



NREMT Executive Director Receives Department of Health Professions Distinguished Alumnus Award

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Columbus, OH—The newly established Distinguished Alumnus Award from Youngstown State University Bitonte College of Health and Human Services Department of Health Professions was presented to Executive Director of the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) William E. Brown, Jr. on May 21, 2010. Bill was the first alumnus to receive this award established by the college for outstanding contribution to the profession, community and University.

Joseph Mistovich, Chair of the Department of Health Professions, presented the award, making note of Bill's many accomplishments over the course of his career. "Mr. Brown's commitment to excellence in EMS is reflected in the paramedic's motto: 'So others may live,'" Joe said. "He has lived by this motto throughout his entire career – from providing individual patient care in the emergency department and prehospital environment, the education of paramedics, and in moving EMS to a true profession on a national level. Bill once told me: 'As a paramedic you can impact the life of one patient at a time. As an EMS instructor, you can impact the lives of so many more patients through highly competent graduates that you taught.' As Executive Director of the National Registry, Mr. Brown is impacting millions of lives in the United States."

Bill began his career as a USAF Special Operations Forces Pararescue, providing rescue and emergency medical services to downed pilots during the Viet Nam war. He graduated from Youngstown State University (YSU) with both an Associate and a Bachelor of Science degree in Applied Science with a major in Nursing and Law Enforcement Administration. While at YSU, he was recognized as Best All-Round Student and awarded the University Pin. He also served as the President of Student Government for two years and participated on many University committees.

Bill went on to receive a Master of Science degree in Health and Safety Education from Indiana University, before returning to YSU as the Paramedic Program Director in what was then the Department of Allied Health. While in this position, Bill developed and built the program into a nationally recognized education program for paramedics that attracted students from across the country and internationally.

Bill has been recipient of other significant awards honoring his contributions to EMS. He received the 2009 Rocco V. Morando Lifetime Achievement Award in EMS, the highest national recognition awarded to an EMS professional. Other awards include the National Association of EMTs Presidential Leadership Award (1994 and 2000), Armstrong Industries Literary Award, and Outstanding Service Award from the Center for Emergency Medicine in Pittsburgh.

A great testimony is YSU's establishment of the William E. Brown, Jr. Academic Excellence Award, named after Bill for his dedication to excellence in EMS. The award is given to the student with the highest academic average in the paramedic program.

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Left to right, YSU Dean, Dr. Joseph Mosca, Chair of the Department of YSU Health Professions, Joseph Mistovich, Recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus Award, William E. Brown, Jr.