

# Educational NEWS

## Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science Hall of Fame Inductees



Inaugural Inductees (L to R) are: Kenneth A. Cahall, Dwayne Spence and Robert L. Shank. Not pictured: William C. Wappner

**CINCINNATI, OH**—President **Jack E. Lechner, Jr.**, CFSP, announced that the board of trustees voted unanimously to establish an Alumni Hall of Fame at the **Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science** and announced the inaugural class of inductees.

Members of the inaugural class are from four different graduating classes. Lechner said that the nomination process was easy. "All four are alumni who have spent their entire professional lives setting an example for generations of death care professionals. They have given of their talents selflessly to their church and community as well as their district, state, and *National Funeral Directors Associations*. These Hall of Fame inductees serve as an example for those who

strive to be the best death care professional; supporting the profession and their alma mater with time, money, and leadership at the local and national levels. They represent the best in funeral service."

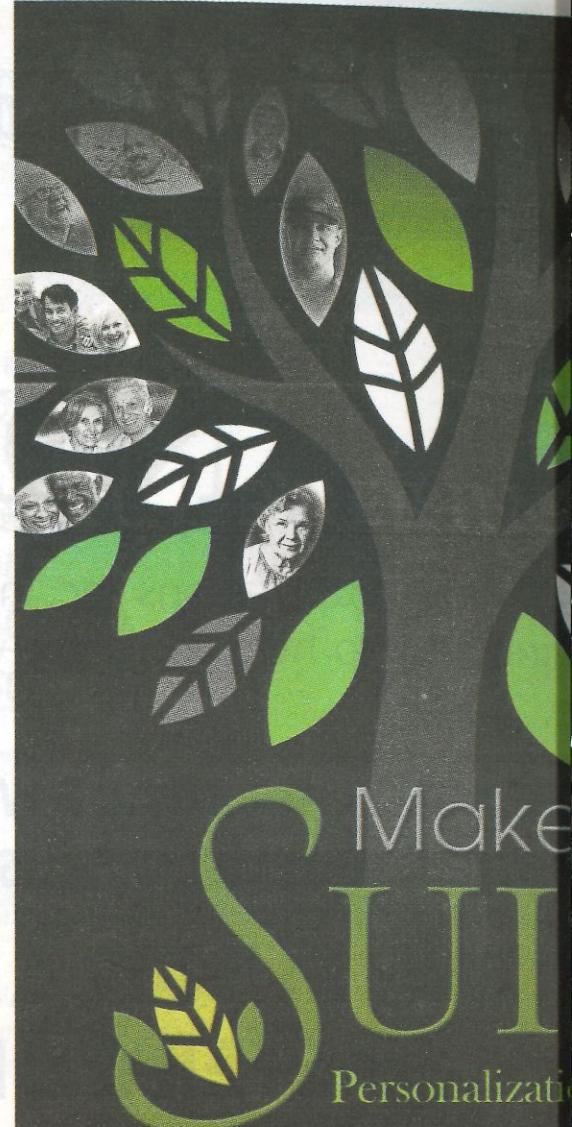
The 2017 Hall of Fame inaugural class inductees are: **Kenneth A. Cahall**, CFSP, president, NFDA (2017-18), Georgetown, OH, class of 1974; **Robert L. Shank, Sr.**, CFSP, past president, NFDA (1990-91), Perrysburg, OH, class of 1956; **Dwayne Spence**, CFSP, past president, NFDA (2002-03), Canal Winchester, OH, class of 1966; and **William C. Wappner**, CFSP, past president, NFDA (2009-10), Mansfield, OH, class of 1975.

Additionally, all four of these distinguished alumni are past presidents of the *Ohio Funeral Directors Association*. The Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science, the oldest mortuary science college in the United States, was established the same year as NFDA -1882. "Of the 124 past presidents of the NFDA, eleven that I am aware of are Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science alumni's," said Lechner. "That is a lot of local, state, and national level leadership emanating from the CCMS. I know that our students are proud to be part of that long line of leadership and the tradition of excellence."

## Academy to Award Scholarships and a Call for Board Candidates

**BUCHANAN, GA**—During their board meeting, the board of trustees of the **Academy of Professional Funeral Service Practice** voted to award two \$500 scholarships in the spring of 2018 to two of our student members. These funds will be used to defray the cost of their national board exam fees. The monies disbursed for this scholarship opportunity will be generated from the *Academy Legacy Endowment Fund*, which was established in 2011 for the purpose of

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