

Alumni Association Announces 2016 Award Recipient



The 2016 Alumnus of the Year is Vera Whited Hyatt. Vera graduated from Hiwassee in 1967. After graduation, she earned a B.S. from Tennessee Wesleyan and a M.S. in School Counseling from the University of Tennessee. She worked for 38 years as a teacher and school counselor until her retirement. She lives in Athens, Tennessee and keeps very busy with her many hobbies.

Vera has served on the Alumni Association Board of Governors since 1997. During this time, she has served as the chairperson of multiple committees, secretary, president-elect, and the Board of Governors representative to the Board of Trustees. She has served as president for the last two years her commitment extending above and beyond the duties of the office. During her tenure, she established the Laycock Alumni Center Task Force that raised funds to replace the roof and windows and maintain the appearance of the building and grounds. Since this is the first building seen by prospective students, parents, and visitors, Vera wanted the center to be representative of the pride of a caring and nurturing Hiwassee environment.