

History: Distinguished Service Award

The Graduate School of Education Alumni Association (GSEAA) awards the Distinguished Service Award (DSA) to alumni of the Rutgers Graduate School of Education (GSE) for outstanding achievements in education.

The DSA is presented by the GSEAA to alumni who have rendered outstanding service to the field of education and/or to the Rutgers GSE-- which is defined as unusual service in the form of faithful and continued effort in bringing about the goals and ideals of education and upholding the values within. The recipients are being recognized for their outstanding work and contributions to the field and/or to the school.

This award is conferred bi-annually. This year, 2019-2020, marks the 60th anniversary of the Distinguished Service Award. Over these years, 148 alumni have been recognized and honored!

Guidelines: Distinguished Service Award

1. The Nominee must have completed a graduate degree, master or doctoral level, from the Graduate School of Education, or its predecessor, the School of Education.
2. The Nominee must have made significant contributions to the Rutgers Graduate School of Education, to the field of education, in general, and / or to the Graduate School of Education Alumni Association.
3. Upon notification of selection, the awardee must agree to attend the award ceremony. Otherwise, the award will be given to the next highest candidate who agrees to attend. Exceptions will be made for extenuating circumstances.
4. Board members of the GSEAA and its honor society Kappa Delta Pi are not eligible for nomination.
5. Full time and part time employees of the University are not eligible for nomination.
6. The DSA Committee will NOT solicit materials. The required materials must be submitted electronically to the Chair of the DSA Committee as a set of attachments prior to or no later than or on or before designated deadline.
7. A nominee who was not selected previously to be a recipient can be re-nominated by following the instructions for nomination and resubmitting all materials.
8. No one may receive the award more than once within a 10-year period.
9. The DSA may be awarded posthumously. Representatives of the nominee must be able to be present at the event and ceremony.

FAQs: Distinguished Service Award

- When must the Nomination Form be submitted?
It must be submitted electronically on or before November 1, 2019.
- Is this a firm due-date?
Yes, all materials must be received on or before November 1, 2019. No exceptions are possible.
- Are letters of recommendation required?
Yes, three letters of endorsement must also be received by November 1, 2019. These are to be attached to the Nomination Form.
- Can a graduate receive the award but not be present for the ceremony?
DSA recipients or their representatives must be able to attend the DSA dinner and awards ceremony on March 13, 2020 at The Rutgers Club.
- How is a nominee notified of selection?
The nominee(s) selected to receive the DSA award will be notified via email by the GSEAA President, Dr. Marilyn Gonyo on or before December 5, 2019. Nominee(s) must confirm acceptance to receive the DSA award via email to Dr. Gonyo no later than December 15, 2019.
- Who do I contact if I have questions regarding the DSA?
You can email Joanne Kerekes, Co-chair DSA 2020 Committee at joannepkw@gmail.com

Save the Date: The Distinguished Service Award Dinner 2020

Mark your calendars and plan on joining your friends and colleagues in honoring the 2020 recipients of this most prestigious award.

Our Awards Dinner this year will be on Friday evening, March 13, 2020.

It will be held at The Rutgers Club, located on the second floor of the Dining Commons at Avenue E on the Livingston Campus in Piscataway.

Watch for an announcement in January 2020 regarding this year's honorees. More details will be forthcoming after this announcement.

Please plan to join in the celebration and presentation of this award honoring our colleagues.