Dear Council Members,

I am happy to announce that the Awards Committee of the Tufts University Alumni Association has selected recipients for the Tufts Distinguished Service Award and for the First Young Alumni Achievement Award. The awards will be presented on Saturday, April 26, 2003, at a gala dinner at the Sheraton Colonial Hotel in Wakefield, Massachusetts.

The winners of the Distinguished Service Awards are:

**Ambassador Thomas R. Pickering** graduated from Tufts University’s Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Class of 1954. Ambassador Pickering, the former Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, had an extremely distinguished career as a diplomat, policy maker, and advisor to Presidents.

He served as the United States Ambassador to the Russian Republic, India, Israel, El Salvador, and Jordan. He is now a senior vice president of the Boeing Corporation. Ambassador Pickering lives in Alexandria, Virginia.

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**Mr. Nathan Gantcher**, Tufts College Class of 1962, is retiring Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Tufts College, the University’s governing board, and a tireless worker for the University.

Mr. Gantcher was the co-chair of the recently completed $605 million capital campaign for the University and, with his family, a major donor in the construction of the Gantcher Family Convocation Center, the University’s largest building. Mr. Gantcher lives in New York City.

**Mr. Elliott Lerman**, Tufts College of Engineering, Class of 1965 is a former president of the Tufts University Alumni Association. He was the principal architect in the reconstruction of the Alumni Association to embrace the challenge of including members of all generations of alumni and graduates from all parts of the world in its activities and leadership.

As the Chair of the Association’s Career Development Committee, he has taken the lead in the development of an office of alumni career development which will debut on the Medford Campus in the fall of 2003. Mr. Lerman lives in Phoenix, Arizona.

**Dr. Catherine Gody Wolf**, Jackson College Class of 1969, is a research staff member of the IBM Thomas J. Watson Research Center. Dr. Wolf, who is an expert in the use of technology to solve real-world problems, has applied much of her learning in dealing with the impact of Lou Gherig’s disease on her own life.

She has been a brave and vigorous example to her colleagues, friends, and the world at large in her ability to overcome obstacles and to meet the challenges of her disease without diminishing her contributions to her science and to her community. Dr. Wolf lives in Katonah, New York.

**Dr. Ioannis N. Miaoulis** holds a bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral degrees from Tufts and is a member of the Tufts College of Engineering Class of 1983. Dr. Miaoulis is the newly-named President of the Museum of Science in Boston. He is the former Dean of the Tufts University College of Engineering and Associate Provost of the University.

He is also a member of the Alumni Council, the governing board of the Tufts University Alumni Association. Dr. Miaoulis lives in Stow, Massachusetts.

The winner of the First Young Alumni Achievement Award is:

**Mr. Leverett Lee Wing** of Chelsea, Massachusetts. Mr. Wing, a graduate of Tufts University, Class of 1990, is the Business Manager of the Massachusetts State Senate and a leader of the Asian American community in the Boston area and also a major force in other philanthropic activities.

I believe that this group of honorees represents the Tufts ideal of citizenship and public service and represents the wide diversity of our Tufts family. I will be delighted to make these presentations and I look forward to having a large gathering of family, friends, and members of our Tufts family join us for the dinner.

In the Jumbo spirit

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Committee Reports

The Alumni Resources Committee is working diligently to accomplish its goals for the year. The third edition of the TUAA Members’ Directory was distributed to all Council members and has been sent to the University’s senior administrators and departments. We welcome your corrections, updates, and feedback on the directory. Please contact Nancy Sardella at nancy.sardella@tufts.edu or (617) 627-3021.

The committee is now assessing the satisfaction of membership requirements by all Term Members. Council members are required to donate to the University and to the Council’s Loyalty Fund each year. In addition, Term Members must provide service to Tufts and must participate in Council committees. Last year, 77 percent of Term Members made a donation to the University, but only 43 percent made a contribution to the Loyalty Fund.

We encourage Term Members to make their contributions now, since the fiscal year is half over and only 20 percent have made a Loyalty Fund donation. This year’s average gift of $57 is also significantly lower than in the past, so we are encouraging all Term Members to give generously this year.

We will also survey all committee chairs to evaluate participation on committees. The committee will review all data in June and will make recommendations to the President about continued TUAA participation. If you have any questions about your financial or service obligations, please contact the Alumni Resources Committee chairperson:

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Career Services Committee: A full-time position has been funded to provide alumni career services, including counseling and support for networking opportunities worldwide. This staffing will enable Tufts to aggressively market its alumni career services — the cornerstone for establishing a strong networking culture among alumni.

The Tufts Career Network has grown to 3,441 members. The committee is working with Career Services and the Office of Alumni Relations to continue marketing to Council members, the Online Community, individual classes — starting with the most recent — and parents. We seek 5,000 members by June 1, 2003. Tufts Alumni Council participation is only 25 percent — please sign up today at http://careers.tufts.edu/nextwork.

Successful student/alumni Networking Nights were held in early January in New York and Washington, DC. Thanks to Career Services and Office of Alumni Relations personnel, our chapters in these cities, and to Charles Cohen, A74, and Mark Pomar, A72, who provided the terrific venues for these events.

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With the website complete, the Communications Committee has spent the first half of this year developing a plan for designing a new visual identity for TUAA. The early stages of this process include an examination of current logos used by the University, as well as those used by our benchmark schools. We also surveyed various alumni on their thoughts of TUAA and the University to develop an idea of how to best represent our organization.

However, in a recent meeting, the committee determined it is necessary to develop a more long-term communications strategy before designing a visual identity. We hope to work with the Office of Alumni Relations to plan such a study over the next few months.

Meanwhile, we expect to be able to webcast the next full Council meeting in May. Anyone unable to attend the meeting in person will be able to watch the proceedings over the Internet and participate by phone. Further information will be forthcoming.

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The Continuing Education Committee has been diligently working over the past few months on the development of programming for the Super Seminars to be held on Alumni Weekend 2003. Our theme will be “The Community Connection” with a combination of Tufts alumni and professors speaking on Friday, May 16, and Saturday, May 17. Without getting too specific until all commitments are finalized, we are confident that we have assembled a stellar lineup of talented and interesting speakers. We encourage you to save the dates and watch for upcoming communications with all the details.

While the Super Seminar planning has consumed most of our time, we are looking ahead to participating in some already-scheduled cultural events on campus that we would support and promote to our members (possibly in collaboration with Boston Tufts Alliance). Again, watch for details to be announced in the very near future.

Council members with any ideas, suggestions or feedback should contact:
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Mark Your Calendar

April 12
Senior Awards Dinner

April 26
Distinguished Service Awards Dinner
Sheraton Colonial Hotel
Wakefield, Massachusetts

May 4
Spring Council Meeting

May 15-18
Alumni Weekend

May 16-17
Super Seminars