Nedret Butler graduated from the University of Minnesota with a Bachelor of Arts in architecture in 1972 and Bachelor of Architecture in 1973. Her service as a passionate ambassador, advisor, recruiter, and mentor in support of the College of Design and School of Architecture has helped to extend the reach of the University of Minnesota and its alumni community to Istanbul, Turkey.

A champion for enhancing the learning abroad experience, she has given a tremendous amount of time and resources to establish a permanent home for international student education in Istanbul. Her efforts have helped nearly 100 students study abroad and led to establishing the Istanbul Learning Abroad Center in 2013, which enables students and faculty to learn and collaborate in a city rich with culture and history. As a member of the College of Design Advisory Council and a volunteer for the University’s Office of Admissions, her contributions will benefit the University for years to come.

Upon the recommendation of the University of Minnesota Alumni Association, the Regents of the University of Minnesota, in recognition of devoted service, present this Alumni Service Award to Nedret E. Butler in April 2014.

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Gwendolyn Freed graduated from the University of Minnesota with a master's degree in public affairs in 2007 and a doctorate in educational policy and administration in 2012. Based in Seattle, Washington, where she is the Vice President for Institutional Advancement at Cornish College of the Arts, she is a great champion for the Humphrey School.

During her five-year tenure on the school's alumni board, she strengthened relationships between the school and its alumni and served as a liaison during the search for a new dean. An exemplar of the Humphrey School's mission “to advance the common good in a diverse world,” she inspires others to do more for one another. She has mentored multiple students and has provided philanthropic leadership at the Humphrey School and the College of Liberal Arts.
James H. Hammill graduated from the University of Minnesota with a bachelor's degree in 1957 and a master's degree in 1962. A visionary leader within the Department of Applied Economics, he has been instrumental in turning the Minnesota Council on Economic Education (MCEE) into one of the University of Minnesota's strongest outreach programs.

His passionate involvement over the last 25 years has helped MCEE provide professional education to social studies, business, and agricultural teachers across the state. His impact on economic education extends to the Department of Applied Economics, where he has established two scholarship funds for K-12 teachers pursuing advanced degrees in economics. He is a true champion of the University's mission to extend knowledge and resources to the community.
Heather L. Midje Larson graduated from the University of Minnesota with a bachelor's degree in 1988 and a master of business administration in 1995. Throughout her 26-year career at General Mills, she has been instrumental in strengthening the relationship between the Carlson School of Management and the Twin Cities business community.

A longtime member of the school's supply chain and operations board of advisors, she played a key role in recruiting students, developing internships, and creating a new experiential course. She was instrumental in launching Carlson Consulting Enterprise at General Mills, regularly connects faculty with key leaders, and encourages University involvement among fellow alumni. Her work to ensure that Carlson School supply chain and operations' curricula is relevant and applicable has enriched the lives of countless students.

Upon the recommendation of the University of Minnesota Alumni Association, the Regents of the University of Minnesota, in recognition of devoted service, present this Alumni Service Award to Heather L. Midje Larson on October 16, 2014.
Richard T. Murphy Jr. earned bachelor's degrees in landscape architecture and environmental design as well as a master of business administration from the University of Minnesota. He is president, chief executive officer, and a fourth generation family leader of Murphy Warehouse Company.

A steadfast volunteer, he has served on six University boards since 1996. During his time on the College of Design's advisory boards, he has been instrumental in connecting the college, its students, and its faculty with landscape architecture professionals. As a member of the Carlson School of Management's supply chain and operations board of advisors, he has helped to increase undergraduate enrollment dramatically over the last five years. His efforts as a mentor and adjunct faculty member for 26 years have fostered the development of countless emerging design and business professionals.

Upon the recommendation of the University of Minnesota Alumni Association, the Regents of the University of Minnesota, in recognition of devoted service, present this Alumni Service Award to Richard T. Murphy Jr. on October 16, 2014.