

Alvy Ray Smith

Born 1943

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Smith, one of the co-founders of Pixar Animation Studios, earned his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from New Mexico State University in 1965. Smith and Ed Catmull co-founded Pixar while working for LucasFilm's computer division, and the two worked with Apple Inc.'s Steve Jobs to get the company off the ground. Smith left Pixar and eventually cofounded Altamira Software Corp., which was acquired by Microsoft in 1994. Pixar, now owned by The Walt Disney Co., created blockbuster animated films such as "Toy Story" (1995), "Monsters, Inc." (2001) and "WALL-E" (2008). NMSU granted Smith an honorary doctorate in December 1999.

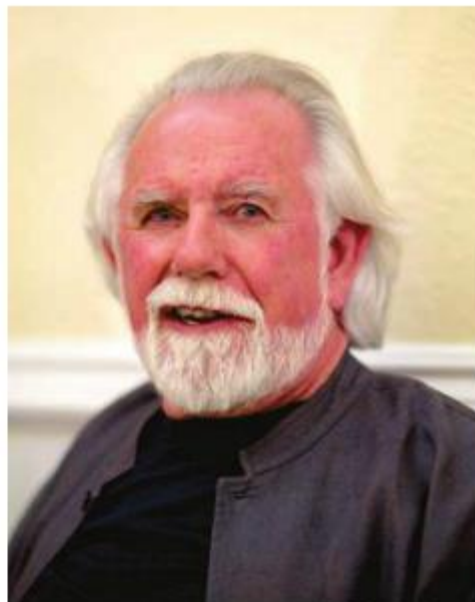


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