

## Civil Society Advocate and Author to Speak at Commencement

Don Eberly, an award-winning author, civic entrepreneur and civil society advocate will be the May 2 commencement speaker. Eberly will be speaking on "Serving in the Spirit of Lincoln."

Eberly is a nationally and internationally noted author and advocate for civil society, private philanthropy and volunteerism. His career includes a decade serving in senior policy positions in Congress and two administrations, and another decade advocating for and creating nonprofit organizations to strengthen community and civic life.

Eberly has authored numerous books and essays on topics of community-based solutions.

His latest book, *The Rise of Global Civil Society: Building Communities and Nations from the Bottom Up*, received critical acclaim for its sweeping overview of the forces now shaping the global debate, including citizen-led development projects, poverty-reduction strategies that substitute opportunity for charity, and electronically linked movements to combat corruption and autocratic rule. An earlier

book, *Building a Community of Citizens*, has been translated into Arabic and is widely circulated within pro-democracy movements in the Middle East.

Eberly has founded several nationally recognized nonpartisan, nonprofit organizations to promote civic and democratic renewal, including the National Fatherhood Initiative, which is credited with having launched a national community-based social movement to renew committed, involved fatherhood. He also founded the "Civil Society Project," which promotes philanthropy, volunteerism and nonprofit solutions.

Eberly holds master's degrees in government from George Washington University and the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, and has done doctoral studies at the School of Public Affairs at Penn State University.

Commencement will be held Saturday, May 2, at 10 a.m. on Chryst Field at Biemesderfer Stadium. For more information, go to: [www.millersville.edu/commencement](http://www.millersville.edu/commencement).



Don Eberly

## University's Annual Alumni Awards



Paul S. Beideman

Paul S. Beideman '71, will receive the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Millersville University Alumni Association at the 51st Annual Undergraduate Honors and Awards Convocation on April 18. This is the highest award an alumnus can receive from the alumni association. Beideman is the CEO of Associated Bank Corp, headquartered in Green Bay, Wisconsin. The Honors College Fellowship Program at Millersville University was established by Beideman and his wife, Caroline.

Beideman is on the University of Green Bay Board of Directors, Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce Board of Directors and also serves on the Board of Trustees for Widener

University and the Philadelphia Zoo.

The recipients of the Honorary Alumnus Award this year are Dr. Charles Winter and Stanley Kabacinski.

Winter is a world-renowned surgeon who was born in Germany and made his home in Lancaster in 1960 after working in New York, Tennessee and Ohio. In 1963, he made medical history when he reattached the severed arm of a local farmer, and in 1970 he connected the first electric prosthesis arm in the United States. A longtime friend and supporter of the University, Winter made a major gift to the University in 2007 in support of a visual and performing arts center.

An instructor in wellness & sport sciences at the University for 29 years, Kabacinski retired in May 2007. He served as an assistant football coach for 11 years and became chair of wellness & sports sciences in 1999 and served in that position until 2006. Kabacinski was also involved in over 450 motivational workshops over the years, including presentations to student clubs, men's and women's sports teams and the Millersville University Council of Trustees. In 2001, he wrote the book *Coach Kab Presents: Success Strategies to Motivate... Focus... Empower the Champion Within*.

The Outstanding Service Award Recipients this year are Michael Choroneko '83, Lorraine Patton '53, Fay Kramer '62, Gloria Jaremkó '73, Darlene Newman '84, Cher Rineer '96, Jen Strobel '95 and Gina Crawford '96. This award

is presented to those alumni who have served their fellow alumni through longevity of loyal service, significant accomplishment in special alumni or University projects or have served in a committee or regional branch capacity of the alumni association.

The honors and awards convocation is scheduled for 10 a.m. in Pucillo Gym on April 18.



Dr. Charles Winter



Stanley Kabacinski

## Softball Field Takes the Gold

The newly renovated Millersville University softball field has been recognized as a 2009 Keystone Athletic Field Managers Organization (KAFMO) Field of Distinction. Grounds supervisor Kevin Bevenour accepted the award on behalf of Millersville University.

With a seating capacity of 250, the softball field hosted its first game in March 2008. Improvements to the field include a climate-controlled press box, a concession stand and a new scoreboard behind the left field

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