

Rex W. Crowley Award Recipients

2024 – The Family Resource Center	2014 – Monica Murnan
2023 – Pittsburg Area Chamber of Commerce	2013 – USD 250 Pittsburg Community Schools
2022 – US Awards	2012 – Roger and Katha Heckert
2021 – Dr. Timothy Stebbins & Dr. Linda Bean	2011 – Steve and Becky Sloan
2020 – Angels Among Us	2010 – Wendell and Lynda Wilkinson
2019 – Jock’s Nitch	2009 – Via Christi Hospital – Pittsburg
2018 – Pritchett Trust Advisory Board	2008 – Harvey and Sharon Dean
2017 – Miller’s Professional Imaging/Mpix	2007 – Judy Westhoff
2016 – Ken and Debbie Brock	2006 – Barbara and Ron Rhodes
2015 – City of Pittsburg	2005 – Ron Marrone

The “Rex Crowley Outstanding Partners in Progress Award” recognizes a member of the Pittsburg community who has been an outstanding partner with the University. The recipient selected is to be a civic leader who has rendered outstanding service to both Pittsburg State and the local community through professional and volunteer activities. The award is named in honor of Rex Crowley, whose career as both a local banker and as a fund-raising volunteer for Pittsburg State University is well known in the community.

Rex W. Crowley was the kind of person who knew the importance of working together to make our community a better place.

In 1929, he joined the National Bank of Pittsburg (now Arvest Bank), rising from assistant cashier to chairman and CEO. He was very civic minded – active in Rotary, the Pittsburg Area Chamber of Commerce, the USD 250 school board, and boards at Mt. Carmel Medical Center (now Ascension Via Christi Hospital) and the Mental Health Associations.

After nearly 50 years of service at the bank, he retired in 1978 and took a no-salary position at Pittsburg State University as director of development. At that time, the concept of private support of our university had barely begun. Rex expected large returns and worked to make them happen.

He also understood that Pittsburg State played a vital role in the well-being of the local area, region and state, and that private support was becoming increasingly more important in order to continue our standard of excellence in education.