President’s Excellence in Community Service Awards

Overview:

The President’s Award for Distinguished Service 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 employees’ activities in the community. These two awards are conferred upon one staff member and one administrator who each demonstrate significant contributions to the community, while exemplifying all eight of NSU’s core values, and who serve as a role model for ongoing community engagement for NSU students.

Eligibility:

Staff Member (Technical/Associate, as defined by NSU’s OHR): A nominee must be a full-time staff member at NSU. He/she must provide outstanding evidence of community service or outreach to the community-at-large as well as outstanding performance of his/her job duties, as demonstrated by a commitment to all eight core values.

Administrator/Professional/Supervisor, as defined by NSU’s OHR: A nominee must be a full time administrator, professional, supervisor or an administrative faculty with more than 51% time devoted to administrative duties. He/she must provide outstanding evidence of community service or outreach to the community-at-large as well as outstanding commitment to NSU’s eight core values.

Application Process:

Nominations may be made by colleagues, by any NSU constituent and may include self-nominations. The application packet must minimally include:

1. The nominee should indicate in which category they intend to apply (Technical/Associate or Administrator/Professional/Supervisor. This designation will be verified by NSU’s OHR)

2. A one-page narrative summary providing compelling evidence of the nominee’s excellence in community engagement/service. The summary must indicate if the nominee will be making application to the “staff” or the “administrator” award.

3. Evidence of excellence in community engagement demonstrated in narrative or portfolio format. A maximum of 4 pieces of evidence will be accepted. Examples include but are not limited to: report, newspaper clipping, certificate of appreciation, program evaluation, funding notification, photos, etc.

4. A maximum of two support letters from an NSU community affiliate and/or peer NSU employees, the nominee’s supervisor or unit leader, and/or from students attesting to the nominee’s community activities

5. An up-to-date resume or curriculum vita
6. A one page description explaining how the community-based work has benefitted the participants/community.

The term of these awards are for one year.

Each 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 Team 2020 Celebration

The application must be submitted to the Office of Institutional and Community Engagement (packerb@nova.edu) or Dr. Packer-Muti, Nova Southeastern University 3301 College Avenue Fort Lauderdale, FL 33314 on or before September 15, 2014.

Award Decisions:

The award decision recommendations will be made by committees comprised of NSU staff and administrators in cooperation with the Office of Institutional and Community Engagement.

The final decision will be made by Nova Southeastern University’s President on or before December 16, 2014. The final awardees in each category will be honored at Team 2020 Celebration.

Committee Members:

Staff Award:

Stephanie Petrosky (COM)
Sharon Sullivan (Advancement)
Angela Yehl (HSHJ)
Alejandrina Matias (ICE)

Administrator Award:

Jennifer O’Flannery Anderson (Advancement)
Kim Durham (HSHJ)
Wren Newman (FSE)
Barbara Packer-Muti (ICE)