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DANVILLE AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES RECIPIENTS OF THE DANVILLE OUTSTANDING ALUMNI AWARDS FOR 2007; WINNERS WILL BE HONORED AT ANNUAL DINNER IN DECEMBER

DANVILLE, PA – The Danville Area Community Foundation has announced that it will honor five individuals at its Annual Dinner and Awards Presentation on December 2, 2007. The Foundation will present its Annual Danville Outstanding Alumni Awards that evening. Proceeds from the dinner will fund scholarships in honor of the award recipients to graduating Danville Area High School seniors in 2008.

The honorees are:

- **Donald Lemon (Class of 1953)** will be honored for success as a chief executive officer of multiple, successful manufacturing companies in the electronics industry. Mr. Lemon is retired from Decision Data Computer Corp., in Horsham, Pennsylvania. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1954-1958, aboard the USS Valley Forge. Following his military service, Mr. Lemon began working for Merck and Co. at its Riverside plant. He left Merck to pursue a career in the electronics industry, beginning with his move to ITT Semiconductors. Subsequent career moves took Mr. Lemon from Florida, to Arizona and to Pennsylvania. Mr. Lemon was President & CEO of ITT/Alcatel Information Systems from 1983 until 1988. In 1988, Mr. Lemon joined Decision Data Computer Corp. as its President & CEO, following a takeover bid by rivals. He led the company during a time of substantial growth. Mr. Lemon has served as a Board Member of the Adelaide College of Ministries Foundation, and is a past board member of Mission Projects fellowship. He worked in orphanages and youth prisons in Russia on a mission trip in March of 2005. He is an active member of the Town Creek Baptist Church, Aiken, South Carolina.. Mr. Lemon is married to the former

Ellen Johns; the two celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary in June. They are the parents of two children, and have two grandchildren.

- **Carolyn Johnson (Class of 1963)** receives the award for her professional accomplishments as senior investment administrator for the Moody Bible Institute, and for her mentorship to empower young people. Ms. Johnson began her professional career at the Danville National Bank. Shortly after high school graduation, she moved to Chicago to begin work at the Moody Bible Institute. Ms. Johnson has been employed by the organization since 1967. She is currently the Senior Investment Administrator for the organization; as such, she manages over one-hundred individual trust portfolios valued in excess of \$25 million, and administers its pooled income fund of over \$10 million. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Lewis University, with highest honors, in 1996. Ms. Johnson has been a mentor to students at the Moody Bible Institute. She served as a volunteer for the James Memorial Christian Academy & James Memorial A.M.E. Church, where she administered the 15-year bond program that funded construction of a \$1.4 million dollar church. She also serves on the audit committee and finance commission for the Forest Park Baptist Church.

The Foundation will honor three individuals posthumously. Family and friends will be in attendance at the dinner to accept the awards on behalf of these honorees:

- **Herbert S. Marks (Class of 1925)** will be honored for his many achievements in law and government service. Mr. Marks, an attorney who served as general counsel to the United States Atomic Energy Commission, is credited with writing the Atomic Energy Act. Following graduation from Danville High School, Mr. Marks graduated from the University of Pennsylvania. He earned his law degree at Harvard Law School, where he was at the top of his class, and editor of *The Harvard Law Review*. Marks was admitted to the bar in New York, Tennessee and Washington, D.C. Marks was general counsel for the Tennessee Valley Authority; much of his career focused on energy and utilities. Following World War II, Marks is credited with writing the Atomic Energy Act. He co-authored Framework for Atomic Industry, which was published in 1955.
- **Emma Jean Knapper, R.N. (Class of 1939)** will be recognized for her contributions to the Danville medical community, through her efforts to help the Geisinger school of nursing gain accreditation, and her dedication to the training of nurses. Her career at Geisinger spanned over 48 years. Mrs. Knapper received her diploma from the Geisinger Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in 1944. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from Wilkes College, followed by a Master's degree in education from Bucknell University. At Geisinger, Mrs. Knapper helped the school of nursing gain accreditation. She is credited

with reorganizing its educational program from a 36-month schedule to a 24-month schedule to alleviate a nursing shortage. At the time of her retirement, she was vice president of operations for Geisinger. In appreciation for her dedicated service, the hospital named its community medicine building the Emma Jean Knapper Clinic in her honor.

- **Raymond G. Cragle (Class of 1943)** receives the award for his achievements in agricultural science, and his work to help people throughout the world develop better agricultural practices. Dr. Cragle served in the U.S. Army Air Force; he was a tail gunner on a B29 during World War II, and served during the Korean Conflict. Dr. Cragle received his Bachelor of Science degree in animal industry, his Master's degree in animal industry, and his Ph.D. in animal science, all from North Carolina State University. He held teaching and research positions at several universities, including the University of Tennessee, the University of Wisconsin, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, and the University of Illinois. Dr. Cragle's consulting experiences took him to Mexico, Romania, Bulgaria and Pakistan. Dr. Cragle passed away in 1989, in Peshawar, Pakistan, while he was working at the Northwest Frontier Province Agricultural University, for the U.S. Agency for International Development. At the time of his passing, Dr. Cragle's colleagues recognized him as having made major contributions to further agricultural education and outreach, especially to poor farmers, in that country. Dr. Cragle was married to the former Phyllis Russell, and the couple had three children.

Recipients of the Danville Outstanding Alumni Award must be graduates of Danville Area High School. While there is no minimum age at which a person may be nominated, this award is intended to honor a person's lifetime achievements. In addition, the candidate must have demonstrated a generosity of spirit.

All of the honorees will receive their recognition at the Danville Area Community Foundation's Annual Dinner and Awards Presentation on Sunday, December 2, 2007. The dinner will be held at the Danville Borough Ballroom, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Tickets to the dinner are available by calling the Foundation's office at 866-901-2372.

The Danville Area Community Foundation is an affiliate of the First Community Foundation of Pennsylvania. Created by a group of area residents in 1999, the Danville Area Community Foundation has a community-based Advisory Board that guides the focus and direction of the organization. The Foundation helps donors build endowed funds to benefit the community. Income from the endowed funds provides scholarships for students and grant awards to nonprofit charitable organizations to aid them in their work.

The First Community Foundation of Pennsylvania maximizes the power of people and their donated assets to build vibrant communities within central and north central Pennsylvania now and in the future. The Foundation focuses on sincerity and integrity in all of its relationships - including those with

donors, estate and financial planning professionals, investment partners, current and potential grant recipients, government and business leaders, and the many individuals and families living in its service area. For more information on the programs and services offered by the Foundation, or to learn more about ways to make a difference in the community, contact the Foundation office toll free at (866) 901-2372, or visit the website at www.fcfpa.org.

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