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JIM DEJONG AWARDED THE 2019 CARROLL UNIVERSITY DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD

Shareholder and past firm president Jim DeJong is the 2019 recipient of the P.E. MacAllister Distinguished Alumnus Award for his service to Carroll University. Named after P.E. MacAllister, alumnus from the class of 1940 and member of the Carroll Board of Trustees for over fifty years, the P.E. MacAllister Distinguished Alumnus Award for service to Carroll recognizes individuals for their extraordinary commitment and service to their alma mater.

"Jim has demonstrated his passion for and commitment to Carroll in numerous ways. He has been an active alumnus, assisting with alumni programs and other aspects of the campus community as the parent of two Carroll graduates. His leadership stood out as a board member – chair of the institutional advancement committee, co-chair of Carroll's largest comprehensive campaign and chair of the presidential search committee. Jim also served with distinction as chair of the board and is a most deserving recipient of this award, named for P.E. MacAllister. Jim follows in his footsteps, as he has generously given of his time, talent and treasure." – Dr. Cindy Gnadinger, President of Carroll University.

Carroll University's Distinguished Alumni Award is the highest honor bestowed by the University. The award is provided to Carroll graduates based on their professional achievements, contributions to society and support of the university.The recipients of this award are chosen based on their demonstrated quality of leadership, volunteerism, and professional excellence in their fields.

As an alumnus, Jim has served his alma mater in a variety of leadership capacities. He began his nine year tenure on Carroll's Board of Trustees in 2008 and served as Board Chair for three years of his tenure. He was also a member of the President's Advisory Council, Chair of the Board's Institutional Advancement Committee, and Co-Chair of Campaign Carroll: The Common Thread.

Over the years, both Jim and his wife, Patty, have volunteered and appeared at multiple alumni and campus events, including regional gatherings throughout the U.S. Jim has served on several of his reunion committees throughout the years and delivered the commencement keynote address to Carroll's Class of 2017.

Jim's contributions to Carroll College are greatly valued, as expressed in an article published

by the University on its website:

“Jim’s ongoing encouragement of alumni and friends to start and/or continue their engagement with Carroll is very beneficial and helps keep Carroll a very special place.”

Read the full honor here.