

Excellent Teachers Engaging Alumni Award Criteria

The Alumni Association of Eastern Michigan University is committed to providing encouragement and incentive for superior teaching achievement. The Alumni Association will recognize the importance and significance of the interaction of the teacher and student as the essence of the educational experience at Eastern Michigan University. In addition, the Alumni Association will encourage the engagement of alumni to supplement the classroom experience and the participation in philanthropic activities by Eastern Michigan University teachers through the ETEA2 program. Recipients selected will receive an award commemorating the event. It is intended the awards are to be made yearly by the Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Eligibility

All educators, faculty members, and instructors who have held a teaching appointment at Eastern Michigan University for three or more complete academic years are eligible. An academic year consists of two semesters of instruction per calendar year, with spring and summer terms equating to one half semester. Those receiving the award within the past five years are not eligible for nomination. Those faculty members and instructors that hold a degree(s) from Eastern Michigan University are given additional consideration in the evaluation process, as well as those teachers engaging alumni and participating in philanthropic activities. If a qualified applicant is not nominated for the award, no award will be given.

Nominating Procedure

Eastern Michigan University faculty, instructors, alumni and students are eligible to submit nominations to the Alumni Association. Selection is not based on the number of nominations, but on the quality of the nomination and subsequent review by the Committee. A nomination form must be fully completed to nominate an individual for the award. The more pertinent the information provided, the more helpful it will be for the selection committee. A (1-5) ranking will be applied to the information based upon the five criteria provided in the following section, "Excellent Teachers Engaging Alumni." A one page essay, completed by the nominator, must be attached to the nomination, the nominee's curriculum vitae, and a maximum of three one page letters of support. The essay should address how the faculty/instructor has impacted the educational experience. Nominations made by faculty and instructors must be accompanied by letters of support from students and/or alumni. The selection committee will not accept late applications. Applications are valid for two years.

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1. Possesses a comprehensive knowledge of the field. Has a scholarly grasp of the subject matter and an abiding interest in the area of study.
2. Organizes and presents subject matter effectively. What is taught makes sense to the student and is consistent with the objectives of the course; interrelationships are suggested between the subject matter and the course and with other fields of learning or society.
3. Stimulates thinking and develops understanding. The student's intellect is challenged; critical thinking and an open-minded attitude are encouraged to the end that the student becomes more self-directing in this field of knowledge.
4. Arouses interest. The student likes what he or she is experiencing and finds it significant in personal terms and in relation to educational purposes.
5. Demonstrates resourcefulness. Makes good use of alumni and material resources and uses techniques of teaching appropriate to the course and the specific class or situation.