

The 2013 Distinguished Educator Award at the Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine

The Academic Team is charged with developing an environment in which we achieve excellence in scholarship, teaching and learning throughout our academic health center. Crucial to this is helping faculty members grow as educators, and rewarding excellence in education. To this end, in 2002 a program began in which the College recognizes exemplary educators among our faculty by awarding the title of Distinguished Educator. These award winners will become members of the Society of Distinguished Educators.

To be eligible for a Distinguished Educator Award, faculty members must have held an appointment at the Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine or the Milton S. Hershey Medical Center for a minimum of three years. Nominees will have demonstrated exceptional scholarly work in medical and/or graduate education in one or more of the following areas:

- Original educational research.
- Successful procurement of educational grants.
- Development and implementation of innovations in the curriculum.
- Development and implementation of innovations in teaching methodology or technique.
- Development and implementation of new assessment methods.
- Faculty development.
- Consistent awards for excellence as a teacher and role model.
- Leadership in education.

Nomination Process

On an annual basis, the Dean shall invite nominations of individuals to be considered for the Distinguished Educator Award. **Two** faculty members must make nomination, each of who submit a written narrative explaining why they feel his/her nominee is deserving of such an honor. The nominator may want to refer to the Selection Criteria (see below) in writing his/her letter of nomination. If a single nomination is received, the faculty member making that nomination will be notified that his/her candidate will not be considered unless a second nomination is received. **Nominations must be submitted to Dr. Ann Ouyang, Associate Dean for Faculty and Professional Development (C1602, MC H117), by November 5, 2012.**

Selection Committee

The inaugural group of Distinguished Educators consists of ten individuals. In 2005 and subsequent years, up to four awards may be given. Determination of award recipients will be by a Selection Committee comprised of:

- A representative from each of four academic departments, selected by the Academic Team.
- The Chair of CUMED (Committee for Undergraduate Medical Education).
- The Past-President of the Faculty Organization.
- The Vice Dean for Medical Education.
- The Associate Dean for Graduate Education.
- Two of the previous years' recipients of the Distinguished Educator Award, selected by the Society of Distinguished Educators.
- The Associate Dean for Professional Development.
- A member of the Academic Team.

Evidence of Educational Excellence

Each candidate should submit materials, in the order below, with header pages between each section, as a single PDF document. Applications need to follow this format in order to be considered by the selection committee. Materials must be submitted **electronically** to Donna Harris at dharris1@hmc.psu.edu by **January 14, 2013** and must include Items 1-4 below and any appropriate supporting documentation:

1. Table of Contents
2. *Curriculum vitae* – please **highlight** relevant educational activities.
3. Reflective summary of the philosophy of the candidate's educational efforts and how his/her scholarly work has impacted the educational mission – maximum three (3) pages.
4. Description of future interests and directions in medical and/or graduate education - maximum two (2) pages.
5. Supporting documentation - the header of each section should contain a description (no more than ½ page) of the materials included therein. Eligible documentation includes:

- a. Teaching evaluations – multiple years from the same educational activity are acceptable Evaluations for a given course or teaching activity should be as complete as possible.
- b. A description of innovative teaching methodology/methodologies – not to exceed two (2) pages.
- c. Maximum of five (5) solicited and/or five (5) unsolicited letters from previous learners. Please indicate whether each letter is solicited or unsolicited.
- d. Reprint(s) of publications relevant to education and/or educational scholarship - no more than four (4). Candidates may provide a ½ page description of the relevance of the publication to education for each publication submitted.
- e. Any additional materials not covered by the above categories that are relevant to your role as an educator - no more than twenty (20) pages, and the first page must contain a summary to describe the relevance.

Selection Criteria

The two letters of nomination and all material submitted by the candidate will be reviewed by the Selection Committee. Criteria to be considered by the Selection Committee will include:

- Do the candidate's accomplishments constitute a cohesive group of accomplishments or outcomes in medical and/or graduate student education?
- Is the quality of the work exceptional based on its innovation and scholarly approach?
- Have the candidate's accomplishments had broad impact on medical and/or graduate education at the College of Medicine, as opposed to benefiting a single group of learners?
- Are the candidate's accomplishments of national and/or international importance?

Rewards and Recognition

The faculty members named as Distinguished Educators will receive:

- Recognition at Convocation.
- Gift of a medallion signifying the wearer as a Distinguished Educator.
- Placement of a plaque in a prominent location within the College of Medicine listing the names of all award recipients.
- The Distinguished Educator title.
- Membership in the Society of Distinguished Educators.
- A \$1,500 financial award to be used at the discretion of the Distinguished Educator.
- Free rental of academic regalia for Commencement, if not already owned by the awardee.

Administration of the program will be by the Office of the Associate Dean for Professional Development.

Society of Distinguished Educators

Kevin D. Alloway, Ph.D.
 James O. Ballard, M.D.
 Robert H. Bonneau, Ph.D.
 Sarah K. Bronson, Ph.D.
 Gregory M. Caputo, M.D.
 Richard J. Courtney, Ph.D.
 Timothy J. Craig, D.O.
 Dwight Davis, M.D.
 Dennis L. Gingrich, M.D.
 Graham H. Jeffries, M.B., Ch.B., D.Phil
 Lawrence E. Kass, M.D.
 Michael Katzman, M.D.
 Gordon L. Kauffman, Jr., M.D.
 Ralph L. Keil, Ph.D.
 Deborah Kees-Folts, M.D.
 Milind J. Kothari, D.O.
 Charles H. Lang, Ph.D.
 Shou Ling Leong, M.D.

Peter R. Lewis, M.D.
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 Barbara E. Ostrov, M.D.
 David A. Quillen, M.D.
 Stephen R. Rannels, Ph.D.
 Elizabeth H. Sinz, M.D.
 David J. Spector, Ph.D.
 Judith Tevethia, Ph.D.
 Michael F. Verderame, Ph.D.
 Kent E. Vrana, Ph.D.
 Steven J. Wassner, M.D.
 Carol F. Whitfield, Ph.D.
 Mark D. Widome, M.D.
 Ian S. Zagon, Ph.D.
 Richard J. Zaino, M.D.
 Robert Zelis, M.D.