



## **The Andy and Carol Denny National Alumni Excellence in Teaching Award**

### **Policies and Procedures**

Each year the University of South Alabama Alumni Association acknowledges the central role of teaching at USA by recognizing faculty for their outstanding teaching contributions.

***Award Name:*** The Andy and Carol Denny National Alumni Excellence in Teaching Award

***Award:*** Recipient will be presented a cash award and plaque by the Alumni Association at its Annual Meeting in August 2017.

### **EVALUATION CRITERIA**

Successful nominees should have demonstrated extraordinary accomplishments in the following:

- ◆ Highly-creative and innovative teaching and teaching methods that are considered creative and/or innovative in the context of the individual's field
- ◆ Continual efforts to be an innovative and effective teacher
- ◆ Effective communication strategies and skills
- ◆ The ability to creatively stimulate students intellectual growth and personal development
- ◆ Enthusiasm for teaching
- ◆ Commitment to learning
- ◆ Respect for students
- ◆ Classroom environment characterized by student involvement, frequent feedback, respect, cooperation

### **ELIGIBILITY**

The award is open to any full-time instructional faculty member with at least five years of teaching experience at the University of South Alabama. No college/school or departmental quotas shall exist regarding the number of nominations submitted. Recipients are not eligible for nomination for three consecutive years following the award. Thereafter, they are eligible.

### **NOMINATING PROCEDURES**

A Faculty member may be nominated by any student organization officially recognized by the University or by any full-time faculty member, using the attached nomination form. Additional information will be requested by the committee from the nominee and from the nominee's department chairperson.

**Nomination Form and Supporting Letter of Rationale are Due May 30, 2017.**

**Department Chair and nominator are responsible for compiling materials below. Due June 15, 2017** (Committee will request this info from department chair.)

- ◆ Evaluative statement by nominee's chairperson
- ◆ **No more than three letters** from students, alumni and/or peers about the nominee's teaching ability
- ◆ Comments culled from the nominee's student evaluations

**Nominee responsible for compiling materials below. Due May 30, 2017.**  
(Committee will request this info from nominee)

- ◆ Copy of vita
- ◆ Statement of teaching philosophy (not more than 500 words)
- ◆ List of published teaching materials or of articles about teaching
- ◆ List of courses taught and enrollment for the past two years
- ◆ Awards and special recognition not included in vita

**TIMELINE**

Deadline for receipt of nomination form and letter of support	May 30, 2017
Deadline for receipt of supporting (additional) information from the nominee and the nominee's chair:	June 15, 2017
Presentation of Award at USA Alumni Association Annual Meeting:	August 2017

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

Each year the call for nominations will be announced via e-mail to faculty and all student organizations.

**SELECTION PROCEDURE**

A committee chaired by the Provost, Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs and consisting of the following representatives will select the recipient.

- ◆ Vice President of the National Alumni Association
- ◆ President of the Student Government Association
- ◆ President of the Southerners
- ◆ Two faculty members designated by Provost, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

**NOMINATION FOR THE ANDY AND CAROL DENNY NATIONAL ALUMNI  
EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD**

Nomination form and supporting letter must be received in the Office of Alumni Relations no later than May 30, 2017. Additional information due on June 15, 2017.

This award is to honor an outstanding member of the faculty whose achievements have brought distinction to the faculty member and the University of South Alabama. The honor is the highest faculty award given by the Alumni Association. It is based on the total assigned academic responsibilities of the faculty member, with special emphasis on the faculty member's relationship with students.

**Print or type all information**

Nominee's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Campus Address \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Office Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Current Position \_\_\_\_\_ College/School \_\_\_\_\_ Dept \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated By \_\_\_\_\_ Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Nominator \_\_\_\_\_ Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Nomination Form and Letter of Support Due May 30, 2017. Additional info listed below due June 15, 2017:**

A letter from the nominator including rationale for the nomination and any information you want the committee to know should be attached to the nomination form. Other materials listed on page 2 will be requested by the committee from the nominator and nominee's department chair.

**Eligibility**

- To be eligible, the faculty member must hold a full-time faculty appointment and have a minimum of five years teaching experience at USA.
- Individuals who have received the award in the past three years are not eligible.

**Past recipients:**

2001: [tie] Dr. Dennis and Ms. Sharon Vest	2002: Professor Charles Gray
2003: Dr. Mary Ann Robinson	2004: Dr. Cindy Stanfield
2005: Dr. Brenda Beverly	2006: Dr. Scott Douglass
2007: Dr. Francis Donovan	2008: Dr. William Brad Davis
2009: Dr. David T. Allison	2010: Dr. Andrea M. Kent
2011: Dr. Peter J. Wood	2012: Dr. Zohair Husain
2013: Dr. Bret M. Webb	2014: Ms. Dawn McKinney
2015: Dr. Gregory Prescott	2016: Dr. Thomas G. Thomas

Send to: **THE AWARD COMMITTEE** USA National Alumni Association  
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