

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR



Ambassador David H. Shinn, Ph.D., of Washington, D.C., is the recipient of the 1994 Yakima Valley Community College Distinguished Alumnus Award. In April he received the American Association of Community Colleges National Alumnus of the Year Award.

A 1960 graduate of Yakima Valley Community College who now serves as U. S. State Department Coordinator for Somalia, Ambassador Shinn plans to attend both the 65th YVCC Commencement on June 9 and the first Alumni Association picnic on June 11.

Ambassador Shinn coordinates the State Department's position on Somalia and leads the inter-agency team which meets with United Nations staff to review policy and the situation in Somalia. In 1992, he was a member of the State Department's Management Task Force, whose recommendations resulted in significant organizational changes during the early months of the Clinton administration.

"I am thrilled to be named YVCC Alum of the Year. My time at YVCC was a period of warm friendships and good times mixed with serious study and widening horizons," said Ambassador Shinn.