



CALL FOR ENTRIES

U.S. Professors of the Year

2010 AWARDS PROGRAM

COUNCIL FOR ADVANCEMENT AND SUPPORT OF EDUCATION
THE CARNEGIE FOUNDATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF TEACHING



Draw attention to outstanding teaching at your college or university. Nominate a talented professor for a 2010 U.S. Professors of the Year award.

ABOUT THE AWARD

The U.S. Professors of the Year awards program honors our nation's best undergraduate teachers—those who

excel as educators and influence the lives and careers of their students.

Sponsored by CASE and The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, it is the only national program to recognize excellence in undergraduate teaching and mentoring.

All undergraduate teachers in the United States, of any academic rank at private or public undergraduate institutions, are eligible for the award. However, they cannot throw their own hat into the ring. Nominators must be members of the campus faculty or school administration. Entries are judged by top U.S. educators and other active participants on the education scene. In 2009, the program recognized 42 winners—four national winners and state winners in 36 states, the District of Columbia and Guam.

The Council for Advancement and Support of Education launched the awards program in 1981. That same year, The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching began hosting the final round of judging, and in 1982 became the primary sponsor.

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U.S. PROFESSORS OF THE YEAR WINNERS RECEIVE

NATIONAL LEVEL

- \$5,000 contributed by The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching
- An all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. (including expenses for a guest and a current or former student) plus:
 - An invitation to speak at the 2010 awards luncheon in the nation's capital
 - An invitation to, and recognition at, an early-evening congressional reception
- Media recognition
- A framed certificate recognizing the winner as a U.S. Professor of the Year

STATE LEVEL

- An invitation to the awards luncheon and congressional reception for the winner and a guest
- Recognition at the awards luncheon and congressional reception
- Media recognition
- Personalized award certificate



“Being named Professor of the Year in Illinois is further recognition of (Greg Ferrence’s) commitment to excellence in teaching and reflects the outstanding quality of education in the chemistry department and at Illinois State University.”

John Baur, interim chemistry department chair, Illinois State University

“Teaching is my passion, and there is nothing greater than to be honored for that—maybe I’m doing something right.”

Tracey McKenzie, professor of sociology, Collin College
2009 NATIONAL WINNER PROFESSOR OF THE YEAR



2009 U.S. PROFESSORS OF THE YEAR

Outstanding Master’s Universities and Colleges Professor

Richard L. Miller
Professor of Psychology,
Department Chair
University of Nebraska
at Kearney

Outstanding Community Colleges Professor

Tracey McKenzie
Professor of Sociology
Collin College

Outstanding Doctoral and Research Universities Professor

Brian P. Coppola
Arthur F. Thurnau
Professor of Chemistry
University of Michigan,
Ann Arbor

Outstanding Baccalaureate Colleges Professor

Robert C. Thomas
Professor of Geology
The University of
Montana Western

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Maryland state award winner Susan Bontems; 2009 U.S. Professors of the Year awards luncheon at the Willard InterContinental Washington in Washington, D.C.; Phi Beta Kappa associate secretary Scott Lurding at awards reception. *Photos by Daniel Peck*

BENEFITS TO YOUR INSTITUTION

The award brings much acclaim to winners, both national and state, and both on and off campus. It strengthens community interest in your institution and builds public support for your academic programs. It highlights exceptional teaching and puts your institution on the national stage.

Winners teach in all types of undergraduate settings nationwide, private and public, from two-year and four-year colleges to universities. They are interviewed by the media and sought after as presenters. Some testify before Congress. Others are invited as guests on talk shows and as speakers at business, civic and professional events where they frequently advocate for undergraduate education. Prominent national publications such as *USA Today* and the *Chronicle of Higher Education* cover their celebrations in Washington, D.C. Local print and broadcast outlets and campus and alumni periodicals stay on top of the story, shining the spotlight on both the winner and on your institution.

As the winners' success stories spread, people learn more about the fields in which the winners teach and also what makes a good undergraduate teacher. This can only be a good thing. After all, it is through the art of their teaching, the force of their knowledge, and the passion of their convictions that teachers can inspire students to reach beyond the ordinary. By applauding the winners for exemplary achievements, the award gives institutions an opportunity to celebrate excellence in undergraduate teaching and provide models for faculty and students.

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WINNERS RECEIVE NATIONAL RECOGNITION



TENNESSEE STATE WINNER DAVID HASKELL (L)
SHAKES HANDS WITH REP. LINCOLN DAVIS (D-TENN.)



