Nominate an Employee or Co-Worker for an Award for Excellence

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Nominate Someone Great for an Award for Excellence!

Take a look around you. You recognize people who are dedicated to The University of Arizona, who are always ready to help, and who make the University a great place to work. Now, take a moment and nominate those people for an Award for Excellence so that the rest of the University can appreciate them also. The Staff Advisory Council, the Appointed Professionals Advisory Council, the Shared Governance and Campus Community Advisory Committee and the President's office sponsor these awards. We urge you to take advantage of this opportunity to nominate someone great today!

What does it mean to be nominated? Here is what a nominee from last year had to say:

"It was an honor to have been recognized for my efforts after nearly 20 years as a custodian at the University of Arizona. I have always tried to push myself to put forward my best each day, and the recognition not only encouraged me and inspired me to believe I could get a promotion, it also improved the attitudes of fellow employees/peers both personally and professionally. This type of recognition allows for a positive and productive atmosphere to exist where challenges are welcomed and allows employees to learn and grow. I'm happy to say I now have that promotion with more responsibility and am doing great. Please consider nominating someone around you - you never know how much it can changed their lives!"

University of Arizona Award for Excellence [1] will be presented to approximately 11 members of the Classified Staff and the Appointed Professionals, regardless of their length of service, classification or pay grade. These awards are designed to recognize outstanding achievements. Nominations are evaluated respectively within three pay-grade levels: 1-29, 30-33, 40+ and appointed professionals to ensure an equal distribution of awards among employees at all levels. Nominated Individuals must be benefits-eligible.

The Billy Joe Varney Award for Excellence [2] will be presented to one employee, with at least 15 cumulative years of employment at the University, who merits special recognition for a career of dedicated service to the University, its employees, and the community. Nominees can be chosen from any employment category. Individuals nominated must be benefits-eligible.

The University of Arizona Team Award for Excellence [3] will be presented to a team primarily comprised of Classified Staff and Appointed Professionals. Team members should have complementary skills, be committed to a common purpose and share specific performance goals. They should also have established means by which to hold themselves mutually accountable. A team shall be defined as three or more benefits-eligible employees, regardless of their length of service. The award will be presented in recognition of the team's...
outstanding contribution to its unit, department, or University as a whole.

The Department Award for Excellence [4] will be presented to a single department in recognition of its outstanding departmental excellence in the management of its people and resources. Nominations should include specific examples of exemplary performance in the criteria themes outlined. Judges will look how much departments meet and/or exceed the selection criteria. The department selected by the judges to receive the University of Arizona Department Award for Excellence will receive a commemorative plaque.

All of these honors, with the exception of the Department Award for Excellence, carry with them a university-funded monetary award and, therefore, must be based on achievements in activities beyond normal duties. On behalf of the organizations supporting this recognition, we encourage you to nominate employees in your area who you feel are making outstanding contributions to the University.

**Nominations must be received no later than 3:00 p.m. on Monday, January 27, 2014.** Recipients will be notified in March.

Provost Andrew Comrie will host the UA Awards for Excellence ceremony on Monday, April 28, 2014 to present the awards.

Questions should be directed to the co-chairs of the UA Awards for Excellence Team: Grace Aranda, 621-3931 or garanda@email.arizona.edu [5], or Claudia Arias, 621-8051, ariasc@email.arizona.edu [6].

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