

Stars, Sports, and Service

Actress Uzo Aduba, Nickerson Field centennial, among this year's draws

By Julie Butters

TELEVISION ACADEMY, EAT YOUR HEART OUT. In September, the academy gave actress Uzo Aduba a second consecutive Emmy Award for her performance as Suzanne "Crazy Eyes" Warren in the hit Netflix series *Orange Is the New Black*. And yet, when Aduba (CFA'05) received an Inspiring Young Alumni Award on September 26 from the College of Fine Arts, it was clear where her heart lay.

"I can say without question that this is easily the best thing that has ever happened to me," Aduba said.

The former voice major and track star was one of three graduates honored by CFA during Alumni Weekend. Broadway actor Greg Hildreth (CFA'05) and David Delmar (CFA'06), a designer and found-

er of volunteer-based Resilient Coders, also were given the award.

It was a weekend of celebrations. At the Best of BU Luncheon & University Alumni Awards two alums received the Distinguished Alumni Award, the highest honor the University presents its graduates: Robert K. Jackler (MED'79), an otologist-neurotologist who specializes in complex ear diseases and who founded the group Stanford Research into the Impact of Tobacco Advertising, and Sarah Degnan Kambou (SPH'84, UNI'94), president of the International Center for Research on Women and a recipient of the Perdita Huston Human Rights Award from the United Nations Association of the National Capital Area. Lisa A. Wong (CAS'00, GRS'00), who is serving her fourth term as mayor of Fitchburg, Mass., was presented with the 2015 Young Alumni Award. "I try to honor the BU alumni every day in the work that I do," said Wong, who was first elected to the office at age 28.

The weekend, which featured more than 100 events, gave alums the opportunity not only to celebrate fellow Terriers, but also to reminisce and reconnect with one another. At 100 Years of Braves/Nickerson Field, Fred Rapoport (CAS'71), Arnold Baker (SED'72), and Gary Capehart (SED'71) met to catch up and remember their days on the BU football team. They toured the field with fellow alums, imagin-

ing the cheers when the Boston Braves played baseball here decades ago. The Braves moved to Milwaukee in 1953 and to Atlanta in 1966.

Back at CFA's Inspiring Young Alumni Awards, harpist Amelia Cook (CFA'18, CAS'18) played Bach as a crowd of elegantly attired guests mingled in the 808 Gallery. Eager fans flocked to Aduba. Jade' Davis (CFA'16) said that as an African American and aspiring actress, she was especially excited to hear Aduba speak: "She's someone for me to look up to."

But it's more than celebrity, or even classmates, that keeps the BU community coming back for the festivities. For some, it's tradition. Joanna Couto said she attends almost every time. "It just makes the year complete," said Couto (Questrom'81), an SAP developer at BU. "It's almost like another holiday. You wouldn't skip Thanksgiving, right?" ■



Alumni returned to campus September 24-27 for Alumni Weekend, which featured award ceremonies, receptions, films, lectures, luncheons, and an exhibition celebrating the life and work of author, activist, and Nobel laureate Elie Wiesel (Hon.'74), the Andrew W. Mellon Professor in the Humanities.

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Watch a slideshow of Alumni Weekend and see a list of all alumni award recipients at bu.edu/bostonia.



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Alums helped mark 100 years of Braves/Nickerson Field by taking a tour of the field, listening to a panel discussion, and enjoying a barbecue.



Albert James (ENG'85, Questrom'95) (left) and Terry Anthony (ENG'86) snap a selfie at a College of Engineering reception for past and present members of the Minority Engineers Society and the National Society of Black Engineers.

Sarah Degnan Kambou (SPH '84, UNI '94), president of the International Center for Research on Women, speaks after receiving a Distinguished Alumni Award.

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At the Black Alumni Network Reception, held at the home of Dean of Students Kenneth Elmore (SED'87): Markiesha Ollison (Questrom'14) (from left), Sandy Joseph (CAS'14), Tabitha Watson (CAS'12, COM'12), Kenya Joseph (SED'15), and Jennifer Eliezer (COM'14).

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Lisa A. Wong (CAS'00, GRS'00), who is serving her fourth term as mayor of Fitchburg, Mass., received the 2015 Young Alumni Award from Wayne Positan (CAS'70), president of the BU Alumni Council. Looking on are President Robert A. Brown and Ann Cudd, dean of Arts & Sciences.

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Sheila Eviy (SON'82) (left) and Marcelle Willock (Questrom'89) at an alumni reception at the Castle.

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Emmy-winning actress Uzo Aduba (CFA'05) (left), with Lynne Allen, College of Fine Arts dean ad interim, received an Inspiring Young Alumni Award from CFA.

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