

## Rex W. Crowley Award Recipients

2025 – Southeast Kansas Education Service Center – Greenbush  
2024 – The Family Resource Center  
2023 – Pittsburg Area Chamber of Commerce  
2022 – US Awards  
2021 – Dr. Timothy Stebbins & Dr. Linda Bean  
2020 – Angels Among Us  
2019 – Jock’s Nitch  
2018 – Pritchett Trust Advisory Board  
2017 – Miller’s Professional Imaging/Mpix  
2016 – Ken and Debbie Brock

2015 – City of Pittsburg  
2014 – Monica Murnan  
2013 – USD 250 Pittsburg Community Schools  
2012 – Roger and Katha Heckert  
2011 – Steve and Becky Sloan  
2010 – Wendell and Lynda Wilkinson  
2009 – Via Christi Hospital – Pittsburg  
2008 – Harvey and Sharon Dean  
2007 – Judy Westhoff  
2006 – Barbara and Ron Rhodes  
2005 – Ron Marrone

*The “Rex Crowley Outstanding Partners in Progress Award” recognizes a member of the Pittsburg community who has been an outstanding partner with the University. The recipient selected is to be a civic leader who has rendered outstanding service to both Pittsburg State and the local community through professional and volunteer activities. The award is named in honor of Rex Crowley, whose career as both a local banker and as a fund-raising volunteer for Pittsburg State University is well known in the community.*

Rex W. Crowley was the kind of person who knew the importance of working together to make our community a better place.

In 1929, he joined the National Bank of Pittsburg (now Arvest Bank), rising from assistant cashier to chairman and CEO. He was very civic minded – active in Rotary, the Pittsburg Area Chamber of Commerce, the USD 250 school board, and boards at Mt. Carmel Medical Center (now Ascension Via Christi Hospital) and the Mental Health Associations.

After nearly 50 years of service at the bank, he retired in 1978 and took a no-salary position at Pittsburg State University as director of development. At that time, the concept of private support of our university had barely begun. Rex expected large returns and worked to make them happen.

He also understood that Pittsburg State played a vital role in the well-being of the local area, region and state, and that private support was becoming increasingly more important in order to continue our standard of excellence in education.