2018 Outstanding Alumni Awards

Dr. Matthew Bellman (Young Alumnus)
- BS, MS & PhD (UF MAE Mechanical Engineering)
- Co-founder and CTO - MYOLYN
- Professional Career:
  - Florida Institute for Human and Machine Cognition
  - SpaceX
  - Center for Intelligent Machines and Robotics (Crane)
  - Nonlinear Controls and Robotics Lab (Dixon)
  - FDA Clearance of MyoCycle for paralyzed patients
- Highlights and Accomplishments
  - FDA Clearance of MyoCycle for patients with paralysis
  - Florida Institute for Commercialization of Public Research Award
  - 2018 UF Go Greater campaign speaker with President Fuchs

Mr. David D. Boree
- BSME (UF MAE)
- Chairman and CEO – W.W. Gay Mechanical Contractors
- Professional Recognition:
  - President of ASHRAE of N.E. Florida
  - Florida President of Nat. Environmental Balancing Bureau
  - President N.E. Florida Engineering Society
  - Florida Engineering Society – Young Engineer of the Year
  - Advisory Board – UF MAE and Univ. North Florida Engineering
- Community Involvement
  - President – Rotary Club of Jacksonville
  - Board – N.E. Florida Boy Scouts
  - Chair and Exec. Committee – Jacksonville Sports Council
  - Board – Pace Center for Girls, Leukemia/Lymphoma Society
Dr. Arvid Myklebust
- BS, MS & PhD (UF MAE Mechanical Engineering)
- Professor Emeritus – Virginia Tech
- Professional Career:
  - Virginia Tech – 1983 to 2002
  - Co-founder Phoenix Integration – 1995 to present
  - Co-founder & CEO AVID – 2001 to 2005
  - Co-founder & CTO Theta Tech Solutions – 2011 to 2012
- Honors and Accomplishments
  - VTech Faculty Entrepreneur Hall of Fame (2013)
  - Horned Owl UAV program director
  - Co-founded ACSYNT Institute as first Space Act Agreement
  - Board – Pace Center for Girls, Leukemia/Lymphoma Society

Dr. Jim Sirkis
- BS, MS & PhD (UF MAE Engineering Science)
- Professor, University of Maryland (1989 – 1999). Early work in smart structures
- Left academia to become a serial entrepreneur:
  - Joined CiDRA
  - A Founder of CyVera (Acquired by Illumina) – VP Product Development
  - A Founder of CiDRA Precision Services (acquired by IDEX Corp)
- CTO, IDEX Scientific Fluidics & Optics Group since 2015 – Multinational company focusing on Life Sciences, In Vitro Diagnostics, Analytical Instruments, Defense and Semiconductors
- Lucky enough to have a few good ideas that contributed to successful companies, 100s of jobs & $100Ms of revenue.