The Andy and Carol Denny National Alumni Excellence in Teaching Award

Policies and Procedures

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 in August/September 2021.

**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.

**NOMINATING PROCEDURES**

A Faculty member may be 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.

**Nomination Form and Supporting Letter of Rationale are Due June 30, 2022.**

Department Chair and nominator are responsible for compiling materials below.

**Due July 15, 2022** (Committee will request this info from department chair.)
♦ Evaluative statement by nominee's chairperson
♦ No more than three letters from students, alumni and/or peers about the nominee's teaching ability
♦ Comments culled from the nominee's student evaluations

(Committee will request this info from nominee)

♦ Copy of vita
♦ Statement of teaching philosophy (not more than 500 words)
♦ List of published teaching materials or of articles about teaching
♦ List of courses taught and enrollment for the past two years
♦ Awards and special recognition not included in vita

TIMELINE

Deadline for receipt of nomination form and letter of support June 30, 2022
Deadline for receipt of supporting (additional) information from the nominee and the nominee's chair: July 15, 2022
Presentation of Award at USA Alumni Association Annual Meeting: August/September 2022

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Each year the call for nominations will be announced via e-mail to faculty and all student organizations.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

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

♦ Vice President of the National Alumni Association
♦ President of the Student Government Association
♦ President of the Southerners
♦ Two faculty members designated by Provost, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
Nomination form and supporting letter must be received in the Office of Alumni Relations no later than June 30, 2022. Additional information due on July 15, 2022.

This award is to honor an outstanding member of the faculty whose achievements have brought distinction to the faculty member and the University of South Alabama. The honor is the highest faculty award given by the Alumni Association. It is based on the total assigned academic responsibilities of the faculty member, with special emphasis on the faculty member’s relationship with students.

**Print or type all information**

Nominee’s Name______________________________________Title______________________________Dept.__________________

Nominee's Campus Address_____________________________________________________________________________________

Nominee's Office Phone____________________________Home Phone________________Email______________________________

Current Position_____________________________College/School_____________________Dept______________________________

Nominated By_____________________________________________Organization__________________________________________

Nominator's Mailing Address_____________________________________City _______________________State___________Zip____

Signature of Nominator____________________________________Day Phone_____________Email____________________________

Nomination Form and Letter of Support Due June 30, 2022. Additional info listed below due July 15, 2022:

A letter from the nominator including rational for the nomination and any information you want the committee to know should be attached to the nomination form. Other materials listed on page 2 will be requested by the committee from the nominator and nominee’s department chair.

**Eligibility**

- To be eligible, the faculty member must hold a full-time faculty appointment and have a minimum of five years teaching experience at USA.
- Individuals who have received the award in the past three years are not eligible.

Past recipients:

2001: [tie] Dr. Dennis 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  
2007: Dr. Francis Donovan  
2008: Dr. William Brad Davis  
2009: Dr. David T. Allison  
2010: Dr. Andrea M. Kent  
2011: Dr. Peter J. Wood  
2012: Dr. Zohair Husain  
2013: Dr. Bret M. Webb  
2014: Ms. Dawn McKinney  
2015: Dr. Gregory Prescott  
2016: Dr. Thomas G. Thomas  
2017: Dr. Jaclyn Bunch  
2018: Dr. Eric Steward  
2019: Dr. Jacob Dasinger  
2020: Dr. Christy West  
2021: Dr. Stephanie Smallegan

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