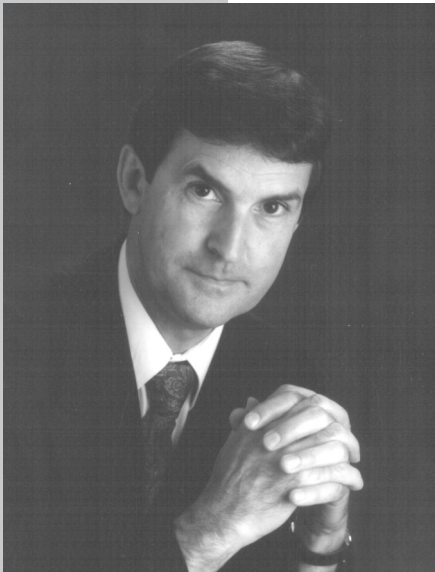


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"Serving So Others May Serve"



Premier Presentation of Cecil R. Paul Award

August 1, 1992, Dr. Cecil R. Paul passed away suddenly from a brain aneurysm. His family lost a devoted, loving husband and father, Eastern Nazarene College lost its president, and Towel & Basin lost one of its three cofounders.

Last year on the 10th anniversary of Cecil's death, Towel & Basin announced the creation of an award in his honor. The Cecil R. Paul Award will be presented to an individual with scholastic excellence in his/her chosen academic discipline that has integrated this commitment to scholarship with equally significant service to the community.

Dr. Paul was a respected and published scholar, director of a graduate program, and college president who also consistently and generously offered himself and his intellectual abilities in service to church and community. Fellow cofounder and Executive Director David Best explains, "The award will honor Cecil's life-long integration of scholarship

and service with the intention to nurture and encourage other scholars' service beyond the academy's library, laboratory, or classroom."

In a 1997 article, Towel & Basin cofounder Michael R. Estep called Cecil a "'man of vision' and 'legendary.' Not of self-enamored. No, the legend he left behind was of places and programs still making a difference in thousands of lives: community centers, college campuses, graduate programs, adult learning programs, textbooks, publishing programs, servant organizations--the things legends are made of."

Towel & Basin Ministries is part of Cecil's legendary legacy. It is our intent to remain faithful to Cecil's vision for Towel & Basin to challenge and help persons develop excellence in service across their entire life spans. This award in his name recognizes and encourages persons who are, as Cecil was, servant-scholars with "educated hearts."

The inaugural presentation of the Cecil R. Paul Award was made to its first recipient on October 17, 2003 in ceremonies during Eastern Nazarene College's Homecoming.

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The Best View



ENC Hosts Towel & Basin's Cecil R. Paul Award Presentation

When I first called Dr. David McClung, President of Eastern Nazarene College to tell him about Towel & Basin's Cecil R. Paul Award, President McClung responded immediately with an invitation for ENC to host the inaugural presentation.

At President McClung's suggestion, I contacted Chaplain Jeff Barker. After discovering the approximate time of the year Towel & Basin hoped to hold the event, Chaplain Barker offered to feature the presentation in ENC's Homecoming Chapel, October 17, 2003.

Along with a cash stipend, the award recipient was presented a sculpture created by artist Scott Stearman. Scott was inspired to design his piece, "Towel and Basin" after being with Cecil and witnessing first hand his passion for service and commitment to Towel & Basin's ministry.

The version for the Cecil R. Paul Award was cast in bronze for the very first time, and Scott has made the significant commitment to restrict all future bronze renderings of his "Towel and Basin" exclusively for the Cecil R. Paul Award.

Michael Estep, fellow cofounder of Towel & Basin, and now serving the ministry as Director of Communications/Special Events, has coordinated the logistics for this first presentation of the Cecil R. Paul Award. Dr. Estep remarked "Chaplain Barker and his Administrative Secretary Ardith Eyring have been models of servanthood as they assisted us in making this event a reality."

We have indeed been blessed by the gracious support ENC has given Towel & Basin as we seek to extend Dr. Paul's legacy and encourage servant-scholars.

In addition to ENC's hospitality, I want to acknowledge the generosity of the following organization's who have helped make possible this inaugural presentation of the Cecil R. Paul Award:

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