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Owens Recognized for Service to the University of Missouri-Columbia

Stephen Owens was recognized with the Presidential Citation Award for Outstanding Service to the University of Missouri-Columbia on Friday, Nov. 30, at the annual Alliance Awards Dinner in Columbia.

Owens was Interim President to the University of Missouri System in 2011-2012. He provided extraordinary leadership during the presidential search and transition, as well as during MU's move from the Big 12 to the SEC, which set the course of the university for the future. Owens worked closely with other university general officers, including chancellors of the four campuses, to continue pursuing the strategic priorities and initiatives of the university, emphasizing the preservation and promotion of quality and excellence in institutional core missions.

As General Counsel of the University of Missouri System since 2008, Owens is responsible for leading the General Counsel Office in providing legal representation for the board of curators, the University of Missouri System and each of its campuses, Extension and MU Health Care.

Owens holds a bachelor's degree in public administration from MU and a law degree from Wake Forrest University.

Each year, the University of Missouri Alliance of Alumni Associations and Extension awards the Presidential Citation Award for Outstanding Service to the University of Missouri and its four campuses. The Alliance selects one person from each campus and Extension, and the UM President selects recipients on behalf of the system.

The Alliance is composed of representatives from each campus and University of Missouri Extension. The Alliance serves as a supportive and unified voice for the UM System in legislative advocacy, and facilitates the interchange of ideas and information between the UM System and the campus alumni associations and extension.

The four-campus University of Missouri System is one of the nation's largest public research university systems with more than 75,000 students and nearly a half million alumni worldwide.