The Distinguished Graduate Award honors an alum who has achieved prominence through professional excellence and service to the Maryland community.

LeRoy E. Hoffberger has been involved in the Maryland community for his entire adult life. As president of the Hoffberger Foundation, Inc., he developed a program with St. John's College to send Baltimore City school teachers to graduate school to obtain a master's in teaching in return for a commitment to continue teaching in inner city schools. Working with Loyola High School, he developed the first scholarship program for inner city children. In 1986, the Hoffberger Center for Professional Ethics was established at the University of Baltimore. In 1989, with the University of Maryland School of Law, he developed the Homeless Advocacy Program, a joint venture with the School of Social Work to provide legal and social services for the homeless. Also working with the School of Law, Hoffberger was instrumental in creating a program aimed at providing access to the judicial system for working and middle-class Americans unable to afford competent legal services. He served as chairman of the Commission on Jewish Education of the ASSOCIATED: Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore and of the Capital Campaign and Chairman of the Board of the Maryland Institute College of Art.

LeRoy E. Hoffberger ’50
and the
Hon. Albert J. Matricciani Jr. ’73
will receive awards during the
Fourth Annual Alumni Association Honors Banquet on
Thursday, April 20, 1995
at 5:30 p.m. in Westminster Hall.
These and other awards, including the
Outstanding Teacher Award,
will be presented.
The installation of the 1995-96
Alumni Association Officers will
also take place.

The Benjamin L. Cardin Pro Bono Service Award is presented annually to a graduate who has demonstrated significant and substantial contributions to furthering pro bono ideals in the state of Maryland.

During his law school days, the Hon. Albert J. Matricciani served as vice-president of the Student Bar Association and a member of the Moot Court Board, participating in the Myerowitz Moot Court Competition. During his career, he has served as a VISTA attorney, worked for the Legal Aid Bureau and spent eight years as a partner in the Baltimore office of Whiteford, Taylor & Preston, where he served as pro bono coordinator for three years. In 1993, he was nominated for a People’s Pro Bono Award by the Maryland State Bar Association. On December 23, 1994, Governor Schaefer appointed Matricciani as an associate judge for the Circuit Court for Baltimore City, a capacity in which he currently serves. He is president-elect of the Bar Association of Baltimore City. In addition to his professional and civic activities, he has been associated with the Maryland ACLU, the Public Justice Center, the Baltimore City Bar Association Pro Bono Program and the House of Ruth. Judge Matricciani has also served on the Select Committee on Gender Equality as an advocate for the fair treatment of women in the legal profession.