The Temple University Alumni Association presents the 2015 Alumni Distinguished Service Award to E. Ronald Salvitti, MD, for his loyalty and commitment to Temple University through volunteer and philanthropic contributions to the University community.

With a long history of generous service and philanthropy to Temple University, Dr. Salvitti has been extremely active in the affairs of Temple University and the School of Medicine, from which he graduated in 1963.

Dr. Salvitti has supported a wide variety of causes at Temple that range from the social and recreational to the educational and strategic. Dr. Salvitti is the immediate past Chair of the School of Medicine’s Board of Visitors, a past member of President Hart’s Advisory Board, an emeritus director of the School of Medicine’s Alumni Association, and long-time leader of the Class of 1963.

Hard-working and focused, Dr. Salvitti has supported the new School of Medicine building, professorships, program and activity funds, as well as student loan and scholarship funds, including the E. Ronald Salvitti, MD ’63 Family Scholarship, which provides substantial tuition assistance to eight medical students on an ongoing basis. “I chose to attend Temple to receive a superior medical education, and Temple was everything I hoped for,” said Dr. Salvitti. “In the beginning all I wanted was opportunity. Now it is my goal to see that others have that chance.”

Dr. Salvitti recently demonstrated his generosity and support of educational opportunities for medical students by establishing the John M. Daly Endowed Merit Scholarship Fund in honor of Dr. John M. Daly, Emeritus Dean of the Temple University School of Medicine, in 2014.

In addition to serving as founder and medical director of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Eye Center, one of the busiest eye specialty centers in the region, Dr. Salvitti is a faculty member at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.