



THE FARMHOUSE FOUNDATION

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Two Generous Alumni Honored with the FarmHouse Foundation's Philanthropy Laureate Award

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Two alumni of FarmHouse International Fraternity will be honored with the FarmHouse Foundation's Philanthropy Laureate award, its most prestigious honor. **Jon Ellis** (IA '84) has been named the 2009 Philanthropy Laureate and **Randy Linville** (KS '73) has been named the 2010 Laureate.

The Philanthropy Laureates recognition was established in 1999 by the FarmHouse Foundation Board of Trustees. This distinguished designation for outstanding philanthropic support is the highest honor bestowed by the Foundation. The recipient(s) must have exhibited great philanthropic intent throughout his/her life and have some connection with a FarmHouse brother, spouse, parent, relative, etc. Often the recipient is an individual who has made financial and service contributions of significant dimension to the Foundation, individual FarmHouse chapters and/or society. Recipients may be chosen annually, but are recognized at the Fraternity's biennial Conclave. Since its inception, only 12 men have been named Philanthropy Laureates.

"Jon Ellis and Randy Linville are truly exemplars of the type of person the Foundation seeks to recognize through its Philanthropy Laureate Award," said Allison Rickels, FarmHouse Foundation executive director, in announcing the recipients. "We are grateful for and humbled by their continued generosity. Both have been visionary leaders for the Foundation, serving as executive officers of the Foundation during their tenure as Trustees and each has been the right leader at the right time – Jon with his leadership as fundraising chair during Campaign 2005, and Randy for his leadership as Foundation Chairman during the executive director transition between Bob Off and me. Their passion, enthusiasm and generosity for FarmHouse is inspiring. This award is a small gesture of our appreciation for what they've given to Building the Leaders of Tomorrow."

Jon Ellis (IA '84), the 2009 recipient, is a former member of the FarmHouse Foundation Board of Trustees (1997-2004) and is one of the Foundation's major benefactors. As a Trustee, Jon helped to initiate the Foundation's first capital campaign, Campaign 2005 and he served as chairman of the fund-raising committee. Jon and his wife Juli made the first major gift to Campaign 2005. Jon also helped the Board keep the focus and emphasis on building the Campaign 2005 Endowment Fund. In 2004, he received the Foundation's Campaign 2005 Acorn Award, which was given to six key individuals who had the vision, leadership, faith and generosity to make Campaign 2005 a reality. He participated in the 2009 Power of 7 Seminar, when he

contributed over \$7,000 to the Annual Fund in the 2008-2009 fiscal year and sponsored an undergraduate to attend the Seminar. He is a member of the Century Club, the Foundation's highest accumulative giving club, for gifts of \$100,000 and more. Jon is President and CEO of Paradise Park, Inc., Kansas City's premier family destination with an award-winning Children's Edutainment Center. Jon is involved with his community and numerous non-profit organizations, including serving as president of Powell Gardens, Lee's Summit (Mo.) Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Lee's Summit Health Care Foundation. Jon graduated from Iowa State University and received his Master's degree from the University of Missouri. Jon and Juli have two sons and live in Lee's Summit, Mo.

Randy Linville (KS '73), the 2010 recipient, is past Chairman (2006-08) and former Trustee (2002-2008) of the Foundation's Board of Trustees, providing outstanding leadership during his tenure. Randy spearheaded the Foundation's current strategic plan as well as led the executive search efforts and transition between executive directors Bob Off and Allison Rickels. In 2008, as CEO of The Scoular Company, he was instrumental in the company's generous donation of office furniture to the FarmHouse International Office. He is a member of the Century Club, the Foundation's highest accumulative giving club, for gifts of \$100,000 and more. He has established the Linville Endowment Fund, which provides income to be used at the Trustees' discretion. Randy also participated in the 2010 Power of 7 Seminar, contributing over \$7,000 to the Annual Fund in the 2009-2010 fiscal year and sponsoring an undergraduate to attend the Seminar. He has also generously included FarmHouse in his estate plans. Randy possesses more than three decades of experience and success as a commodity market trader, international business executive and corporate board leader in the agriculture and commodity industry. He is the immediate past President and CEO of The Scoular Company. He served in this role from 1999-2009, beginning his career with Scoular in 1984. The Scoular Company is a century-old agricultural marketing company located across North America, shipping goods around the globe. Randy earned his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Kansas State University. In addition to being a large shareholder in The Scoular Company, he is a member of The Economics Club of Kansas City, the National Association of Corporate Directors, and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. He serves on the Board of Directors of the One Hundred X Foundation. He and his wife Debbie and their two children live in Leawood, Kansas.

These two recipients will be honored on Saturday, August 7, at the FarmHouse Foundation's Alumni Dinner during the Fraternity's 46th Biennial Conclave, August 4-8 in Columbus, Ohio. To learn more about Conclave, visit the FarmHouse web site, www.FarmHouse.org, for event details and registration information.

The FarmHouse Foundation is a 501(c)3 public educational foundation supporting the educational and leadership programs of the Fraternity as well as providing scholarships to individual members for academic achievement. FarmHouse International Fraternity is a men's international agriculturally-related fraternity founded in 1905 that seeks to build men intellectually, spiritually, socially, morally and physically. FarmHouse is located on 35 campuses throughout the United States and Canada, with 1,400 undergraduates and 25,000 living alumni.

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