

George Fong

Walter J. Gallo '58 Award

Seated among us tonight is a man who is usually standing in the back of this dining room preparing to serve anyone who comes his way. And he is always ready to do so with a distinctive smile and good cheer that makes you feel welcome and even special. When considering all the things that make Saint Anselm College a special place, we might easily miss some of the more obvious things that many of us experience on a daily basis, and which make guests at Saint Anselm feel especially welcome. George Fong is one of those things. One of those people! Even if people don't know his last name, nearly everyone on campus knows George, the guy with the St. A's hat whose cheerful disposition disguises the difficult work he does; the guy whose smile remains ready no matter the circumstances. Whether he is driving the catering around campus, delivering trays of food to athletes, cleaning up after a student event, topping off a fresh cocktail or opening up a cold beer for patrons at any number of special events, or just looking about to see what he can do to help make someone's day a little easier, George embodies what it means to be Anselmian. Because he has been dedicated for more than a decade to providing the best possible catering experience for Saint Anselm students, faculty, staff, alumni, and guests; because he manages to remain positive and upbeat no matter the demands of his job, and because we all wish we had a smile as warm and ready as his, the Alumni Association is honored to present George Fong with the 2018 Walter J. Gallo Award.