THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
2005 Outstanding Researcher Award
Criteria and Nomination Process

The Award

Through The University of Akron Alumni Association, two annual awards will be presented to recognize superior research efforts at the University and provide encouragement and incentive for continued scholarly research achievement. The awards for 2005 include an honorarium of $1,000.

Eligibility

All full-time faculty members currently engaged in research (instructor through professor), employed by the University for at least five years, and engaged in original and/or creative research are eligible for consideration. The nominee’s research must have contributed to the greater knowledge of the faculty members field and be evidenced for example by federally or industrially funded grants and contracts, by publications in refereed journals, scholarly books, and/or patents. The awards are to be based primarily on research achievement, although scholarly activity and productivity as reflected in the quality of teaching and its impact on students will be taken into account.

Nomination Process

Nominations may be made by students, faculty, staff, or alumni. Self nominations will not be considered. Nominations should include nominee’s name, area of research, and current vita. A faculty advisory group will evaluate all nominations and submit names of finalists to the Awards and Recognition Committee of the National Alumni Board of Directors, which will then select two recipients for this year’s award. Nominations must be submitted no later than November 30, 2004. Nominations received after November 30, 2004 will not be considered. The award will be presented during Spring Semester 2005.

General Criteria

The Awards and Recognition Committee knows that there are many ideas concerning the quality of research, arising in part due to varied subject matter, presentation of data, publication of results, etc. The Committee has provided the following general guidelines to aid you in formulating your nomination statement and identifying the potential, distinguished candidate. Remember that these are only general guidelines. Feel free to include any other information you can provide to support your nomination.
An Outstanding University of Akron Researcher:

X  *Possesses a comprehensive knowledge of his/her field* - has a scholarly grasp of the subject and an abiding interest in the academic discipline.
X  *Organizes and presents subject matter effectively* – as demonstrated by publications in refereed journals and/or patents.
X  *Generates substantial funding* - has received funding from sources that utilized peer group review.
X  *Stimulates thinking and develops understanding* – has performed scholarly research that benefits the University, the academic discipline, students, and the community.
X  *Respected and recognized among peers* - renowned by colleagues and viewed as an expert or leader in his/her field.
X  *Demonstrates resourcefulness* - uses methods and techniques of research appropriate and practical for learning.

Please Submit Nominations by Tuesday, November 30, 2004 to:

Outstanding Researcher Award
Office of the Alumni Association
Stitzlein Alumni Center
138 Fir Hill
Akron, OH 44325-2602
## Past Recipients of The University of Akron’s Outstanding Researcher Award

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<td>Mark D. Foster</td>
<td>Professor, Polymer Science</td>
<td>Chrys Wesdemiotis</td>
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<td>2003</td>
<td>Shelley O. Baranowski</td>
<td>Professor, History</td>
<td>Paul C. D. Han</td>
<td>Professor, BF Goodrich Endow/Polymer Engineering</td>
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<td>2002</td>
<td>Dr. Kathleen L. Endres</td>
<td>Professor, Communication</td>
<td>Dr. Darrell H. Reneker</td>
<td>Professor, Polymer Science</td>
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<td>2001</td>
<td>Dr. William J. Brittain</td>
<td>Professor, Polymer Science</td>
<td>Dr. Brian F. Pendleton</td>
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<td>2000</td>
<td>Dr. Benjamin T. F. Chung</td>
<td>F. Theodore Harrington Professor of Mechanical Engineering</td>
<td>Dr. Jane Kay Leonard</td>
<td>Professor of History</td>
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<td>1999</td>
<td>Dr. Laurence Ma</td>
<td>Professor, Geography and Planning</td>
<td>Dr. Wayne Mattice</td>
<td>Alex Shulman Professor, Polymer Science</td>
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<td>1998</td>
<td>Dr. Thein Kyu</td>
<td>Professor, Polymer Engineering</td>
<td>Dr. Richard C. Stephens</td>
<td>Professor, Sociology</td>
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<td>1997</td>
<td>Dr. Constance B. Bouchard</td>
<td>Professor, History</td>
<td>Dr. Stephen Z. Cheng</td>
<td>Professor, Polymer Science</td>
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<td>1996</td>
<td>Dr. Avraam I. Isayev</td>
<td>Professor, Polymer Engineering</td>
<td>Dr. Edward C. Lim</td>
<td>Goodyear Professor, Chemistry</td>
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<td>1995</td>
<td>Dr. Paul J. Kuzdrall</td>
<td>Professor, Management</td>
<td>Dr. Roderick P. Quirk</td>
<td>Professor, Polymer Science</td>
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<td>1994</td>
<td>Dr. Antonia Foster</td>
<td>Associate Professor, English</td>
<td>Dr. Peter L. Rinaldi</td>
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<td>Director, Molecular Spectroscopy Lab</td>
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1993  Dr. Subramaniya I. Hariharan  
      Professor, Mathematical Sciences  
      Professor, Electrical Engineering  

