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Regents’ Awards recognize outstanding service to higher education

TUCSONʹ The Arizona Board of Regents honored the 2015 ZĞŐĞŶƚƐ͛ǁĂƌĚĨŽƌOutstanding
Service to Higher Education recipients at an awards dinner held Thursday evening in
conjunction with the bŽĂƌĚ͛ƐŵĞĞƚŝŶŐat the University of Arizona.

Named as ϮϬϭϱZĞŐĞŶƚƐ͛ǁĂƌĚ honorees and recognized for excelling service were Wayne
Doran, Translational Genomics Research Institute and J. David and Edith S. Lowell. 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.

͞EŽŵŝŶĞĞƐƚŚĂƚwere submitted this year were outstanding. Each tells a story of dedication to
higher education in Arizona and to improving our state through the education of its citizens as
well as supporting research

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Trustees.

 Focusing on earlier diagnostics and smarter treatments, the Translational Genomics
Research Institute develops tools to fight cancer, neurological disorders, diabetes and
other diseases. Led by Jeffrey Trent, Ph.D., TGen has strong ties to Northern Arizona
University, notaďůǇƚŚƌŽƵŐŚd'ĞŶ͛ƐWĂƚŚŽŐĞŶ'ĞŶŽŵŝĐƐŝǀŝƐŝŽŶ- TGen North - that is
led by NAU Cowden Endowed Chair of Microbiology Paul Keim, Ph.D., and David
Engelthaler, Ph.D., the director of programs and operations for TGen North and a
graduate of NAU. A recent example of research success between TGen and NAU is a
joint patent announced in August of 2014 for a pandemic H1N1 flu test, the second joint
patent between the two organizations. This partnership also benefits the state by
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bringing in external funding in support of research. Students directly benefit through
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exemplifies the power of collaboration as well as the impact of the biosciences on
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 J. David and Edith S. Lowell are distinguished alumni of the University of Arizona and are
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for Mineral Resources was brought to fruition and they have supported the Geosciences
Field Camp as well as establishing the J. David Lowell Graduate Scholarship in
Geosciences. Mr. Lowell, one of the best known graduates of the Arizona College of
Mines and the College of Science Geosciences/Geology Department, published 50
articles and received 35 professional awards, including the prestigious Society of
Mining Engineers and Society of Economic Geology awards. He is an inductee of the
National Academy of Engineering, received three honorary degrees and was the subject
of an autobiography published by the University of Arizona press. Mrs. Lowell was
elected to Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi and earned an UA athletic letter sweater.
Mr. Lowell was a member of the 1945 UA football ƚĞĂŵ͕ĂŶĚƚŚĞ>ŽǁĞůů͛ƐŚĂǀĞĂϳϬ-year
history of involvement with Arizona Athletics as well as making two of the largest gifts in
Arizona Athletics history.

A list of previous winners ŽĨƚŚĞZĞŐĞŶƚƐ͛ǁĂƌĚĨŽƌKƵƚƐƚĂŶĚŝŶŐ^ĞƌǀŝĐĞƚŽ,ŝŐŚĞƌĚƵĐĂƚŝŽŶis
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