Past Par Excellence Award Winners
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1982 – 2015

2015  Steven Sharp Nelson, Cellist, The Piano Guys
2014  Ryan J. Watts, Neuroscientist, Genentech
2013  Stevonne “Steve” Smith, Wide Receiver, Carolina Panthers, NFL
2012  Kiri L. Wagstaff, Senior Researcher with NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California Institute of Technology
2011  Luz Robles, Utah State Senator and VP, Hispanic/Latino Market Manager, Zions Bank
2010  Brad Wilkins, Architect, Smith+Gill
2009  Edward R. Morrison, professor of law, Columbia University
2008  Neil H. Ashdown, chief of staff to Governor Huntsman
2007  Kirk L. Jowers, director of the Hinckley Institute of Politics, University of Utah
2006  Matt Minkevitch, director of The Road Home (homeless services)
2005  Stacey Orlob Richins, director of the Children's Ballet Theatre
2004  Luther Elliss, former Utah football star, humanitarian
2003  Mark John Ott, chair of the Department of Surgery at LDS Hospital
2002  John Kendall Garff, CEO and founder of Vehix.com
2001  Kristin Brewer, director of the Office of Guardian ad Litem
2000  David Spafford, cofounder of Megahertz and founder of the Carmen B. Pingree School for Children with Autism
1999  Robert Lynn Flores, associate professor, University of Utah College of Law
1998  John H. Stevens, M.D., founder, director, and chief technology officer for Heartport, a manufacturer of Port Access Systems used to perform minimally invasive cardiac surgery
1997  Christopher R. Johnson, director of the Center for Scientific Computing and
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Imaging, and holder of four faculty appointments at the University of Utah

1996 **Jon M. Huntsman, Jr.,** vice chair, Huntsman Chemical Corporation (former governor of Utah; currently U.S. ambassador to China)

1995 No award made


1993 **Lillian Tom Orme,** nurse specialist: Native American, Transcultural Nursing, Salt Lake City, Utah

**Anne M. Stirba,** J.D., Third District judge, Salt Lake City, Utah

1992 **Stephen Greg Marsden and Megan McCuniff Marsden,** coaches of the University of Utah Women's Gymnastics Team

1991 **Terry Tempest Williams,** author (Refuge, Leap) and conservationist

1990 **Steven B. Giddings,** renowned physicist and professor of physics the University of California, Santa Barbara

1989 **Penny Simpson Brooke,** assistant dean, University of Utah College of Nursing

1988 **Jeffrey Clawson,** M.D., inventor of national 911 emergency response system

1987 **Frederick Kempe,** former editor and associate publisher of The Wall Street Journal Europe, and author of Divorcing the Dictator: America's Bungled Affair with Noriega and Siberian Odyssey: A Voyage into the Russian Soul

1986 **Victoria Morgan,** principal dancer and choreographer, San Francisco Ballet

1985 **Cecil Samuelson,** former dean, University of Utah College of Medicine, current president of Brigham Young University

1984 **Stephen Jacobsen,** robotics innovator and professor of Engineering at the University of Utah

**Heidi H. Jacobs,** professor of education at Columbia University Teachers College, and innovator in child education programs

1983 **Robert Jarvik,** M.D., inventor of the artificial heart

**Ralph Mabey,** bankruptcy court judge

1982 **E. Gordon Gee,** president of Ohio State University and former chancellor of Vanderbilt University