      Dr. Sunggyu Lee  
      Robert Iredell Professor,  
      Chemical Engineering  
      Department Chair,  
      Chemical Engineering  

1992  Dr. Frank W. Harris  
      Distinguished Professor,  
      Polymer Science  

1991  Dr. Jon M. Hawes  
      Professor, Marketing  

1990  Dr. James L. White  
      Department Chair,  
      Polymer Engineering  
      Director,  
      Institute of Polymer Engineering  

1989  Dr. Ernst Von Meerwall  
      Distinguished Professor, Physics  
      Distinguished Professor, Chemistry  

1988  Dr. Ron R. Gerlach*  
      Professor, History  

1987  Dr. Gary R. Hamed  
      Professor, Polymer Science  

1986  Dr. Joseph Padovan  
      Professor, Mechanical Engineering  
      Professor, Polymer Engineering  

1985  Dr. Allen G. Noble  
      Department Chair,  
      Geography & Planning  
      Professor, Geography & Planning  

1984  Dr. Alan Gent  
      H. A. Morton Professor  
      Polymer Engineering & Physics  

1983  Dr. Tse Yung P. Chang*  
      Professor, Civil Engineering  

1982  Dr. Nada Ledinko*  
      Professor, Biology  

1981  Dr. Daniel Nelson  
      Professor, History  

1980  Dr. H. James Harwood  
      Professor, Polymer Science  
      Professor, Chemistry  

1979  Dr. Joseph P. Kennedy  
      Distinguished Professor,  
      Polymer Science & Chemistry  
*Emeritus
THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AND
THE OFFICE OF THE SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT AND PROVOST

2005 Outstanding Teacher and Teacher-Scholar Awards
Criteria and Nomination Process

The Awards
In 2005, thanks to support from The University of Akron’s Alumni Association and the Office of the Senior Vice President and Provost, the University will recognize outstanding achievement in teaching, and in the scholarship of teaching and learning, with three awards. The two University Outstanding Teacher Awards – one for full-time, tenure-track faculty and another for part-time/term instructional faculty – and the Outstanding Teacher-Scholar Award each include an honorarium of $1,000. Awards will be presented at public events during Spring Semester 2005.

Eligibility
All full-time and part-time/term instructional University of Akron faculty members currently teaching – and employed by the University for at least five years for full-time or three years for part-time – are eligible for consideration for an Outstanding Teacher Award. These awards require documented evidence of teaching excellence, as reflected in its impact on student learning and success. In addition to evidence of teaching excellence, the Outstanding Teacher-Scholar Award, requires documented evidence of significant contributions to the scholarship of teaching and learning (e.g., pedagogical research in the discipline).

Nomination Process
Nominations may be made by UA students, staff, faculty, or alumni. Self-nominations will not be considered. A faculty advisory group will evaluate all nominations and submit a list of finalists to the Awards and Recognition Committee of the National Alumni Board of Directors, which selects recipients.

Nominations must be submitted no later than November 30, 2004. (Note that this is not the deadline for submission of supporting materials; merely for nominations.) Nominations received after November 30, 2004 will not be considered.
The University of Akron Alumni Association
2005 Outstanding Teacher and Teacher-Scholar Awards – Criteria and Nomination Process

General Criteria

The Awards and Recognition Committee recognizes that outstanding teaching and scholarship can take many forms. Thus, the Committee provides the following general guidelines to help you identify and formulate nomination letters for potential candidates.

Nomination letters should be no more than three (3) pages long, double-spaced.

An Outstanding University of Akron Teacher demonstrates exceptional:

- **Knowledge/Preparation** – Deep and comprehensive knowledge of his/her discipline or field and a commitment to remaining current in course-related preparation.
- **Instructional Design Skills** – Skill in defining appropriate learning goals, outcomes, and standards; and in developing challenging assignments and evaluations consistent with those course goals and outcomes.
- **Teaching Skills** – Skill in communicating course material clearly and effectively to a wide range of UA students; and skill in promoting deep learning (not just rote memorization), including critical and creative thinking.
- **Motivational Skills** – Skill in promoting appreciation of the subject matter and interest in further learning.
- **Creativity** – Ability to adapt/develop new instructional solutions to the ever-changing learning needs and characteristics of UA students.
- **Learner-Centeredness** – Skill in helping UA students discover and achieve their individual educational goals.

In addition to the above, an Outstanding UA Teacher-Scholar demonstrates:

- **Scholarly Teaching** – Knowledge of the research and best practice literature on teaching and learning in his/her field and skill in applying them to his/her teaching.
- **Contributions to the Scholarship of Teaching & Learning** – Documented inquiry aimed at understanding and improving teaching and learning in his/her field or in higher education more broadly.

