DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD
Honoring
Boyd Gillespie ’90
June 6, 2015

Students are promised an exceptional education when they choose Davidson; they also are promised an experience that will prepare them for lives of leadership and service.

In his life and work, Boyd Gillespie, M.D, has demonstrated a commitment to excellence and a spirit of service.

As a student, Boyd majored in classics and served as a hall counselor. His extensive involvement in campus life included membership in Kappa Alpha fraternity, ODK national leadership society, Phi Beta Kappa, and Student Government Association, as well as participation in several intramural sports.

After graduating from Davidson College, Boyd entered Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, where he earned his Doctorate of Medicine in 1994. He completed his post-doctoral studies at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, including an internship at the Department of Surgery, residency at the Department of Otolaryngology - Head & Neck Surgery, and a fellowship in general academic otolaryngology. Additionally, he earned a master’s degree in clinical research through the Medical University of South Carolina. Boyd holds board certification in otolaryngology-head and neck surgery and sleep medicine.

He has made his mark on the profession of medicine and in his discipline by developing nationally recognized surgical techniques. He was among the first three surgeons in the U.S. to introduce endoscopic salivary gland surgery. Because of Boyd’s pioneering work and reputation, MUSC has become the leading institution in the country for minimally invasive treatment of salivary gland disorders. In addition, he was among the first surgeons to implant a nerve stimulator for sleep apnea which resulted in a publication in the New England Journal of Medicine.

Boyd currently serves as professor and vice-chair of clinical outreach for the MUSC Department of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery, and as professor of molecular and cellular biology in MUSC’s Craniofacial Biology Division. He has published over 100 papers and book chapters on diseases of the head and neck, and has given presentations at over 100 regional, national, and international conferences.

Together with his wife Charlotte, he has two daughters, Lilly and Helen, and a son, Philip.

For your unwavering dedication to medicine, your outstanding personal and professional accomplishments that make you a role model for Davidson students, we honor you, Boyd Gillespie, with the Distinguished Alumni Award on the occasion of the 25th Reunion of the Class of 1990.