

**GRAY, RITTER & GRAHAM FOUNDER CHARLES E. GRAY  
RECEIVES MISSOURI COMMUNITY COLLEGE ASSOCIATION'S  
AWARD OF DISTINCTION**

Charles E. Gray, who founded Gray, Ritter & Graham, P.C. in 1946, recently received the Missouri Community College Association's Award of Distinction, one of the organization's highest honors.

The Award of Distinction recognizes individuals who provide significant financial contributions to an individual college, donate time and resources that further the role and mission of the community college movement, or who provide a pattern of sustained service and commitment to the community college.

Gray, a graduate of Flat River Junior College – now known as Mineral Area College – has to date donated approximately \$350,000, which has funded over 60 student scholarships. Gray created the Beulah M. Gray Scholarship Fund to fund the scholarships in memory of his wife of 64 years, who passed away in 2006.

Mineral Area College Foundation board member Peggy Ropelle, who nominated Gray for the award, said he insists on personally meeting with the scholarship award recipients every semester. "Mr. Gray has been one of our most generous benefactors," Ropelle said. "He asks our students about their plans in life and shares good advice he wished he received when he was just starting out. His continued support makes a difference in the lives of the students as well as their families."

Gray retired after a 50-year law career and moved from St. Louis to Farmington, where he currently resides.