2017 Alumni Award Recipients

Young Alumnus Award: Luke Glaze ('07, SICS) started the social business Green Creations (greencreationsjo.com) in Jordan, providing employment for women in poverty, educating the community on environmental issues and helping provide a community where the love of God is experienced. After six years, Luke returned to his hometown of Salem, Oregon and is launching another business, Sparrow Furniture (sparrowfurniture.org), to provide transitional employment to the increasing refugee population as they learn English and build their resumes with practical skills. Luke and his wife, Jocelyn ('06), have two children.

Cultural Impact Award: Mark Joseph ('90, Communication Studies) is an award-winning film and music producer, author and founder/CEO of MJM Entertainment Group and Bully! Pulpit Records. From 2000–2005 he worked in development and marketing for Walden Media. In 2004 he produced the award-winning rock soundtrack for *The Passion of The Christ*. Mark has worked in the development and/or marketing of 40 films, including *The Chronicles of Narnia, Ray, Holes, I Am David, Because of Winn Dixie, Son of God* and *Little Boy*, among others. He is co-founder and a member of the board of directors of the Damah Film Festival and the Hiroshima International Film Festival. Mark is the author of four books, including *The Lion, The Professor & The Movies: Narnia’s Journey to The Big Screen*. Mark lives in Southern California with his wife and six children.
Cultural Impact Award: Shelley Leith (‘80, Business Administration) is the National Director of Church Relations for Zondervan, training churches to implement year-long intergenerational discipleship programs such as *The Story* and *Believe*. Prior to that she was on staff at Saddleback Church, where she was responsible for developing the *40 Days of Purpose* campaign. She is the author of books on character: one for women, called *Character Makeover*, and a study for teen girls called *Head to Soul Makeover*. She speaks all over the country on topics of character, self-esteem, family mission statements, marriage and motherhood. Shelley and her husband live in Southern California, they have been married 36 years and they have five children, all Biola alumni.

Clyde Cook Missions Award: Allan “Lanny” Arensen (’71, Physical Education) served with Africa Inland Mission (AIM) for over 40 years, first as a missionary to East Africa and later as the International Director of AIM. Before retiring to Colorado, Lanny and his wife had the responsibility to recruit, screen and prepare missionary candidates in their pilgrimage to Africa. They cared for the financial and administrative details for members and raised awareness in churches, schools and other places about the work of God in Africa. They served 15 countries: Chad, Central Africa Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda, South Sudan, Uganda, Angola, Island of the Indian Ocean, Lesotho, Madagascar, Mayotte, Mozambique, Namibia, Kenya and Tanzania. Their International Departments included Rift Valley Academy, AIM International Services and TIMO Programs.
Lifetime Achievement Award: Anne Abajian Sandoval ('48, Biblical Studies; ’77 Honorary Doctorate) was born in Los Angeles in 1924, the child of immigrants who fled Armenia during the Armenian genocide. Anne was a young woman when WWII broke out and worked for the Lockheed Corporation building the P-38 during the war years. After the war, Anne attended Biola and was extremely active in student leadership, reporting for *The Chimes* and organizing athletic club events. Upon graduating, Anne married and gained valuable church ministry experience. Her husband was a young pastor and in the small churches he led, Anne played a crucial role in building Sunday school programs. The combination of a Biola education and this practical experience would be crucial when her husband was recruited to build and teach in the new Christian Education department at Western Seminary in Portland, Oregon. Unfortunately, he died shortly after arriving. The seminary leadership asked Anne to step in and take her husband’s place. She did so and dedicated the next 25 years to teaching in the Western Seminary Christian Education department, developing its resource center and serving as department chair. In addition, Anne travelled throughout the states to speak at conferences and served as a consultant for Gospel Light Publications, helping churches with their curriculum and training staff through workshops. In 1977, Biola awarded Anne an Honorary Doctorate. It was the first doctorate given to a woman by Biola University.

After 25 years of teaching at Western Seminary, Anne served as the Children’s Director at Milwaukie First Baptist Church for nearly eight years. After “retirement,” she dedicated another three years to serve as Coordinator of Volunteers at a local high school, recruiting and establishing a volunteer program for over 300 parents. At 93 years of age, Anne is still active with her church, community and family.
Rosemead Alumni Award: COL Jay Earles, PhD ('94), ABPP is the Chief, Department of Behavioral Health at Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center (DDEAMC) and former Clinical Psychology Consultant to the Army Surgeon General. He was direct commissioned into the Medical Service Corps in 1993, then completed his clinical psychology internship training at DDEAMC. Previous assignments include Chief, Department of BH at Womack Army Medical Center (WAMC), Chief, Research and Analysis, Joint Military Information Support Command, USSOCOM; Dir, Clinical Psychology Internship Program, DDEAMC; Dir, Clinical Health Psychology Fellowship, Tripler Army Medical Center (TAMC), Division Psychologist, 1st Cavalry Division, Ft. Hood, TX. COL Earles is a board certified Clinical Health Psychologist with more than 20 years of postdoctoral experience. At DDEAMC, Dr. Earles leads five outpatient BH clinics and two inpatient programs with 120 total providers and staff, provides clinical services, supervises psychology interns and residents, teaches didactics and supports DDEAMC’s behavioral health research mission. Over the course of his training and career, he has served as a presenter, staff trainer, has co-authored scientific papers and co-authored a book chapter. He is the President of the American Board of Clinical Health Psychology. He is married to Kim (Hildreth) Earles and they are the parents of two children. They are active members of their church and are involved in several local and international compassionate ministries.