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Regents recognize Thomas Keating for Outstanding Service to Higher Education in Arizona

PHOENIX – The Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR) honored Thomas Keating with the Regents' Award for Outstanding Service to Higher Education at a dinner reception held in conjunction with the Board's recent meeting.

The award was established in 1996 to provide special recognition for Arizona citizens and/or organizations that provide exceptional service to higher education in Arizona.

"Thomas Keating joins the ranks of a select, distinguished group of individuals who have received this award," commented Regent Mark Killian, who chaired this year's Regents' Award nominating committee. "His generous support has benefitted the University of Arizona and its students in myriad ways and has helped advance higher education in Arizona."

University of Arizona President Ann Weaver Hart added her praise for the honoree. "Some people show their support by giving money and others show their support by giving their time. Tom does both of those things, and a whole lot more. Visitors to campus can see the results of his contributions to the UA in the Thomas W. Keating Bioresearch Building and the Alumni Plaza. What they can't see are the hours he has put in behind the scenes, helping the University enhance its impact on the local and global communities."

Mr. Keating, a 2000 graduate of the University of Arizona, served as president, CEO and chairman for 23 years of American Protective Services, a company founded by his father, which grew to become the fourth largest security guard contracting company in the United States with 19,000 employees. Mr. Keating has donated his time and resources to countless UA projects, colleges and departments. He served seven years on the Alumni Association Board of Directors and chaired it. He is in his eighth year of service on the Foundation Board of Directors and is chair-elect.

Mr. Keating and his wife, Reenie, have made major donations to the Alumni Association, Intercollegiate Athletics, the Colleges of Agriculture, Social and Behavioral Sciences and Honors, and also Campus Life. Additionally, the Keatings have supported generously the BIO5 Institute, which is housed in the building that bears Mr. Keating's name and where Keating serves on the BIO5 Business Advisory Board. Other

projects the Keatings have supported are the Alumni Plaza, Women's Plaza, the 1885 Society, Dance and a host of smaller opportunities.

This year's honorees also included Harry Hengl and Julie Ann Wrigley. A list of previous award winners is available [here](#).



UA President Ann Weaver Hart and Thomas Keating

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