

# Fit for a King

## Alumnus honored with Distinguished Leadership Award

Alabama Attorney General Troy King was honored March 11 by his alma mater as Troy University presented King with its Distinguished Leadership Award—it's most prestigious award for a graduate of the University.

King received the award from Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr., at the annual Spring Reunion Dinner held in the Trojan Center Ballroom.

King, a member of the class of 1990, is the seventh recipient of the award. The Distinguished Leadership Award was created to recognize the achievements of TROY alumni and friends who have distinguished themselves through exemplary work, philanthropy, leadership and service to their profession, community and alma mater.

Dr. Hawkins, in presenting the award, said he saw great potential in King during his student days.

"I remember him as an energetic student leader who, even at that young age, was preparing for a career in public service," said Chancellor Hawkins. "He was a leader in the College Republicans, he volunteered on political campaigns and he vigorously pursued his pre-law studies."

General King, in accepting the award, said

that he was honored to be recognized by his alma mater and that "many of the values I hold today were shaped at Troy University."

King was appointed to the Alabama attorney general's post in March 2004 by Gov. Bob Riley. At the time of his appointment, he was serving as legal advisor to Gov. Riley, a position he had held since 2003. King also previously served as assistant attorney general, as well as deputy legal advisor and deputy executive secretary in Gov. Fob James' administration.

He is married to the former Paige Pinson of Montgomery, and the couple has a son, Briggs, and two daughters, Colden and Asher.

Past winners of the Distinguished Leadership Award are: former Congressman Earl Hutto; McDowell Lee, secretary of the Alabama Senate; Bob Howell, longtime television reporter and anchor; the late Earl Watson, former TROY athletic director; Harrel McKinney, founder of Alabama Reference Laboratories and sponsor of the McKinney Medical Technology Scholarship at Troy University; and, Earl Johnson, former Andalusia mayor and the driving force behind the Bibb Graves Quadrangle renovation project.



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At left, Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr., Troy University chancellor, presents TROY alumnus and Alabama Attorney General Troy King, right, with the Distinguished Leadership Award during the Spring Reunion dinner March 11. Above, King serves as Grand Marshal of the University's Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade earlier in the day, riding with his son Briggs.