) of Ames, Iowa, the Distinguished Alumni Award, the highest honor given to alumni by Iowa State University through the ISU Alumni Association. This award has been presented annually since 1961 to individuals who are nationally and/or internationally recognized for preeminent contributions to their professions or life's work.

Now retired from his faculty post in Iowa State University's School of Education, Ebbers enjoyed an ISU career that spanned more than five decades. During his tenure at Iowa State, Ebbers created Leadership Institute for a New Century, a statewide program designed to enhance opportunities for women and minorities in community colleges, as well as the highly regarded Community College Leadership Initiative Consortium. He also played an instrumental role in the creation and development of Iowa State's award-winning learning communities program, served as a mentor to numerous graduate students pursuing careers in higher education and student affairs and was active in several university committees dedicated to improving Iowa State University and the student experience.

Among the many leadership positions Ebbers has held at Iowa State are associate dean of the College of Education, director of the Research Institute for Studies in Education, chair of the department of professional studies, assistant dean of the College of Education and assistant director of the department of residence. His career has demonstrated a consistent dedication to students and to the field of higher education.

Distinguished awards recipients will be honored on campus Friday, April 7 at 2 p.m. in the Scheman Building's Benton Auditorium. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend. For more information on the 2017 Distinguished Awards Celebration, visit <http://www.isualum.org/dac>.