



*Top left, John Nofstinger presents Barbara Turlington, American Council on Education (ACE), with a Proclamation for her years of service on the ACL Board at the ACL Conference in Arlington VA, in October 2006; Top right, During an ACL Conference in October 2007, Alice Brown, Appalachian Colleges Association, receives the ACL Pioneer Award and a group hug from John and Larry Dotolo, ACL's Executive Director; Bottom left, In October 2008, at the ACL Conference in Alexandria, VA, John Nofstinger, passes the gavel to the newly elected ACL President, Wayne Anderson, Associated Colleges of the South; Bottom right, In October 2007, during an ACL Conference in Atlanta, GA, John poses proudly with Nicola Beltz, ACL's Director of Programs and Claire Ramsbottom, Colleges of the Fenway.*

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## THE JOHN B. NOFTSINGER, JR. AWARD FOR SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

THE ASSOCIATION FOR CONSORTIUM LEADERSHIP BESTOWS  
THE JOHN B. NOFTSINGER, JR. AWARD FOR SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP UPON  
AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS CONTRIBUTED SIGNIFICANTLY OVER THE YEARS TO SUPPORT  
AND STRENGTHEN COOPERATION AMONG INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND  
BETWEEN THOSE INSTITUTIONS AND THEIR PARTNERS IN THE COMMUNITY  
AND IN THE CORPORATE AND FOUNDATION WORLDS.

IN DOING SO, WE RECOGNIZE THE MANY YEARS OF SERVICE THE INDIVIDUAL  
HAS DEVOTED TO THE COLLABORATIVE ENTERPRISE IN ORDER TO HELP HIGHER  
EDUCATION BE RESPONSIVE, INNOVATIVE, AND CARING.



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By direction of the Board of Directors of the Association for Consortium Leadership (ACL), the ACL Pioneer Award has been renamed the: John B. Noftsinger, Jr. Award for Service and Leadership, to honor the memory of and contributions made by a dedicated ACL Board Member. This award recognizes individuals who have assisted the ACL with dedicated service and outstanding leadership, and devoted their professional time and effort to strengthening the mission and vision of the Association.

Joining ACL in 1993, Dr. John B. Noftsinger, Jr. was an active member of the Association serving on the Board from 2004 to 2008, including two consecutive terms as President. As President of the ACL, John oversaw the development of a strategic plan formalizing the early activities of committees and task forces to focus on the importance of consortia and strengthening professional relationships in higher education. Dr. Noftsinger promoted collaboration among institutions of higher learning and was involved in all facets of cooperation and innovation throughout the State of Virginia and on regional and national levels.

Dr. Noftsinger was 48 when he died of a heart attack on November 10, 2011

Those who receive this award in memory of John embody his legacy of leadership and service to ACL and collaboration within higher education. The ACL has included Dr. John B. Noftsinger's biography of his professional career as a tribute to his life's work.

## DR. JOHN B. NOFTSINGER, JR. 1963–2011

John B. Noftsinger was a 1985 cum laude graduate of James Madison University with a double major in Political Science and Public Administration and a minor in Business Administration. As an undergraduate at Madison, he was selected as the first student to serve on the JMU Board of Visitors, as well as Who's Who, Omicron Delta Kappa, Mortar Board, and Kappa Sigma Fraternity. He received his Master of Arts degree in Higher Education Administration from The Ohio State University in 1987. He was the 2009 winner of Ohio State University's Maude Stewart Alumni Award for leadership and innovation in higher education. In 1997, he received his doctoral degree in the Higher Education Program at the University of Virginia, where he was the 1994 winner of the Annette Gibbs Award for scholarly achievement in the program.

He began his professional career at JMU in 1989 and after 22 years concluded as the Vice Provost for Research and Public Service. In addition to his role as Vice Provost, Dr. Noftsinger served as Executive Director of the Institute for Infrastructure and Information Assurance, Professor of Integrated Science and Technology and Strategic Leadership, and as the President and Chair of James Madison Innovations.

As Vice Provost, Dr. Noftsinger developed a culture of innovation by facilitating grant and contract funding, homeland defense and security research, economic development, and intellectual property and technology transfer activities. Under his leadership, JMU achieved record levels of funding for sponsored research. He specialized in interdisciplinary program and grant development, highlighted by his leadership role in the conceptualization and implementation of the Information Analysis degree program, an undergraduate major designed to educate students on national security intelligence analysis and competitive intelligence.

Since beginning employment at JMU in 1989, Dr. Noftsinger served as Principal Investigator (PI) or Co-PI for 20 million dollars in Sponsored Programs. He spearheaded the successful development, funding and implementation of a variety of key programs at JMU including: the Center for International Stabilization and Recovery, Institute for Infrastructure and Information Assurance, Information Analyst degree program, Institute for National Security Analysis, Critical Infrastructure Protection Project, Mine Action Information Center, Shenandoah Valley Technology Council, James Madison Innovations, Virginia's Manufacturing Innovation Center, Shenandoah Valley Partnership, Workforce Information Network (WIN), Civil War Institute, Valley of Virginia Partnership for Education, William R. Nelson Institute for Public Affairs, and the Shenandoah Valley Business Gateway, resulting in millions more in external funding.

Dr. Noftsinger promoted collaboration among institutions of higher learning, and in this capacity served as a Senior Fellow at George Washington University's Homeland Security Policy Institute and as a member of the Steering Committee for the Critical Incident Analysis Group at the University of Virginia. He was a former Deputy Secretary of Education for the Commonwealth of Virginia.

On the state, regional, and national levels he was a founding board member of the Virginia Coastal Energy Research Consortium (VCERC), Trustee for the Southeastern Universities Research Association (SURA), and Chair of the SURA Relations Committee. In these roles, he has been an innovative leader in developing science and technology policy and economic development in the Shenandoah Valley, Virginia and Mid-Atlantic region. Dr. Noftsinger was a founder, Board member, and former Chair of the Virginia Technology Alliance. He was a member of the Governor's Council on Technology Services and recently served on the General Assembly's Joint Commission on Technology and Science (JCOTS) Advisory Committee on Nanotechnology. Dr. Noftsinger was President of the Board and long-time Board member of the National Association for Consortium Leadership.

Dr. Noftsinger presented at numerous local, regional, national and international conferences and published and consulted in the area of strategic alliances, economic development, homeland security, public policy, higher education and leadership. His newest book, *Homeland Security: Policy, Perspectives, and Paradoxes*, was published by Palgrave Macmillan in May 2007. He also co-edited a book entitled, *Leveraging Resources Through Partnerships*, published by Jossey-Bass in 2002. Additionally, Dr. Noftsinger's scholarship included numerous book chapters and papers on a variety of topics relating to higher education, strategic alliances and security policy; and participation in post-graduate programs at Harvard University and the University of Oxford.

On April 18, 1998, John married Lucinda Bosley Shaheen, who survives at home in Harrisonburg, Virginia, along with their three sons, Joshua, Zachary, and Jacob. Dr. Noftsinger was a dedicated father, husband and friend who was actively involved in the lives of those he loved.