

The 2011 Tradition of Excellence awards next Friday, Nov. 4 (at 8:45 a.m. and 9:40 a.m.) in the OPRF Auditorium will honor:



Iris Krasnow (Class of 1972) was born and raised in Oak Park. A graduate of Stanford University, she became the fashion writer for the *Dallas Times Herald*, then moved to *United Press International* in Washington, D.C. to become the national feature writer. In her several years at UPI, Krasnow specialized in celebrity profiles, including Yoko Ono, Billy Graham, Ted Kennedy and Queen Noor of Jordan. Iris is the bestselling author of *Surrendering to Motherhood*, *Surrendering to Marriage*, *Surrendering to Yourself* and *I Am My Mother's Daughter*. Her new book, *The Secret Lives of Wives: Women Share What It Really Takes To Stay Married*, was published by Penguin Books in October 2011. Her writing has been featured in many national publications, including *Parade*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post* and *The Huffington Post*. Krasnow has been a guest on numerous national television and radio programs including twice on *Oprah*. Iris is a journalism professor at American University in Washington, D.C. and is the mother of four sons. She encourages you to connect with her on www.iriskrasnow.com.

Phil Radford (Class of 1994) is the Executive Director of Greenpeace, he is at the helm of one of the largest and most influential environmental organizations in the country. Radford leads a national team of 500 highly-skilled environmental leaders working in 23 cities across the U.S. on national and global campaigns to protect our planet's oceans, forests, and climate.

Radford began his environmental career as a student organizing to shut down incinerators on the West Side of Chicago. Radford spent the next five years running door to door fundraising and campaign offices for PIRG, the Sierra Club, and the Human Rights Campaign. With his roots in local organizing and fundraising, Radford has always specialized in mobilizing people to raise their voices for the right to clean air, clean water, and a healthy planet for our children.



Prior to taking on his current role, Radford worked as Greenpeace's Grassroots and National Canvass Director for six years. During that period, Radford's team doubled the budget of Greenpeace in the U.S., quadrupled its staff, launched a national student organizing program, and created an online to offline mobilization program.

Over the past decade, Radford has managed several high-impact, national campaigns on global warming, including Global Warming 2000, which convinced Senator McCain to take leadership on global warming; The Global Climate Coalition Campaign, where he managed the national field work that forced Ford, GM, Texaco, and other companies to stop funding the Global Climate Coalition, the industry front-group funding global warming skeptics; persuading Citigroup to increase investments in clean energy; and working with over a dozen communities to make significant investments in clean energy.

Radford is a regular contributor to Huffington Post and has appeared on CNN, Fox News, NBC, and ABC News.

Phil has a degree from Washington University in St. Louis, and a certificate in Non-profit Management from Georgetown University.

Established by the Class of 1982, the award is presented annually to alumni or former students who have distinguished themselves professionally and who, through these accomplishments, have brought great credit to their alma mater. These distinguished alumni are honored at a brunch following the awards presentation during back-to-back all-school assemblies.