

March 31, 2009

Dear Colleague:

Enclosed please find a call for nominations and a description of the President's Medal and the President's Distinguished Service Awards. The President's Medal is the highest honor the University of Maryland bestows upon a member of its own community. It is intended to recognize the accomplishments of an outstanding member of our community who has made significant contributions to the advancement of the University. The President's Distinguished Service Awards recognize exceptional performance, leadership and service by a member of the University staff. In accordance with the recommendations of the Senate, no more than five Distinguished Service Awards will be given, and the number of exempt and non-exempt award recipients cannot exceed three.

On behalf of the Awards Advisory Committee, I request that nominations for all categories be submitted by Friday, May 8, 2009. Nominations submitted in the past two years will automatically be reconsidered; however, we request that pertinent updated information be provided to supplement forms submitted in 2007 and 2008. Over the summer months, the committee will review all nominations and make recommendations to President Mote, who will then make the final selection of the award recipients. The awardees will be honored at the fall convocation on October 6, 2009.

I hope that you will nominate a colleague for one of these special recognitions. A list of past award recipients follows this letter, showing the remarkable array of spirited campus citizens who have been honored by the President's Medal and the President's Distinguished Service Awards. We hope that when you look over this list, you will think of colleagues on campus who belong among these honorees and will submit their names in nomination. These awards play a major role in our efforts to recognize excellence and leadership and, with your help and participation, create a strong sense of community at our university.

Thank you for your participation in this important process.

Sincerely yours,

Lawrence R. Sita, Ph.D.

Professor

Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry

and Chair, President's Awards Advisory Committee

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR AWARDS AT THE FACULTY AND STAFF CONVOCATION

ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2009

The President's Awards Advisory Committee is seeking nominations for awards to be conferred at the Faculty and Staff Convocation on October 6, 2009. There will be two categories of awards: (1) The President's Medal, and (2) the President's Distinguished Service Awards.

Individuals may be nominated in either or both award categories. Nominees will be considered for an award only in the category for which they have been nominated. Individuals serving on the Advisory Committee are not eligible for nomination. The nominations in all categories are due by May 8, 2009.

We request that each nomination be accompanied by a cover sheet that includes the following information: (1) the name of the nominee; (2) the award for which the individual is being nominated; and (3) the name of the nominator. Nominations submitted in the past two years will automatically be reconsidered; however, updated information is encouraged. Nominations should be sent to:

Professor Lawrence Sita Chair
President's Awards Advisory Committee
c/o President's Office
1115 Main Administration Building

Listed below are the criteria, the eligibility, the required nominating materials, and the deadline for nominations for each category. The Committee reserves the right to seek additional information on any nominee.

THE PRESIDENT'S MEDAL

Criteria: This award is the highest honor the university community can bestow. The recipient of this award will be a member of the community with an exemplary record of sustained and acknowledged contribution to the quality of life on the campus. The candidate's career should be distinguished by a dedication to the fulfillment of the campus' goals and mission, by professional accomplishments, and by campus service. Particular emphasis will be placed on contributions that have had a wide-ranging and enhancing influence on the entire university community.

Eligibility: Any full-time member of the campus community may be nominated for the President's Medal. A nominee must have at least ten years of full-time employment on the campus (in one or more capacities).

Nomination Materials: A letter of nomination should be submitted, clearly indicating why this individual should be so honored and how the individual exemplifies the criteria for this award. A résumé, curriculum vitae, or brief biographical sketch of the nominee should accompany the nomination letter. At least two, but no more than three, seconding letters of nomination from outside the primary unit in which the individual is employed may accompany the nomination or may be sent under separate cover. Each nomination should be submitted with a cover sheet listing the name of the nominee, the award for which the individual is being nominated, and the name of the nominator. Nominations submitted in the past two years will automatically be reconsidered; however, updated information is encouraged.

Deadline for Nominations: The deadline for receipt of nominations and supporting materials for the President's Medal is May 8, 2009. Nominations or supporting materials received after that date will not be considered.

PRESIDENT'S DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

Criteria: The President's Distinguished Service Awards recognize exceptional performance, leadership, and service by a member of the University staff. The recipient of this award will have a record of exemplary performance and distinctive contributions to the operation of an administrative, academic, research, or service unit on campus. He or she will have clearly demonstrated initiative toward the improvement of University programs or campus activities and will have shown commitment to the campus community as a whole.

