Unveiled: Preston V. McMurry Jr. Scholar Athlete Citizenship Award Display

A new cutting-edge display was recently completed in the College of Social Work’s south lobby honoring the Scholar Athlete Citizenship Award, founded by Preston V. McMurry (BSSW ’60). The display features a 60-inch touch screen TV on which videos about each award recipient are shown as well as information about the award itself.

The McMurry Scholar Athlete Citizenship Award was founded in 2008 by social work graduate Preston V. McMurry, Jr. of Phoenix, Arizona, to honor student athletes with a minimum 3.0 GPA, who best exemplify the idea of "Education for Citizenship" through significant volunteer service to the community. Coaches representing the 36 varsity sports can nominate candidates for this award, and a committee of graduate-level social work student leaders select the recipient.

McMurry, pictured above in his football uniform and again on the left with Jan White (BA ’71), was an important member of the Woody Hayes 1957 Championship Football team. Today, he is the founder of McMurry Inc., nationally noted as one of the fastest growing private companies in the United States and also ranked as a Top 10 Best Small Workplace since 2006. McMurry received the 2002 OSU Alumni Association Citizenship Award and was selected as Arizona’s 2001 Philanthropist of the Year.