Please Submit Nominations by Tuesday, November 30, 2004 to:

Outstanding Teacher & Teacher-Scholar Awards
Office of the Alumni Association
Stitzlein Alumni Center
138 Fir Hill
Akron, OH 44325-2602
### Past Recipients of The University of Akron’s Awards for Outstanding Teacher and Outstanding Teacher-Scholar

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<td>2004</td>
<td>Laura D. Gelfand</td>
<td>Associate Professor, Art &lt;br&gt; <em>Outstanding Teacher</em></td>
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<td>Dr. Richard L. Londraville</td>
<td>Associate Professor, Department of Biology &lt;br&gt; <em>Outstanding Teacher-Scholar</em></td>
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<td>Mrs. Elizabeth Reilly</td>
<td>Associate Dean, School of Law &lt;br&gt; C. Blake McDowell, Jr. Professor &lt;br&gt; <em>Outstanding Teacher-Scholar</em></td>
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<td>2003</td>
<td>Kathleen Ross-Aloalmolki</td>
<td>Associate Professor, Nursing &lt;br&gt; <em>Outstanding Teacher</em></td>
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<td>2002</td>
<td>Dr. J. Thomas Dukes</td>
<td>Professor, English &lt;br&gt; <em>Outstanding Teacher</em></td>
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<td>Dr. David A. McConnell</td>
<td>Professor, Geology &lt;br&gt; <em>Outstanding Teacher-Scholar</em></td>
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<td>Ms. Elizabeth Rhoades</td>
<td>Instructor, English &lt;br&gt; <em>Outstanding Part-Time Teacher</em></td>
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<td>2001</td>
<td>Dr. David H. Hoover</td>
<td>Professor, Fire Protection Technology and Professor, Emergency Management</td>
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<td>Dr. Rex D. Ramsier</td>
<td>Assistant Professor, Physics and Assistant Professor, Chemistry</td>
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<td>2000</td>
<td>Dr. Herold Foster</td>
<td>Professor, Education</td>
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<td>Dr. Richard Gross</td>
<td>Associate Professor,</td>
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<td>1999</td>
<td>Dr. Barbara Clements</td>
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<td>Dr. Paul Lam</td>
<td>Associate Professor, Mechanical Engineering</td>
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<td>1998</td>
<td>Dr. Daniel L. Ely</td>
<td>Professor, Biology and Professor, Biomedical Engineering</td>
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<td>Dr. Elizabeth S. Kinion</td>
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<td>1997</td>
<td>Dr. Jerome Mushkat</td>
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<td>Dr. George E. Prough</td>
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<td>1996</td>
<td>Dr. Bill J. Frye*</td>
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<td>Dr. Sally K. Slocum*</td>
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<td>1995</td>
<td>Dr. Larry G. Bradley</td>
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<td>Mr. Richard L. Grant</td>
<td>Professor, School of Law</td>
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<td>Dr. Richard H. Haude</td>
<td>Associate Professor, Psychology</td>
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<td>1994</td>
<td>Dr. Harry T. Chu</td>
<td>Professor, Physics and Professor, Chemistry</td>
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<td>2000</td>
<td>Dr. Gerald W. Young</td>
<td>Professor, Mathematical Sciences</td>
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1993  Dr. Jim L. Jackson*  1984  Dr. Barbara N. Armstrong*  
  Associate Professor, Geology  Professor, Home Economics  
  Dr. Brian F. Pendleton  1983  Aloysius E. Misko*  
  Professor, Sociology  Professor, Business Management Technology  
  Dr. Walden B. Crabtree, Sr.*  1982  Mr. Vincent P. Kopy*  
  Professor, Education  Associate Professor, Accounting  
  Dr. Richard J. Gigliotti  1981  Mr. David L. Jamison  
  Professor, Sociology  Professor, Communications  
  Dr. Tomasita Chandler  1980  Dr. T. Neal Garland  
  Professor, Home Economics and  Professor, Sociology  
  Family Ecology  
  Dr. Alan Hart*  1979  Mrs. Julia A. Hull*  
  Professor, Philosophy  Assistant Professor, English  
  1990  Dr. Lazarus W. Macior  1978  Dr. George W. Knepper*  
  Distinguished Professor, Biology  Distinguished Professor, History  
  1989  Mr. Robert F. Pope, Jr.  1977  Dr. Theodore Duke  
  Professor, English  Classics Department  
  1988  Dr. Jonathan S. Rakich  
  Distinguished Professor,  
  Management & Health Services 
  Administration  
  1987  Dr. Sunggyu Lee  1976  Dr. David C. Riede*  
  Department Chair, 
  Chemical Engineering  Professor, History  
  1986  Dr. Neal C. Raber  1975  Mr. Andrew Maluke  
  Associate Professor,  
  Mathematical Sciences  Physical Education  
  1985  Dr. Isadore Newman  
  Distinguished Professor, Education  
  1974  Mrs. Kriemhilde R. Livingston*  
  Instructor, Modern Languages  

* Emeritus