Eligibility: Any full-time staff member, including academic administrators, who has been employed on campus for at least ten years (in any of one or more capacities) may be nominated for a President's Distinguished Service Award. (Individuals who hold a faculty appointment are NOT eligible for this award.) No more than five awards will be given annually and the number of exempt and non-exempt award recipients cannot exceed three.

Nomination Materials: A letter of nomination should be submitted, clearly indicating why this individual should be so honored and how the individual

exemplifies the criteria for this award. A résumé, curriculum vitae, or brief biographical sketch of the nominee should accompany the nomination letter. At least two, but no more than three, seconding letters of nomination may accompany the nomination or may be sent under separate cover. Each nomination should be submitted with a cover sheet listing the name of the nominee, the award for which the individual is being nominated, and the name of the nominator. Nominations submitted in the past two years will automatically be reconsidered; however, updated information is encouraged.

Deadline for Nominations: The deadline for the receipt of nominations and supporting materials for a President's Distinguished Service Award is May 8, 2009. Nominations or supporting materials received after that date will not be considered.

President's Medal Recipients

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| 1985 | Dr. Paul Traver, Professor, Department of Music and Director of the University of Maryland Chorus |
| 1986 | Dr. Donald Maley, Professor Emeritus and Former Chair, Department of Industrial, Technological and Occupational Education |
| 1987 | Dr. Richard H. Jaquith, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Professor Emeritus of Chemistry |
| 1988 | Dr. J. Robert Dorfman, Dean, College of Computer, Mathematical and Physical Sciences

Dr. Thomas M. Magoon, Director of the Counseling Center and Professor of Education and Psychology |
| 1989 | Dr. Graciela Nemes, Professor Emerita, Department of Spanish and Portuguese Languages and Literatures |
| 1990 | Dr. Jacob K. Goldhaber, Acting Dean, Graduate Studies and Research and Professor of Mathematics |
| 1991 | Dr. Dudley Dillard (posthumously), Professor Emeritus and Former Chair, Department of Economics |

1992 Dr. Don C. Piper, Professor, Department of Government and Politics

1993 Dr. Margaret W. Bridwell, Director, University Health Center
Dr. Eugenie Clark, Professor Emerita, Department of Zoology

1994 Dr. George H. Callcott, Professor, Department of History

1996 Dr. Robert L. Gluckstern, Professor, Department of Physics
Dr. Jack Minker, Professor, Department of Computer Science

1997 Dr. David Driskell, Professor, Department of Art

1998 Dr. Marie Smith Davidson, Chief of Staff, Office of the President
Dr. Rudolph P. Lamone, Professor, Robert H. Smith School of Business

1999 Dr. Ira Berlin, Distinguished University Professor, Department of History

2000 Dr. William L. Thomas, Jr., Vice President for Student Affairs

2001 Dr. Irwin L. Goldstein, Dean, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences

2002 Dr. Charles F. Sturtz, Retired Vice President for Administrative Affairs

2003 Professor Ralph Bennett, School of Architecture

2004 Dr. George E. Dieter
Professor Emeritus of Mechanical Engineering and Glenn L. Martin Institute Professor of Engineering

2005 Dr. Gerald R. Miller
Professor, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry

2006 Dr. William L. Fourney

Professor, Department of Aerospace Engineering

2007 Dr. Victor Korenman
Associate Provost for Academic Planning and Programs (Retired)
Professor Emeritus of Physics

2008 Ms. Susan Leonard Bayly
General Counsel, President's Office of Legal Affairs

2008 President's Distinguished Service Award Recipients

Ms. Linda A. Dalo
Program Management Specialist
College of Chemical and Life Sciences

Dr. Colleen M. "Coke" Farmer
Assistant Chair and Director of Undergraduate Programs
Department of Kinesiology

Ms. Jeanne S. Martin
Administrative Assistant and Graduate Secretary
Department of Geology

Ms. Linda H. Martin
Director of Internet Communications

Mr. Thai Nguyen
Program Management Specialist
Photo Services Unit, Department of Business Services