



*Outstanding Alumni: Kevin Scott Smith, Munir Sindir, Thomas Hunter, Frank Gillette, Kevin Byrd, Edward Humbert, Charles Benedict, Andrew Hines, Curtis Stanton and Bala*

## 2010 Outstanding Alumni Awards

**Dr. Donald C. Daniel (UF 2010 Distinguished Alumnus Award)**  
*Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Air Force for Science, Technology and Engineering*  
*BS, MS, PHD degrees in Aerospace Engineering at UF*  
 For his technical contributions and his service to this country.

**Frank Gillette (UF 2010 Distinguished Alumnus Award)**  
*Pratt & Whitney, retired*  
*BS in Mechanical Engineering, 1962*  
 For his technical contributions as an aerospace engineer and for his longstanding support of the University and our Department.

**Andrew H. Hines, Jr. (UF 2010 Distinguished Alumnus Award)**  
*Chairman, Progress Energy, Retired*  
*BS in Mechanical Engineering*  
 For his important contributions in the energy sector and for his longstanding support of the University of Florida.

**Dr. Thomas O. Hunter (UF 2010 Distinguished Alumnus Award)**  
*President Emeritus, Sandia National Laboratories*  
*BS in Mechanical Engineering*  
 For outstanding leadership in research and development in support of national security.

**Dr. William F. Powers (UF 2010 Distinguished Alumnus Award)**  
*Ford Motor Co, retired*  
*BS in Aerospace Engineering, 1963*  
 For his outstanding contributions to aerospace and automotive technologies, and for his service to UF.

**Curtis H. Stanton (UF 2010 Distinguished Alumnus Award)**  
*Orlando Utilities Commission, retired*  
*BS in Mechanical Engineering, 1940*  
 For his outstanding contributions to General Electric and the Orlando Utilities Commission. Is the namesake of the Curtis H. Stanton Energy Center in Orange County (OUC's largest power plant).

**Dr. Charles Benedict (MAE 2010 Outstanding Alumni Award)**  
*President, BEC Industries, LLC*

*BS, MS, PhD in Mechanical Engineering, UF 1968, 1969, 1971*  
 For his entrepreneurial spirits and for his leadership and international reputation in accident reconstruction, product-failure analysis, and mechanical design.

**Mr. Kevin Byrd (MAE 2010 Outstanding Alumni Award)**  
*TV Show Host*  
*BS in Mechanical Engineering, UF 1998*  
 For his creative spirit in building and hosting the successful TV show "Two Guys Garage" and for his contributions to powertrain research and development.

**Dr. Kevin A. Ford (MAE 2010 Outstanding Alumni Award)**  
*NASA Astronaut*  
*MS in Aerospace Engineering, UF 1994*  
 For an outstanding service in the Air Force and for being part of the elite group of NASA astronauts.

**Dr. Edward T Humbert (MAE 2010 Outstanding Alumni Award)**  
*Orthopedic Surgeon*  
*BS in Mechanical Engineering, UF 1990*  
 For establishing himself as a regional leader in total joint replacement and arthroscopy, and for his contribution to orthopedic research and education.

**Dr. Munir Sindir (MAE 2010 Outstanding Alumni Award)**  
*Director, Engineering Technical Disciplines, Pratt & Whitney Rocketdyne*  
*BS, MS in Aerospace Engineering, UF 1976*  
 In recognition of leadership provided to the engineering disciplines at Pratt & Whitney Rocketdyne, The Boeing Company and Rockwell International Corporation.

**Prof. K. Scott Smith (MAE 2010 Outstanding Alumni Award)**  
*Chair and Professor, University of North Carolina, Charlotte*  
*MS, PhD in Mechanical Engineering, UF 1986, 1987*  
 For his fundamental contributions to machine design, dynamics of machine tools and our understanding of vibrations.