Nominate a Great Colleague 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 the rest of the University can appreciate them also. The Staff Advisory Council [1], the Appointed Professionals Advisory Council [2], the Shared Governance and Campus Community Advisory Committee and the Office of the President [3] sponsor these awards. We urge you to take advantage of this opportunity to nominate someone great today!

University Awards for Excellence will be presented to about 11 classified staff and appointed personnel, 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. People who are nominated must be benefits-eligible.

The Billy Joe Varney Award for Excellence will be presented to one employee who has 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 Team Award for Excellence will be presented to a team primarily comprised of classified staff and appointed personnel. 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 teamâ€™s outstanding contribution to its unit, department or University as a whole.

The Department Award for Excellence 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 at 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.
Nomination forms are available in Word format [4] or PDF [5].

Nomination forms are due by 4 p.m. Jan. 25. Recipients will be notified in March.

Contact uastaff.advisorycouncil@gmail.com [6] for more information.

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