

2009 Awards of Distinction

Each year Winona State University and the Alumni Society recognize individuals for their outstanding commitment to the university, its mission, and to improving our world.

The *Distinguished Faculty/Staff Award* recognizes WSU faculty or staff who have elevated the esteem and prestige of the university through their commitment to the university and all of its constituent groups.

Daniel Hoyt graduated with a bachelor's degree in history from Dakota Wesleyan University in 1940. While at DWU, Hoyt earned a minor in political science. Hoyt furthered his education by earning his master's degree in history in 1949 and his doctorate degree in 1959, both from the University of Iowa.

Hoyt used his background in education to begin his own teaching career, serving as a history teacher at Logan High School in La Crosse, Wis., from 1949-1951 before coming to WSU. At WSU, he was a professor of history, history department chairperson, dean of graduate studies, interim director of the Registrar's Office and WSU Professor Emeritus.

Hoyt served for the U.S. Army in World War II from 1941-1946.

He enjoys traveling in Europe and North Africa.

Hoyt has two children, four grandchildren and two great grandchildren. His son and daughter-in-law are both 1974 WSU alumni. He is retired and resides in Winona, Minn., with his wife Dorothy.

