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DULUTH--UMD Provost Raymond W. Darland Monday night received an Alumni Achievement Award at Fort Hays State College, Fort Hays, Kansas. Darland was one of three persons so honored at college commencement exercises.

The awards, now in their second year, are based on achievement in the individual's field of endeavor and meritorious contribution to society or the community. Nominations are made by alumni with the final selection determined by an anonymous committee.

Dr. Darland received his B.S. degree in 1933 at Fort Hays State College. He was principal at the Hoxie, Kansas high school before returning to Fort Hays to teach and earn his master's degree in 1936. Darland received a teaching fellowship at the University of Nebraska, received his Ph.D. there in 1947 and was assistant professor of biology there. Darland came to UMD in 1948 as associate professor of biology, was named academic dean in 1952 and was appointed provost in 1953.

At the Fort Hays exercises, Darland was cited for outstanding achievement at UMD where enrollments have doubled in nine years, where a \$12-million dollar building program is underway and where the school has gained full university status, the term "branch" being recently dropped.