

***The Andy and Carol Denny National Alumni
Excellence in Teaching Award***

Policies, Procedures and Nomination Form

Each year, the University of South Alabama Alumni Association acknowledges the central role of teaching at USA by recognizing faculty for their outstanding teaching contributions.

Award Name: The Andy and Carol Denny National Alumni
Excellence in Teaching Award

Award: Recipient will be presented a cash award and plaque by the Alumni Association at its Annual Meeting on September 21, 2007.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Successful nominees should have demonstrated extraordinary accomplishments in the following:

- ◆ Highly-creative and innovative teaching and teaching methods that are considered creative and/or innovative in the context of the individual's field
- ◆ Continual efforts to be an innovative and effective teacher
- ◆ Effective communication strategies and skills
- ◆ The ability to creatively stimulate students' intellectual growth and personal development
- ◆ Enthusiasm for teaching
- ◆ Commitment to learning
- ◆ Respect for students
- ◆ Classroom environment characterized by student involvement, frequent feedback, respect, cooperation

ELIGIBILITY

The award is open to any full-time instructional faculty member with at least five years of teaching experience at the University of South Alabama. No college/school or departmental quotas shall exist regarding the number of nominations submitted. Recipients are not eligible for nomination for three consecutive years following the award. Thereafter, they are eligible.

Past recipients

2001 [tie]:	Dr. Dennis Fell and Ms. Sharon Vest	2002: Professor Charles Gray
2003:	Dr. Mary Ann Robinson	2004: Dr. Cindy Stanfield
2005:	Dr. Brenda Beverly	2006: Dr. Scott Douglass

NOMINATING PROCEDURES

- ◆ A faculty member maybe nominated by any student organization officially recognized by the University or by any full-time faculty member, using the attached nomination form.
- ◆ Additional information will be requested by the committee from the nominee and from the nominee's department chairperson including :

Department Chair Due April 13, 2007

- ◆ Evaluative statement by nominee's chairperson
- ◆ Letters from students, alumni and/or peers about the nominee's teaching
- ◆ A compilation of numerical data taken from the student evaluations of courses taught during the past two years
- ◆ One page of comments culled from the nominee's student evaluations
- ◆ Evidence of creativity in the development of new courses, in the preparation of projects (such as honors theses) and of external recognition for teaching accomplishments

Nominee Due April 13, 2007

- ◆ Statement of teaching philosophy
- ◆ List of published teaching materials or of articles about teaching
- ◆ List of courses taught, enrollment and grade distribution for the past two years
- ◆ Awards and special recognition
- ◆ Teaching load for the past two years

TIME LINE

<u>Deadline for receipt of nomination:</u>	March 23, 2007
Deadline for receipt of supporting (additional) information from the nominee and the nominee's chair:	April 13, 2007
Presentation of Award at USA Alumni Association Annual Meeting:	September 21, 2007

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Each year the call for nominations will be announced via e-mail and faculty/staff newsletter to the entire campus community. A special call for nominations will be sent to all student organizations. Also, an announcement will be placed in the *Vanguard* and on the Academic Affairs website.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

A committee chaired by the Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs and consisting of the following representatives will select the recipient.

- ◆ Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs
- ◆ President of the Alumni Association
- ◆ Vice President of the Alumni Association
- ◆ President of the Student Government Association
- ◆ President of the Southerners
- ◆ Two faculty members

Name _____

<i>Courses</i>	<i>Enrollment</i>	<i>Grade Distribution</i>					
		A	B	C	D	F	WD
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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5. List awards/special recognition for teaching.

6. Provide any additional information you would like the selection committee to know.

7. If selected for the award, will you be willing to attend the award ceremony on September 21, 2007?

Yes _____

Signed

No _____

Signed

Submit to: THE AWARDS COMMITTEE, USA Alumni Association
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