

**Outstanding Alumnus 1993**  
**Jim Halsey**



Jim Halsey graduated from Independence Community College in 1950. His career spans over 50 years as artist manager, agent and impresario, discovering and/or guiding the careers of such illustrious personalities as Roy Clark, The Oak Ridge Boys, Waylon Jennings, The Judds, Reba McEntire, Minnie Pearl, Clint Black, Dwight Yoakum, Tammy Wynette, and many others. He has organized and presented country music performances all over the world. As an agent, Halsey's expertise has also enabled him to represent such diverse artists as Woody Herman, James Brown, Roy Orbison, Leon Russell, The Glenn Miller Band and others. Through his efforts, Halsey expanded the horizons of country music while maintaining one of the most highly skilled and motivated booking and management companies in the world. He is president and chief operating officer of The Jim Halsey Institute in Tulsa, Oklahoma where his focus is education.