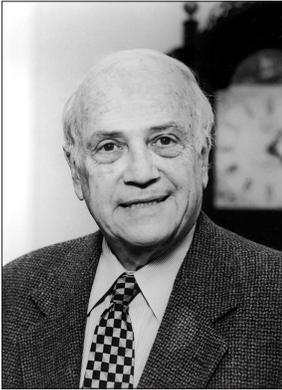


The 2011 Summit Awards



Dr. W. Gerald Austen – Honorary Chair of the 2011 Summit Awards

Dr. W. Gerald Austen, M.D., is a renowned heart surgeon and is widely considered the foremost heart specialist in the world. Since 1974, he has been the Edward D. Churchill professor of surgery at Harvard Medical School and at Massachusetts General Hospital. From 1969 to 1997, Dr. Austen was chief of the surgical services at Massachusetts General Hospital. He is the former president of the American College of Surgeons, the American Association for Thoracic Surgery, the American Surgical Association and the Massachusetts and American Heart Associations. Dr. Austen is a member emeritus of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences, a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, a life member emeritus of the corporation of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and chairman emeritus of the board of trustees of the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation. He received his Bachelor of Science from MIT and his Doctor of Medicine from Harvard Medical School.

Shirley Fry Irvin – Sports



In the 1950s, Irvin was the #1 rated women's tennis player in the world and one of only 16 to win all four major Open tournaments. Her father owned a tennis shop on E. Exchange Street in Akron, and his love of tennis played a major influence in her career. Irvin learned to play tennis on the Mason Park courts near her home. She currently lives in Florida.

John S. and James L. Knight* – Philanthropy



Founders of the Knight-Ridder newspapers and the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, the brothers are being recognized for their philanthropic efforts on a national scale. To date, their foundation has granted

more than \$1.2 billion, with specific funds going to eight resident communities, including Akron. Today, the Knight Foundation holds assets of more than \$2.2 billion.

Lewis Miller* – Industrialism



A local inventor, Miller had a number of patents and businesses, but he is most recognized as a co-founder of the Chautauqua (NY) Institute and the Akron Sunday School Plan.

Dolores Parker Morgan – Entertainment



One of Duke Ellington's 1940s jazz vocalists, Morgan performed in theaters across the United States. She is regarded as one of the greatest singers and recording artists. She currently resides in Fairlawn, Ohio.

Ara Parseghian – Humanitarianism



A native of Akron, Parseghian is being recognized for his humanitarian efforts in funding research on Niemann-Pick disease. Some people will know him as the football coach of Northwestern University, and others most famously as head coach of the University of Notre Dame where he won national titles in 1966 and 1973.

Frederick Douglass "Fritz" Pollard* – Trailblazer



Inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2005, Pollard was the first African American head coach of a professional football team, the Akron Pros. He is also one of the first two African Americans to play in the National Football League.

James Stewart Polshek – Arts



As an architect, Polshek is known for designing the National Inventors Hall of Fame in Akron, William J. Clinton Presidential Center in Little Rock, and most recently the Newseum, a news museum in Washington, D.C. He grew up in Akron and now resides in Manhattan, New York.

*deceased