2014 President’s Distinguished Professor in Community Engagement

Overview:

The President’s Distinguished Professor in Community Engagement recognizes superior professional engagement activities in the community. The award encourages the ongoing pursuit of community service and exemplifies NSU’s “community” core value. Through this award, Nova Southeastern University proclaims its pride in the accomplishments and personal dedication of its faculty activities in the community. This award is conferred upon a faculty member who demonstrates significant contributions to the community and serves as a role model for ongoing community engagement for NSU students.

Award:

Nominations for the President’s Distinguished Professor of Community Engagement may come from any NSU constituent and may include self-nominations. One university-wide award will be selected by members of a selection committee comprised of faculty and administrators at NSU in cooperation with the Office of Institutional and Community Engagement. The term of this award is for one year.

The awardee will be provided:
- Faculty Club Membership for one year
- An honorarium of $500 American Express Gift Card
- Personalized commemorative plaque
- Recognition at the University level and at the annual Faculty Reception
- Authorization to use the title (academic year) President’s Distinguished Professor in Community Engagement

Eligibility Criteria:

- Candidates must be full-time faculty who meet selection criteria determined by the Office of Institutional and Community Engagement in collaboration with the Provost’s office which must include demonstration of initiative, creativity and engagement within the community.

- Community outreach and engagement activities must be on the behalf of Nova Southeastern University and may be in the areas of community based research, community clinical activities, community service, community events with students, and/or service learning.

Application Process:

Nominations may be made by colleagues, deans, administrators or a faculty member may self-nominate. The application packet must minimally include:
1. A one-page narrative summary providing compelling evidence of the nominee’s excellence in community engagement.

2. Evidence of excellence in community engagement demonstrated in narrative or portfolio format. A maximum of 4 pieces of evidence will be accepted. Examples include: annual report, newspaper clippings, certificate of appreciation, program evaluation, funding notification, photos, etc.

3. A maximum of two support letters from an NSU community affiliate and/or peer faculty members, the dean, and/or from students attesting to the faculty member’s community activities.

4. An up-to-date curriculum vita

5. A one-page description explaining how the community-based work has benefitted the participants/community.

The Office of Institutional and Community Engagement must receive all supporting documentation on or before September 15, 2014.

A university-wide committee will be appointed by the President to recommend the President’s Distinguished Professor of Community Engagement. The final decision will be made by the President.

Committee members:

Bill Adams (FCAS)
Kathy Thomas (FSE)
Greg Black (Optometry)
Jacqueline Browne (HSHJ)
Barbara Packer-Muti (ICE)