



SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR AND PRESIDENT

MEMORANDUM

To: The University Community
From: Chancellor Nancy Cantor
Date: October 1, 2008
Subject: Call for Nominations for the Chancellor's Citations for Excellence

Syracuse University's faculty and staff are among our institution's greatest strengths. Talented and committed professionals will make it possible for us to realize our vision for *Scholarship in Action*. To recognize those who have made extraordinary contributions to the University's vision, I ask you to consider nominating a colleague or co-worker to receive the Chancellor's Citation for Excellence for 2008-2009.

We ask for nominations from the University community because we recognize that exemplary work happens all over our campus. Please consider faculty and staff who have come to your attention for their work even though they may have never sought or been in the limelight. Any staff or faculty member is eligible; length of service, while a possible factor, should not be your primary consideration. The person's contributions to creating or supporting a culture of engagement and excellence for faculty, students, and staff are the primary consideration. Our vision for Syracuse University includes three key investment areas:

- Faculty Excellence and Scholarly Distinction,
- Access and Support Initiatives for Enterprising Students, and
- Engagement with the World.

The Chancellor's Citations for Excellence have been shaped around these goals. More information about these investment areas and how we are working toward a creative campus is available at <http://www.syr.edu/chancellor/vision/index.html>. Descriptions of each of the three citations follow.

The Citation for **Faculty Excellence and Scholarly Distinction** is targeted toward faculty who are collaborators in work of intellectual richness which has the potential for future impact. This work should offer possibilities for synergy both within the University and outside in partnership with others.

The Citation for **Outstanding Contributions to Academic Access and Support** is made to members of the faculty and University staff who have worked to create and implement access and/or support initiatives for students with diverse interests and backgrounds and/or to engage diverse students in creative exchanges across disciplines or with other communities, thus enhancing engagement with various practitioners and publics.

The Citation for **Engaging the World** is made to members of the faculty and University staff whose contributions demonstrate Syracuse University's commitment to scholarship-in-action, integrating discovery, learning, and public engagement. These contributions may fall outside the academic sphere but support the University's mission at many levels. We encourage nominations for staff in service positions insofar as their contributions facilitate SU's access and support initiatives, collaborative work, and successful connections inside and outside of the University.

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Nomination

The nomination process has been simplified to encourage a robust pool of candidates from every area of the Syracuse campus. You are asked to write a letter of nomination for a colleague that includes a short description (no more than 2 pages) of the work or accomplishments you consider to be citation-worthy.

Please send your nominating letter to Chair of the Chancellor's Citations Selection Committee, c/o Office of Academic Affairs, 323 Crouse Hinds Hall or by email to Bron Adam at beadam@syr.edu by **Monday, November 3, 2008**.

The second part of the nomination process will begin around November 14, 2008, when the Selection Committee will identify those whose contributions seem to most closely fit the criteria framed above. These nominees will advance to the next stage of consideration—a process of interviewing the nominator and others designated as able to speak to the candidate's excellence and suitability for recognition.

Selection and Recognition

The Chancellor's Citations Selection Committee will complete its work and make final citation recommendations to me late in December. Citation winners will be notified by letter no later than January 15, 2009. Recipients of the Chancellor's Citations for Excellence are honored at a dinner event and receive an original work of art by a member of the Syracuse University faculty.

Eligibility

Full time faculty and University staff are eligible for the Chancellor's Citations for Excellence. Students are not eligible for the Chancellor's Citations; their achievements are recognized under such programs as University Scholars, Class Marshals, the Chancellor's Awards for Public Engagement and Scholarship, and Remembrance Scholars.

Thank you for taking the time to nominate faculty and staff for recognition.

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