

## **Alumni Association Achievement Award**

**The second Achievement Award recipient graduated from Norwich University in Vermont in 1964. He earned his Masters degree in 1967 and PhD degree in microbiology in 1969 from Syracuse University. He was Chief of the Army Virology and Serology Laboratory in San Francisco, CA from 1969 to 1971. He then spent 19 years in Canton, OH as Director of the Aultman Hospital Laboratory Division of Microbiology, Virology, and Epidemiology. This was a primary teaching hospital for Northeastern Ohio University College of Medicine. He came to WVU in 1990 as a Professor in the Department of Pathology. Our recipient is an international lecturer and recently completed a tour of Asia with stops at 9 universities including the cities of Bangkok, Singapore, and Beijing. At WVU he is involved in many education and clinical areas. A short list includes Director of Microbiology Labs, University Hospitals; Director of the Biofilm Research Lab for Translational Studies, Adjunct Professor, Dept of Microbiology; Adjunct Professor, School of Pharmacy; and Clinical Professor, Dept of Periodontics, School of Dentistry. Although his role as consultant to several international health organizations is very prestigious, the selection committee was most impressed that our recipient has found time since 1993 to work very closely with our dental hygiene students, our dental students, and our post-doctoral students. He has worked with them in table clinic presentations, poster presentations, and graduate level research projects. When pressed for an estimate of the impact he might have had with the students, our recipient admits to more than 65 presentations and/or publications which have involved our students, many of which resulted in awards to the students. For all his impressive accomplishments and especially for his work with our students, I am pleased to present the Alumni Association Achievement Award to Dr. John G. Thomas.**