

A Global Vision: Stan Barer Honored with 2021 Gates Volunteer Service Award

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From his earliest work on legislation that would become the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to an influential role in trade relations between the United States and China to his volunteer leadership and commitment to higher education, legacy firm name partner Stan Barer continues to make an indelible impact across the globe.

This month, the University of Washington will recognize Barer with its [2021 Gates Volunteer Service Award](#) – an honor reserved for those individuals whose contributions have advanced the work of UW in profound and enduring ways. Barer overcame significant obstacles to earn his law degree at UW in 1963. He set his sights on building connections in an ever-expanding, multicultural world and would soon play a central role in breaking down national and international barriers.

Barer's world-changing professional work also helped chart a global vision for UW Law with the formation of the [Barer Institute for Law & Global Human Services](#). Through the institute, more than 25 Barer Fellows coming from as far away as Indonesia, Nigeria and Colombia have had the opportunity to continue their educational journeys at UW before returning home to their developing nations with the legal insights and resources to improve outcomes in health, education, economic development, sustainability and more.

Barer will be honored at UW's annual Recognition Gala on Friday, September 17, 2021. First presented in 2002, the Gates Volunteer Service Award is one of the most distinguished accolades bestowed by the university. Modeled after the singular vision and generosity of the William H. Gates family, the Gates Volunteer Service Award has recognized and honored individuals whose long-term volunteer efforts of time, service and philanthropy have encouraged others to similarly support UW.

Watch the [UW livestream event](#).

Friday, September 17, 2021 - Pre-show at 7:15 p.m. PDT | Event starts at 7:30 p.m. PDT

To learn more about Barer and the 2021 Gates Volunteer Service Award, please visit the [UW website](#).