

Chapel Hill resident earns honors for lifetime service to Alfred University

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Donald A. Boulton of Chapel Hill, NC received the Lillian T. Nevins Award for Lifetime Service to Alfred University during the 124th Annual Alumni Association Awards Picnic earlier this month. The award honors alumni who have rendered outstanding service to AU. It is reserved for those who, throughout a period of many years, have worked with interest, intelligence, and success to promote the highest interests of Alfred University and its alumni. Boulton, a member of the AU class of 1952, was cited for his work in higher education both in the United States and abroad. Each year he travels overseas for a six-week visit to St. Andrews, Scotland to consult with St. Mary's College of St. Andrews University on the creation and implementation of a United Kingdom higher education accreditation system. Boulton was also instrumental in developing and nurturing the Golden Saxons (those alumni who mark more than 50 years since graduation) program during Reunion weekend. He recognized the potential to celebrate this group of individuals and their strong allegiance to their alma mater, and now helps them celebrate it. He has also been an active alumnus by serving as vice president of the Alumni Council and on the Awards and Recognitions Committee. Boulton earned bachelor of arts degrees in chemistry and biology and letters in cross-country and track at AU. He was also a Delta Sigma Phi brother. He later received a master's degree from the New Brunswick Theology Seminary followed by a doctorate in education in counseling from Columbia University. He worked as the dean of students at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill (UNC), retiring as vice chancellor in 1997. Boulton considers one of his biggest accomplishments at UNC to be the change from the "old boys" network to a student body of more diversity with an increase in female population from 16 percent to 62 percent, and a 16 percent increase in the minority student body population. He and his wife, Rosemary, continue to reside in Chapel Hill.