Request for Nominations

NOMINATIONS DUE: Wednesday, February 19th, 2014

The 7th annual Service-Learning and Civic Engagement Conference, *Putting Our Passion to Work*, is happy to recognize and honor faculty members, staff, students, and community partners for their contribution to service-learning and civic engagement in the state of Maryland and D.C.

Award recipients will be notified on Monday, February 24th, 2014. All awardees must attend the conference on Saturday, April 5th, 2014. Awards will be presented at the end of the conference.

All awards recognize the outstanding impact of the nominee’s contribution to service-learning and civic engagement. All award winners will receive recognition at the conference and an award certificate. Students, faculty, staff, and community partners may submit nominations. Self-nominations are accepted for all awards.

**Faculty Award for Outstanding Service-Learning.**
Nominations will be evaluated using the following selection criteria:
- Extensive experience in developing and teaching a service-learning course or a course with a service-learning component. Evidence of innovative ways of employing a reflective teaching methodology to connect community service-learning with academic study.
- Evidence of efforts to reach out to other faculty to encourage and help them integrate service-learning into their courses.
- Demonstrated leadership that promotes community service-learning within one's discipline or the college or institution.
- Evidence of engaged scholarship, such as research, published materials, presentations on service-learning or community-based research.

**Staff Award for Outstanding Civic Engagement.**
Nominations will be evaluated using the following selection criteria:
- Evidence that the staff nominee has gone beyond standard occupational duties in their role to their community in collaboration with a service-learning or civic engagement initiative.
- Evidence of efforts to reach out to other staff, faculty, and/or students to encourage and help them integrate civic engagement or service-learning in their respective role.
- Demonstrates leadership that promotes civic engagement or service-learning within one's campus and seeks to meet community needs.

**Undergraduate Student Award for Civic Engagement.**
Nominations will be evaluated using the following selection criteria:
- Nominees may be individuals or groups.
- All nominees must have been enrolled as at least part time undergraduate students in the fall of 2013.
- Evidence that the student nominee(s) have gone above and beyond in their service to community in collaboration with a service-learning or civic engagement initiative.
- Evidence that the student nominee(s) have demonstrated leadership that engages students in meaningful service and seeks to meet community needs.
Graduate Student Award for Civic Engagement:
Nominations will be evaluated using the following selection criteria:
*Nominees may be individuals or groups.
• All nominees must have been enrolled as at least part-time graduate students in the fall of 2013.
• Evidence that the student nominee(s) have gone above and beyond in their service to community in collaboration with a service-learning or civic engagement initiative.
• Evidence that the student nominee(s) have demonstrated leadership that engages students in meaningful service and seeks to meet community needs.

Community Partner Recognition Award:
Nominations will be evaluated using the following selection criteria:
• Demonstrated evidence of efforts to reach out to faculty and students to encourage and assist them in the integration of service-learning into university and college curricula.
• Demonstrated leadership that promotes and embraces service-learning within their organizations
• Demonstrated excellence in the supervision and mentoring of service-learning students in meaningful service opportunities, and the development of reflection opportunities for students that connects real community needs with academic study.

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Nomination letters should be no more than two pages in length and must specifically address the selection criteria. Please submit your Nomination Letter and the required Nomination Form by Wed, February 19th, 2014 using this form: http://goo.gl/zrdCbC

Materials will only be accepted electronically.

For questions regarding the award, please contact us at slicenominations@gmail.com.