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Commissioner Lapsley Honored by the University of Wyoming College of Engineering and Physical Science

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Henderson County Commissioner William G. (Bill) Lapsley was honored by the University of Wyoming College of Engineering and Physical Sciences with the 2024 Distinguished Engineer Award at the college's awards banquet on Saturday, April 27th.

Lapsley, a 1970 civil engineering graduate from the University of Wyoming, began his 54-year career as a junior engineer at the Los Angeles County Flood Control District. After the record-breaking earthquake in 1971, he was selected by the District's Chief Engineer to join a team of engineers to investigate the stability of the district's 14 large flood-control dams. In 1973 he obtained his professional engineer's license and moved with his family to North Carolina in 1974 to join the Hendersonville Water and Sewer Department as the Director and then established his private consulting firm, William G. Lapsley & Associates PA, in Hendersonville in 1985. This firm became a prominent engineering consultant for local government, private land developers, and industrial clients throughout Western North Carolina. Since selling this business in 2014, Lapsley has served as an elected official and is currently serving his third four-year term as a Henderson County Commissioner.

Lapsley told the audience in Laramie, Wyoming on Saturday evening that "I am indeed honored & humbled to receive this achievement award from my alma mater. To be selected is a tribute to the professors & staff that afforded me the educational opportunities over 58 years ago to excel in my chosen profession."

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