

# Miller given alumni award

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Maryland State Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller, a 1964 graduate of the University of Maryland, has been selected by his alumni peers to receive the university's 1999 Tyser Medallion. University President C.D. Mote Jr. will present the award to Miller at a private ceremony Oct. 28. Miller also will be recognized at the halftime ceremony during the University of Maryland's homecoming football game Oct. 30.

The award, given by the alumni association, is named in honor of Ralph J. Tyser, a 1940 graduate who volunteered his time on behalf of Maryland for 52 years. It is presented annually to an alumna or alumnus who has provided unique and significant service to the university.

"This is one of the highest honors we can bestow upon an alumnus," said Adrian Teel, president of the alumni association. "Mike Miller has been a true leader in his personal sup-

port for this university and also has rallied other alumni to be active in advancing university programs. We've always been proud to call him a 'Terrapin,' and now we're so pleased to call him a Tyser recipient."

Miller, who has been a member of the Maryland Senate since 1975 and Senate president since 1987, earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Maryland and a degree from the University of Maryland School of Law. Through his leadership in the General Assembly, the Prince George's County native has been a staunch supporter of University of Maryland's role as the flagship institution for the state's higher education system.

Miller spearheaded the legislative effort that provided matching funds from the state to renovate Byrd Stadium and is instrumental in the new basketball arena project.

Other notable alumni who have received a Tyser Medallion include Dr. Evelyn Pasteur Valentine, '67 and '87, of the Pasteur Center for Strategic Management, and John Lauer, '63 of the Olgebay Norton Company.