

DONALD R. BLAIR '52

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# The Alumni Fellow Award

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The Alumni Fellow Award is the most prestigious honor bestowed by the Penn State Alumni Association and is administered in cooperation with Penn State's academic colleges. Since 1973, the award has been given to a select group of alumni who are leaders in their professional fields.

The Alumni Fellow program provides recipients with the opportunity to accept an invitation by the president of the University to share their knowledge and expertise with the College community. As leaders in their professions, Alumni Fellows add a dimension to the academic curriculum not available in the traditional college classroom. While meeting with students, Alumni Fellows stimulate thought, debate, and action, frequently pointing students toward previously unconsidered goals.

The University's Board of Trustees has designated the title of Alumni Fellow as permanent and lifelong.

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## **Penn State Erie, The Behrend College Alumni Fellows**

1982	Robert DeWitt Chapman '59	1992	Raymond L. McGarvey '52
1985	Harley Cloud '58	1993	Gary W. Lyons '56
1986	Albert L. Maxson '57	1994	James A. Frye '73
1987	Edward P. Junker III '60	1995	James O. Benson '57
1988	Thomas B. Hagen '55	1996	Robert D. Metzgar '60
1989	Robert Mehalso '64	1997	Lloyd G. Waterhouse '73
1990	Robert M. Mangels '73	1998	Mark H. Loevner '54
1991	Richard J. Fasenmyer '69	1999	George R. Sample '46

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Donald R. Blair of Cos Cob, Conn., is retired chairman, president, and CEO of Putnam Trust Company, a division of Bank of New York. A 1952 graduate of Penn State, he joined Putnam Trust in 1956, rising through the ranks to be elected senior vice president and secretary in 1970, president in 1973, president and chief executive in 1984, and chairman and chief executive in 1985.



During his 37-year career at Putnam Trust, the bank grew from \$35 million in assets and 45 employees to \$700 million in commercial assets, \$2 billion in trusts, and more than 300 employees. At Mr. Blair's retirement in 1993, Putnam had grown to become the largest independent bank in Connecticut. It was acquired as a subsidiary by the Bank of New York in 1995, but it still operates under the Putnam Trust name.

Widely recognized in banking circles, Mr. Blair has served as president of the Connecticut Banker's Association and as a state representative to the Governing Council of the American Bankers Association. In Greenwich, he was president of the United Way and director of the Chamber of Commerce, and he was a director of the Greenwich Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Mr. Blair was a member of the first class that attended Penn State Behrend in 1948 and was editor of the *Nittany Cub*. He is a life member of the Penn State Alumni Association, a member of Penn State's President's Club, and in 1998 he established the Donald R. Blair Scholarship Endowment at Penn State Behrend to benefit outstanding students who have financial need.

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# Program of Events

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## Wednesday, November 8

4:30 p.m.            **Reception with *Behrend Beacon* editorial staff**  
Hosts: Jason Snyder, Dr. Robert Speel

## Thursday, November 9

11:00 a.m.           **Lecture: Money, Banking, and Economic Activity**  
Host: Dr. James Kurre

12:15 p.m.           **Luncheon with Blair Scholars and Faculty**  
Memorial Room, Glenhill Farmhouse

1:00 p.m.            **Lecture: Strategic Management and Business Policy**  
Host: Dr. Jeffrey Trailer

2:30 p.m.            **Lecture: Introduction to Advertising**  
Host: Dr. Carla Lloyd

4:15 p.m.            **Penn State Erie Council of Fellows Meeting**  
Reed Union Building

5:15 p.m.            **Award Ceremony and Reception**  
Hosts: Dr. Graham Spanier, Dr. John Lilley  
Reed Union Building Wintergarden

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