

Distinguished Graduate Awards Program

Purpose: To recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of College of Nursing alumni for their outstanding contributions to the healthcare of patients, through nursing care, research and their demonstration of the ethics and values of the nursing profession.

Award Categories and Criteria:

- **Educator (University, Community College, and Practice Setting)**
 - Should currently hold or has held a teaching or leadership position with a local, state, or national professional educational organization; a post-secondary educational institution; or educational policy-making/review board.
 - Must have published articles, chapters, a book and/or a technical report that reflects scholarship, research, or advancement of profession.
 - Must serve or have served as a representative/spokesperson of the profession in policy making with professional or political association at the state or national level.
 - Demonstrate a strong commitment to students and life-long learning, and enhancing his/her professional growth and that of others.

- **Government and Community Service**
 - Should be actively involved in government and/or community service
 - Demonstrated exemplary contribution toward improving the quality of healthcare within their community through enhancing the capacity of the healthcare system.
 - Examples of activities may include:
 - Exemplary military service; government service at local, state and/or national levels (i.e. county commission, legislative staff); support for broad-based educational or school improvement plans; or community-school partnership activities.

- **Practitioner**
 - Honors outstanding achievements in any area or level of nursing.
 - Demonstrate a strong commitment to the nursing profession and the continued enhancement of his/her professional growth.
 - Have the respect of peers and significant service contributions to the field of nursing at any level in either a practice, educational, or administrative capacity and to the betterment of his/her community.

- **Recent Alumni**
 - Graduated in the last 10 years
 - Exceptional career foundation or post-graduate academic accomplishments
 - Community involvement and recognition
 - Service to the College of Nursing and Florida State University

Nomination Process:

- All nominees **MUST** be graduates of the Florida State University College of Nursing.
- Nominees cannot be self-nominated.

- Nominators can complete their nomination by mail, e-mail, or fax to the Alumni Outreach Coordinator.
- **Nominators should be prepared to submit the following information:**
 - Names and contact information of both nominating and nominated persons
 - Statement of nomination in 150 words or less, explaining why the nominator feels the person is qualified
 - Current curriculum vita or resume of nominee
 - Three references and their contact information and **at least one letter of reference.**
 - Any documentation further supporting the nominee's accomplishments and qualifications for the award (other letters of support, announcement of other recognitions, news articles, etc.)
- Nominations will be accepted beginning **March 3, 2014** and must be submitted by no later than **April 21, 2014***.

***Please note:** Nominations are kept active for three years. If your nominee is not selected in the original year nominated, you may update any piece of their file to strengthen the nomination. Three years from the original nomination date, you must update the Letter of Nomination in order to re-activate your distinguished graduate award nomination.

Distinguished Graduate Awards Selection Process:

Winners will be selected by the College of Nursing's Alumni Council.

Notification

- When the selection process is complete, nominees and nominators are notified of the results. Once all winners are contacted, results will be posted online.
- Results can be accessed online or you may send a self-addressed stamped envelope to:
 - Distinguished Graduate Awards, Florida State University, College of Nursing, 98 Varsity Way, Tallahassee, Florida 32306-4310.

Winners

- Distinguished Graduates will be honored during the fall Homecoming activities and are required to be present in order to receive the award. Individual winners will be contacted with details regarding the awards ceremony in early fall.
- For further information, contact the College of Nursing, Alumni Coordinator at 850-644-5983 or alumni@nursing.fsu.edu.

Submit completed nomination by April 21, 2014 to:

FSU College of Nursing
 Alumni Outreach Coordinator
 98 Varsity Way
 Tallahassee, FL 32306-4310
 Fax: 850-644-7660
 E-mail: alumni@nursing.fsu.edu