College of Education
Alumni Society Awards Description and Criteria

**College of Education ALUMNI EXCELLENCE Award**
The Alumni Excellence Award is the highest honor bestowed upon alumni of the College of Education. It is awarded to recognize career-long, sustained excellence of contribution and achievement in the nominee’s chosen profession. Specific criteria: (1) Nominees will be evaluated for significant contributions to their chosen profession (in or out of the field of education) over the span of their career, for a period of 15 years or more; (2) The nomination should include clear, compelling, and documented evidence of excellence through contributions to the nominee’s chosen field as exemplified in leadership, innovation, commitment, and/or service; (3) Nominee must be a graduate of the College of Education (certification, baccalaureate, or advanced degree).

**College of Education LEADERSHIP & SERVICE Award**
The Leadership and Service Award recognizes those alumni who have distinguished themselves within their chosen professions, in or out of the field of education. Selection is made on the basis of leadership and service within a career, a community, or to society in general. Specific criteria: (1) Achievement in a chosen field, in a community, or in society; (2) Nominee must be a graduate of the College of Education (certification, baccalaureate, or advanced degree).

**College of Education SERVICE TO PENN STATE Award**
The Service to Penn State Award recognizes those alumni and friends who have made significant contributions of time and talent to the College and/or University. Specific criteria: (1) Nominee will be evaluated on the basis of demonstrated commitment and dedication to enhancing the objectives of the College and/or the University.

**College of Education OUTSTANDING TEACHING Award**
The Outstanding Teaching Award recognizes the classroom teacher. Selection is made on the basis of overall excellence in teaching methodologies, knowledge of subject matter, and ability to inspire students. Specific criteria: (1) Nominee must be employed full-time in the teaching profession; (2) Nominee must a graduate of the College of Education (certification, baccalaureate, or advanced degree).

**College of Education OUTSTANDING NEW GRADUATE Award**
The Outstanding New Graduate Award recognizes recent graduates who have distinguished themselves in their new careers. Selection is made on the basis of an individual's advancement and excellence in a new job, in or out of the field of education. Specific criteria: (1) Outstanding contributions to and achievements in a new job; (2) Nominees must be graduates of the College of Education (baccalaureate) within five years of the date of nomination.

Nomination materials must include the following in order to be considered complete:
- Nomination Form
- Candidate’s vita or resume
- One letter from the nominator
- Two additional letters of support

All nomination materials must be sent to the address below:

The Penn State College of Education
Attn: Alumni Society Awards
247 Chambers Building
University Park, PA  16802-3206
814.863.2216
College of Education
Alumni Society Awards Nomination Form

Award Name:_______________________________________________________________

**Candidate Information**

Name:_______________________________________________________________

Email:_____________________________ Home Phone:__________________________

Home Address:____________________________________________________________
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Job Title:_____________________________

Business Email:______________________ Business Phone:_________________________

Business Address:____________________________________________________________
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Education from Penn State (Include degree and grad year)
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**Nominator Information**

Name:_______________________________________ Phone:_________________________

Relationship to the nominee:____________________________________________________

Email Address:_______________________________________________________________

Title:_______________________________________________________________________

Address:____________________________________________________________________
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