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Dr. John Kline receives Ingalls Award at Troy University

TROY, Ala. –Dr. John A. Kline, distinguished professor of leadership and director of Troy University's Institute for Leadership Development, is the recipient of the Ingalls Award for Excellence in Classroom Teaching.

Dr. Kline received the award during the University's annual Honors Convocation held Tuesday night in the Claudia Crosby Theater on the Troy Campus.

The Ingalls Award is given annually to the teacher on the Troy Campus who has "most diligently, effectively and cheerfully conducted his or her classes during the current academic year." Students nominate faculty members for the award, and a committee of students and faculty advisors selects the recipient. The award consists of a statue of Socrates, a plaque and a check for \$1,000.

"Dr. Kline helps to foster the development of leadership skills among our students, faculty and staff through such programs as our Leadership Studies Minor, our Capstone Leadership classes and our Chancellor's Fellows program," said Dr. Ed Roach, executive vice chancellor and provost. "The direction he provides for TROY's Institute of Leadership Development is invaluable. He has a good rapport with students and is very student-centered in his approach."

Dr. Kline joined Troy University in 2000 as a professor of education and became director of the Institute for Leadership Development in 2003. He retired in 2000 as the provost and the highest ranking civilian employee at the United States Air Force's Air University.

"This is absolutely the most meaningful award of my entire life," Dr. Kline said. "It ranks ahead of special commendation by the Secretary of the Air Force or any of the other awards I have been blessed to receive in my 70 years on this planet. I love my students, and I love my colleagues — faculty, staff and administrators. I love my job, and I love Troy University. TROY is my ministry. God has blessed me."

Dr. Kline said he was surprised when his name was announced.

"Stunned is the best way to explain it," he said. "I was very emotional and practically speechless when I received the Ingalls Award. It was a total surprise."

Dr. Kline has numerous publications to his credit, including the books "Speaking Effectively: Achieving Excellence in Presentations," "Effective Listening: Achieving High Standards in Communication," and "Speaking Effectively: Guide for Air Force Speakers."

Dr. Kline was the 2004 recipient of the Senior of Achievement Award for the Greater Montgomery River Region, the 2001 International Toastmaster's Award for Communication and Leadership and the Decoration for Exceptional Civilian Service, the highest civilian peacetime award presented by the United States Air Force.

Dr. Kline holds a bachelor's degree in English and speech education from Iowa State University (1967) and a master's in speech communication (1968) and doctorate in communication theory, research and education (1970) from the University of Iowa. He also completed the Federal Program for Senior Executives at the University of Virginia and the John F. Kennedy Summer Program in International Security at Harvard University.

Dr. Kline and his wife, Ann, reside in Montgomery.



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Dr. John Kline (left), distinguished professor of leadership and director of Troy University's Institute for Leadership Development, is presented with the University's Ingalls Award for Excellence in Classroom Teaching on Tuesday by Dr. Ed Roach, executive vice chancellor and provost. The award, which is given annually to the teacher on the Troy Campus who has "most diligently, effectively and cheerfully conducted his or her classes during the current academic year," was presented during the University's annual Honors Convocation Tuesday night. The award consists of a statue of Socrates, a plaque and a check for \$1,000.

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