



"Reach Out and Read" co-founder and chief executive officer Dr. Barry Zuckerman reads with a young patient.

## Helping children learn to read

Reach out and Read, a national non-profit organization, works to get books into the hands of children whose families can't afford them. They also train doctors and nurses on how to teach their children to read at a young age. This week, 10 percent of the Spectator's advertising revenue will go to Reach out and Read.

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President Jeremy Brown looks on as 2008 Distinguished Service Award Recipient Joseph Mineo, accepts his award in recognition of his work and dedication to the field of education, which includes the Mineo Family Scholarship here at Edinboro University.

## EUP alumni receive honors

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Five exceptional Edinboro alumni reminisced about their college experiences at the 2008 Distinguished Alumni Awards Celebration on March 28. The celebration, which took

place in Van Houten South Dining Hall, recognized Edinboro graduates J. Jude Basile, George Stephens, Susan Swartz, Lewis Rosselli and Joseph Mineo for their outstanding professional achievements and loyalty to the university.

Herm Tomer, president of the alumni association board of directors, Jon Pulice, director of

alumni relations, and President Jeremy Brown presented the first Distinguished Alumni Award to Attorney J. Jude Basile.

Basile came from a working family and was later recruited by the University of Notre Dame to play football, but chose to transfer to Edinboro where he is

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now a member of the Athletic Hall of Fame and the namesake of the J. Jude Basile Athletic Scholarship.

He is an honors graduate from law school and represents families and individuals in his private practice, the Basile Law Firm, located in San Luis Obispo and San Diego. He is also a member of the United States Supreme Court bar and the California and Georgia bars.

The second award was given to George Stephens, a Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) officer who received a Lifetime Achievement Award for his service. He also created a scholarship program through the Coalition of Black Police Officers in Montgomery County, Md. to award four high school seniors.

"I learned life skills at Edinboro," he said. "I learned to treat people with respect, have a good work ethic and give people a second chance."

The third award recognized Susan Swartz, who was unable to attend, for her achievement in artwork. Her paintings are shown worldwide in various museums. She was the recipient of the "Artist of the Year Award" for her work in the 2002 Olympic Winter Games.

The Young Alumni Award was presented to Lewis Rosselli who is currently the assistant wrestling coach at Ohio State University. He started his

coaching career at Edinboro, helping the wrestling team advance to eight Eastern Wrestling League Tournament Championships. He was also a competitor on the U.S Olympic team and a three-time U.S. National Champion in wrestling.

"Work ethic is key to success," said Rosselli. "You have to make a commitment and be willing to suffer a little bit for what you want."

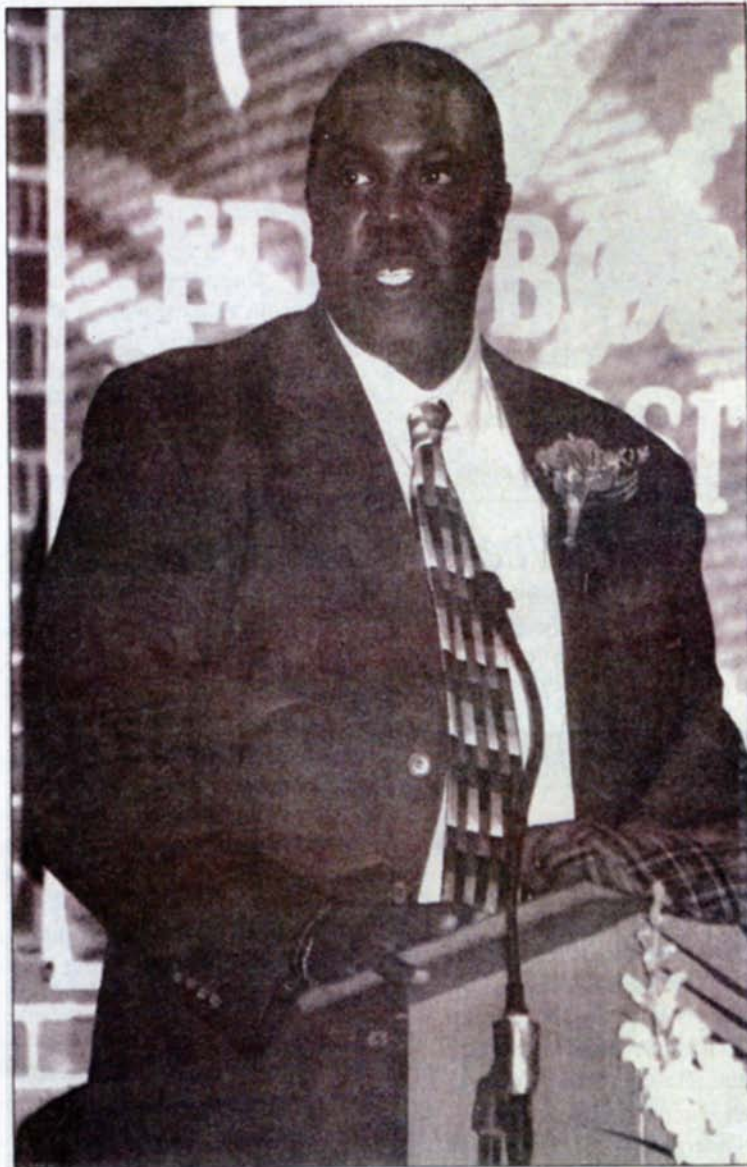
The final award was the Distinguished Service Award presented to Joseph Mineo who is the gifted coordinator at Asbury Elementary School. He has received numerous awards for his achievements in education and serves as an honorary lifetime member of Edinboro University Alumni Association Board of Directors.

All the recipients accepted their awards and shared inspirational stories of their experiences at Edinboro and how their education shaped their success.

"Take the skills you've learned, both academic and life decisions, and put them into use," said Stephens.

The recipients were proud of their Edinboro education and continue to inspire current students to achieve success using their Edinboro degree.

"We are really excited about the future of this fine institution," said Brown. "We can assure you that great things will continue to happen here."



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**Distinguished Alumni Award winner George Stephens, who graduated from Edinboro in 1988, was recognized for his work with children in Montgomery County, Maryland.**