UNIVERSITY SCHOOL ALUMNUS RECEIVES
NSU’S DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD

The Celebration of Excellence (COE) is Nova Southeastern University’s annual signature event hosted by the University President, George L. Hanbury II, Ph.D. It provides the President with an opportunity to showcase The Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award, the highest award that an individual can receive from the NSU Alumni Association.

University School proudly honors our Distinguished Alumnus, Michael Zager, ’87, for his professional and academic achievements as well as his selfless dedication and contributions to our community.

Michael began his career as a life insurance agent at Mass Mutual. He is now the Managing Partner of Emerald Planning, a boutique financial services firm that assists individuals and businesses nationally in the area of Insurance Planning, estate analysis, retirement plans, charitable giving, business insurance, executive compensation and employee benefits. Michael has received numerous industry awards by some of the largest insurance and financial service companies. He was named to Mass Mutual’s Chairmans Club, which recognizes their top 10 producers nationally for the past 12 years. Michael was taught at a young age by his parents, mentors, and the University school that the true measure of success is what you are able to both give back and the example you set for others. He is board Chair of the University School and has served on other boards including Temple Dor Dorim and the Jewish Federation of Broward County. He is also a member of the United Way’s Alexis de Tocqueville Society of Broward County and supports several other local charities including Kids in Distress, Cystic Fibrosis, Joe DiMaggio Children’s hospital and LEAH. Michael states that the University School helped prepare him for college and, more importantly, for challenges faced professionally and in everyday life. He considers Dr. Chermak and other University school staff mentors that he continues to rely on for guidance and improvement.