

2017 Alumni of Distinction Awards

PURPOSE AND PHILOSOPHY

The Alumni of Distinction awards provide the UAA Alumni Association the opportunity to recognize and celebrate alumni who have made important contributions in their communities and whose actions honor the legacy of excellence at the University of Alaska Anchorage.

AWARD CATEGORIES

- **ALUMNI EMERGING LEADER AWARD:**

Awarded to an alumnus or alumna who has made a positive impact in their community, industry or profession and has received their degree within the past 10 years. There is an expectation that the nominee is in the beginning or middle of what will be a long-term distinguished career or role.

- **ALUMNI HUMANITARIAN AWARD:**

Awarded to an alumnus or alumna who has strived to make a positive and significant impact in the life of others. This may be through voluntary service or a chosen profession. The recipient exhibits integrity and a commitment to service that is long standing.

- **ALUMNI OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:**

Awarded to an alumnus or alumna who has attained prominence through his or her industry, profession or voluntary service and demonstrates sustained excellence, integrity, motivation and dedication in the sphere of their expertise. There is an expectation that the nominee is in the middle or toward the sunset of what is, or has been, a long-term distinguished career or role.

ELIGIBLE NOMINEES

- Candidates must qualify for alumni status by either having been awarded a degree from UAA (Associate, Bachelor's, Master's and/or Ph.D.) or no longer an active student but with 12 passing credits.
- All candidates will be considered regardless of race, gender, age, disability, marital status, sexual orientation or religion.
- A finalist must agree to attend the Alumni of Distinction Breakfast—and be present during the ceremony—to receive their award.
- Members of the Alumni Association Board of Directors are not eligible during their term of service.
- Alumni Relations staff are not eligible during their term of employment.
- Alumni Association board members, nomination/selection committee members and Alumni Relations staff are not permitted to nominate or write letters of support for candidates.
- Alumni Association board members, nomination/selection committee members and Alumni Relations staff must abstain from promoting and voting for candidates to whom they are related or with whom they have significant personal relationships.

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- Selection committee members may share relevant knowledge regarding a candidate provided the subject matter is not related to personal business or familial in nature.

METHOD OF NOMINATION

Nominations will be accepted using the following guidelines:

- The Alumni of Distinction Award Nomination Form is provided online at:
<https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/alumni/alumni-of-distinction-awards/awards/index.cfm>
- In addition to completing and submitting the nomination form, nominators must provide the following supporting materials that further distinguish the nominee:
 - **LETTER OF NOMINATION WRITTEN BY THE NOMINATOR.**
This document must be no more than two typed pages, in 12-point font using 1.5 line spacing.
 - **TWO (2) ADDITIONAL LETTERS OF SUPPORT** from non-family members.
Each letter must be no more than two pages, in 12-point font using 1.5 line spacing.
 - **CURRENT BIOGRAPHY OR CURRICULUM VITAE FOR THE NOMINEE.**
This document must be no more than two typed pages, in 12-point font using 1.5 line spacing.
- A nominator may not submit multiple nomination forms for one candidate.
- Nomination packets from the previous year will not be carried over and must, therefore, be updated and resubmitted.
- Nomination forms, letters of support and all supporting materials may either be scanned and emailed to: seawolf.forever@alaska.edu

Hand deliver or mail nominations to:

**The Alumni Center at UAA
3211 Providence Drive, LIB 101A
Anchorage, AK 99508**

All Nominations must be received by August 27, 2017 by 11:59 p.m. AKST

ANNOUNCEMENT AND RECOGNITION

- Award recipients will be announced prior to the 2017 UAA Alumni of Distinction Breakfast. Awardees **must** attend this event to receive award during ceremony.

*These awards are given for outstanding achievement and no compromises
diminishing the significance of the awards will be made*