

Homer P. Rainey Award 2014



The 2014 Homer P. Rainey Award was awarded by the Board of Trustees to John Jennings



Homer P. Rainey

Homer P. Rainey was a 1919 graduate of Austin College. He then taught at Austin College from 1919 to 1922. He left to attend the University of Chicago and earned his doctorate in 1924. Later he taught at the University of Oregon and from 1928 to 1952 served presidencies at Franklin College of Indiana, Bucknell University of Pennsylvania, University of Texas, and Stephens College of Missouri.

In 1932 he received an honorary doctorate from Austin College and in 1964 received the college's Founder's Medal. He was named to the Austin College Athletic Hall of Honor in 1966 and received an Austin College Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1973. The Homer P. Rainey Award was established in 1975 by the Board of Trustees to be awarded annually to a member of the faculty or staff for outstanding service to the college.

During his presidency of UT in the mid-1940s, he received nationwide publicity because of his protests over board actions that he believed threatened academic freedom. He was dismissed in 1944 and made an unsuccessful run for Texas governor in 1946 before he became president of Stephens College. From 1956 until his retirement, Dr. Rainey was professor of higher education at the University of Colorado.

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2012 George Diggs
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2005 Vickie Kirby
2004 Dub Narramore
2003 Jack Pierce
2002 William H. Moore
2001 Jerry Lincecum
2000 Sig Lawson (posthumously) and Vicki Abbott
1999 Roy Melugin
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1997 Richard Tappa and Jay Evans
1996 Nelda Lambert
1995 Peter Lucchesi

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1990 Bruce Lunkley
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