

Scott to receive highest honor from Horatio Alger Association

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Walter Scott Jr., former CEO of Peter Kiewit Sons' Incorporated, laughs Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2009, during the groundbreaking ceremony for the new baseball stadium in Omaha, Neb.

Omaha businessman Walter Scott Jr. will receive the highest award from the Horatio Alger Association, which awards scholarships and recognizes people with outstanding achievements.

Scott was inducted into the Washington, D.C.-based association in 1997 and since then has served as its executive vice president, president and chief executive and chairman, among other duties.

He originated its state scholarship program in 2000 and is a major donor and chairman emeritus.

In April he will receive the group's Norman Vincent Peale Award, named for the group's longtime leader, to recognize Scott's philanthropic and humanitarian efforts and his service to the association.

Scott also is chairman of Level 3 Communications and chairman emeritus of Peter Kiewit Sons' Inc. of Omaha.

David Sokol, current president and CEO of the association and chairman of MidAmerican Energy Holdings Co., a subsidiary of Berkshire Hathaway Inc., said Scott "not only represents the American dream but also sets an example of involvement and philanthropy for our members and scholars."