GEORGIA STATE WINNER KENNETH SAJWAN (L)
STANDS TOGETHER WITH REP. JOHN BARROW (D-GA.)



“You feel like it’s really an award being given to Dartmouth, and you’re nominated to be the face of it.”

Andrew Samwick, professor of economics and director, Nelson A. Rockefeller Center, Dartmouth College

2009 NEW HAMPSHIRE PROFESSOR OF THE YEAR



“Robert Withycombe’s award serves as recognition for the very high quality of teaching that happens day in and day out at Whitman.”

George Bridges, president, Whitman College



2009 STATE U.S. PROFESSORS OF THE YEAR

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TIAA-CREF representative Bernadette Davis speaks at awards luncheon; Nevada state winner Thomas Nickles, national winner Brian Coppola, South Carolina state winner Angela Shiflet and Colorado state winner Ron Estler share a laugh at a reception held at the Folger Shakespeare Library; CASE President John Lippincott, national winner Richard Miller and Carnegie President Tony Bryk.

Photos by Daniel Peck

NOMINATE A COLLEAGUE

CATEGORIES

Nominees compete with their peers in one of the following categories (based on the Carnegie classification system).

OUTSTANDING BACCALAUREATE COLLEGES PROFESSOR

OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY COLLEGES PROFESSOR

OUTSTANDING DOCTORAL AND RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES PROFESSOR

OUTSTANDING MASTER'S UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES PROFESSOR

ELIGIBILITY

- Nominee must have taught at the undergraduate level, part- or full-time, for at least one semester during the 2009–2010 academic year.
- Nominator must be a colleague of the candidate or an administrator at the candidate's institution.
- Individuals can win in their state only once but may reapply to enter the national level at any time.
- Previous state winners who have moved to an institution in another state may reapply at the state level.
- A maximum of three nominations will be accepted per institution.
- Self-nominations and nominations by students are not accepted.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Judges will rate entries for extraordinary work in undergraduate teaching using the following criteria:

- Impact on and involvement with undergraduate students (25 percent)
- Scholarly approach to teaching and learning (25 percent)
- Contributions to undergraduate education in the institution, community and profession (25 percent)
- Support from colleagues and current and former undergraduate students (25 percent)

SHINE THE SPOTLIGHT ON BOTH THE WINNER AND ON YOUR INSTITUTION



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REQUIRED SUBMISSION MATERIALS

(use a standard type size, 10-12 point, for all submitted materials)

1. NOMINATION FORM

Go to www.usprofessorsoftheyear.org to access a nomination form. Complete the form online and send it electronically or download the document and mail it to CASE (nominees can send all forms electronically, via mail or using a combination of both).

2. ONE-PAGE CURRICULUM VITAE

Submit a concise summary of the professor's education, teaching experience, other teaching awards, publications, service and other significant contributions.

3. 2009–2010 ACADEMIC YEAR TEACHING LOG

List the course titles, levels and a brief description of each course the professor is teaching.

4. CANDIDATE'S PERSONAL STATEMENT

Each candidate must write a personal statement that is 750 words or less describing key contributions made as an undergraduate teacher. It should give a clear picture of the candidate's work with students and his or her scholarly approach to teaching and learning, i.e., processes for investigating, evaluating, and improving teaching and learning, and sharing it with others.

5. SIX LETTERS OF SUPPORT (one- to two-pages each):

- Two letters must be written by current or former undergraduate students
- Two letters must be written by campus colleagues, such as the nominator, president, faculty or academic deans
- The final two letters may come from supporters on campus, in the community or in the candidate's profession

Please note there is a limit of six letters. CASE will discard extras.

RESUBMISSION

CASE stores entry materials from the previous year. To re-nominate someone this year, submit the following:

- A new entry form with \$95 payment
- Current curriculum vitae
- New teaching log

Submitting new supportive letters is optional.

HOW TO SUBMIT A NOMINATION

Submissions may be made online, by mail or by a combination of the two. Mailed nominations must be postmarked, and online nominations entered, by midnight Friday, April 16, 2010. Payment may be made by credit card, check or purchase order.

ENTRY FEE

\$95

Questions? Contact John Holtz, senior awards program coordinator, at 202-478-5666. -

Go online for detailed instructions and to download a nomination form:
www.usprofessorsoftheyear.org.



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VISIT

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GO ONLINE TO:

- Nominate a professor
- Learn more about last year's winners
- Review newspaper articles
- View event photos
- Get details on the scope of the U.S. Professors of the Year awards program



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