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# **Alumni event celebrates** reunion, bestows awards

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Thomas Harrington Pope Jr. received the Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumni Award Friday night at the second annual reunion and awards dinner held in the Coliseum.

"Honor, character, dignity, grace, vi-sion—all words that describe Thomas Pope," President John Palms said.

Abigail Rogers received the Out-standing Black Alumni Award and Harry Gregory Jr. received the Young Alumni Award.

"As we move towards our 200th anniversary, we have taken stock of where we have been and a look at our assets for the future," USC Alumni Associa-tion President Carroll Gray said.

The Alumni Association also awarded six lifetime memberships Friday night to non-graduates involved with the university. M. Lynne Mahaffey, Cindy Nord, Evan Nord, Norma Palms, President Palms, and Dr. George Rogers became lifetime members of USC's Alumni Association.

"The Alumni Association began 31 years ago recognizing non-graduates for their involvement and support of the university," Gray said.

Some USC colleges and departments recognized their outstanding alumni. The 1994 Algernon Sidney Sullivan Award was given to Dr. Margaret S. Richardson.

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Pope received his undergraduate degree from The Citadel in 1935 and graduated from USC with a law degree in 1938. He served as South Carolina's speaker of the House in 1949 and was promoted to lieutenant colonel under Gen. George S. Patton during World War II.

"When I came to the University of South Carolina, I was like a bird turned loose," Pope said. "My experience was wonderful."

He has also received a medallion given by the USC School of Law and has honorary degrees from The Citadel and Newberry College.

"That was the finest introduction I have ever received," Pope said. "Dr. Palms could have went on and on, and I would not have gotten tired of listening. It was wonderful to be here at Carolina, and I thank you for the honor.

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