ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD
Honoring
Charles Glass “Charlie” Smith ’60
June 5, 2015

We salute Charlie Smith today and honor him for his lifetime of loyalty and service to Davidson College.

Originally from Valdese, North Carolina, Charlie came to Davidson to play football after turning down generous scholarship offers from Duke and Carolina. An economics major at Davidson, he was an active member of the football team, Le Cercle Francais, the Business and Economics Association, Kappa Sigma fraternity, and the D Club.

Charlie spent his career working in the investment and securities industry, earning a certificate in securities investment management from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania. He spent his career with Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, The Robinson-Humphrey Company, LLC and lastly Elliott Davis Investment & Wealth Management Services, LLC where he spent the last two years of his working career as President of Elliot Davis Brokerage Services LLC (a subsidiary). In addition, Charlie was elected by his peers to serve two terms as President of the South Carolina Securities Dealers Association. As an adjunct to his business career, Charlie served the National Association of Securities Dealers (now FINRA) as securities arbitrator for over 15 years. At one time, a case he was involved in as an arbitration panelist resulted in one of the largest awards ($38 million) for the NASD.

Charlie and his wife Vicki now live in Greenville, South Carolina, and have two daughters, Sarah Ann and Patricia, who is a member of Davidson’s Class of 1991. An active member of his community, Charlie has served on the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce and the board of governors of the Commerce Club. Charlie also served for 12 years on the South Carolina Council on Economic Education with two terms as its chairman. He is a past chairman of the “300 for Greenville” organization, and had memberships with the Greenville Country Club and Shadow Oaks Racquet club. Charlie is a member of the Poinsett Club and served as governor and vice president there.

An outstanding and enthusiastic volunteer for Davidson, Charlie has served Davidson in many ways. He has been an agent for the Davidson Athletic Foundation, a fundraising captain for the football stadium expansion project, a member of the Ellington-Fagg Scholarship committee, and a leader in the Greenville regional campaign during the Campaign for Davidson. He has been actively involved in the planning and execution of the last four reunions for the Class of 1960, serving as gift chair for the 40th and the 55th. He served as a Fund for Davidson class ambassador for more than 14 years, thoughtfully staying in touch with his classmates, strengthening bonds of friendship, and gently encouraging support of alma mater. A stalwart fan of Davidson athletics, Charlie frequently attends Davidson football practices, scrimmages and games.

Because he is a loyal and passionate Davidson Wildcat; because he is deeply committed to keeping his friends and classmates connected to their college; and because he is a true Davidson Gentleman, the Alumni Association honors Charles Glass Smith, Davidson College Class of 1960, with the Alumni Service Award, on the occasion of his 55th Reunion, June 5, 2015.