MEMORANDUM

TO: Academic Deans, Morgantown Campus
FROM: C. B. Wilson Associate Provost for Academic Personnel
DATE: February 18, 2013
RE: U.S. Professors of the Year 2013 Awards Program
    Council for Advancement and Support of Education
    Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching
    (formerly, CASE Professor of the Year)

The Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) and the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching are requesting nominations for the U. S. Professors of the Year 2013 Awards Program. A copy of the Awards brochure is attached. See page 7 of the brochure for the required submission materials. Please note that nominees must teach at the undergraduate level. Additional information is available at http://www.usprofessorsoftheyear.org.

The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching will name winners in four national award categories, as follows:

- Outstanding Baccalaureate Colleges Professor
- Outstanding Community Colleges Professor
- Outstanding Doctoral and Research Universities Professor
- Outstanding Master’s Universities and Colleges Professor

A Professor of the Year in each state will also be selected. The same nomination form is used to consider a faculty member for both national and state awards. No additional or different information is required to be considered for the state award.

As you know, West Virginia University faculty members have been honored in eighteen of the last twenty-four years through this program. The following are past recipients:

If the 2013 West Virginia Professor of the Year is from West Virginia University – Morgantown, the Provost’s Office will provide an award of $1,000 in professional support.

No more than three nominations may be made by West Virginia University (Morgantown). If you or your colleagues plan to nominate a faculty member, **please notify my assistant, Shirley Nichter at shirley.nichter@mail.wvu.edu no later than Tuesday, April 2** and copy the nominator. Such notification will help assure that individuals working on nomination dossiers can be confident that their work will be forwarded.

The Provost’s Office would also like to review the nomination dossiers. If more than three nominations come forward, they will be screened in this office to determine the finalists. **Please forward those dossiers to me by Wednesday, April 10** so they may be reviewed and submitted online in time to meet the **April 15** deadline. This office will serve as the "official" nominator, and will pay the entry fee for each nomination.

You will note from the brochure that nomination submission materials must be entered online. Please forward the hard copy of all materials to our office. We will place all our nominations online simultaneously.

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c: President James P. Clements  
Provost Michele G. Wheatly  
Chancellor Christopher C. Colenda

Enclosures
CALL FOR ENTRIES

U.S. Professors of the Year
2013 AWARDS PROGRAM

COUNCIL FOR ADVANCEMENT AND SUPPORT OF EDUCATION
Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching

Draw attention to outstanding teaching at your college or university. Nominate a talented professor for a 2013 U.S. Professors of the Year award.
ABOUT THE AWARDS

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 the Council for Advancement and Support of Education 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 institutions, are eligible for the award. However, they cannot nominate themselves. Nominators must be members of the campus faculty or administration. Entries are judged by top U.S. educators and other active participants on the education scene. In 2012, the program recognized 35 winners—four national winners and 31 state winners.

CASE 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 became the primary sponsor in 1982.

NOMINATION PROCESS BEGINS JAN. 7, AND ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 15, 2013.

U.S. PROFESSORS OF THE YEAR
WINNERS RECEIVE

NATIONAL LEVEL

- $5,000 from 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 2013 awards luncheon in the nation’s capital
  - An invitation to, and recognition at, an 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 evening congressional reception for the winner and a guest
- Recognition at the luncheon and reception
- Media recognition
- Personalized award certificate
It's pretty difficult to be a great scholar and a great teacher. It goes to the heart of what [American University] is all about and Patrick epitomizes that.

James Goldgeier, dean of the School of International Service at American University, as quoted in an article about Patrick Jackson, 2012 Washington, D.C., state Professor of the Year.

I believe the act of giving awards here today to the best professors will make a real difference, not only for the recipients, but also for the thousands of other professors and students whose lives will be influenced over time by your examples.


2012 NATIONAL U.S. PROFESSORS OF THE YEAR

Outstanding Professor: Christy Price, Professor of Psychology, Dalton State College

Outstanding Master's Universities and Colleges Professor: Todd Pagano, Associate Professor, Department of Science and Mathematics, Director, Laboratory Science Technology Program, National Technical Institute for the Deaf, Rochester Institute of Technology

Outstanding Doctoral and Research Universities Professor: Auer Kaw, Professor of Mechanical Engineering, University of South Florida

Outstanding Community Colleges Professor: Lois Roma-Deoley, Professor of Creative Writing, Paradise Valley Community College

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:
Nebraska state winner Rita Lester (left) with Kelly Eaton, a previous Nebraska state winner; national award winner Lois Roma-Deoley and Paul Dale, president of Paradise Valley Community College; Undersecretary of Education Martha Kanter; and Virginia state winner Robert Snap (left) with Rep. Robert Hurt (R-Va.). Photo by David Freiberg
The award brings much acclaim, on and off campus, to national and state winners. 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—at private and public, two- and four-year institutions. 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, Inside Higher Ed 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, spotlighting both the winner and your institution.

As the winners' success stories spread, people learn more about the fields in which they 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 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 to provide models for faculty and students.

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Winners receive national recognition.
As an internationally recognized historian of France, Dr. [Eric] Nelson epitomizes the model of the teacher-scholar at the heart of the Missouri State University mission.

Kathleen Kennedy, head of the department of history at Missouri State, in a news release about Eric Nelson being selected as the 2012 Missouri State Professor of the Year.

"Mr. President, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing and thanking Professor [Todd] Pagano and all the winners for their leadership and passion for educating. They have undoubtedly inspired an untold number of students."

Text submitted by U.S. Sen. Charles E. Schumer (D-N.Y.) for the Congressional Record.

2012 STATE U.S. PROFESSORS OF THE YEAR

Clockwise from top left:
- CASE President John Lippincott (left) with national award winner Christy Price and Carnegie Foundation President Anthony Bryk; Kevin Molinie, director of institutional relationships at TIAA-CREF; and national award winner Auntie Kau (left) with Scott Lunding, associate secretary of the Phi Beta Kappa Society; National and state winners along with guests at Folger Shakespeare Library reception.
- Photo by Denice Poch
CATEGORIES
Nominees compete with their peers in one of the following categories (based on the Carnegie classification of their institution):

OUTSTANDING BACCALAUREATE COLLEGES PROFESSOR
OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY COLLEGES PROFESSOR
OUTSTANDING DOCTORAL AND RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES PROFESSOR
OUTSTANDING MASTER’S UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES PROFESSOR

QUALIFICATIONS AND ELIGIBILITY

• The nominee must have taught at the undergraduate level, part- or full-time, for at least one semester during the 2012–2013 academic year.

• The 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.

• Each campus may nominate up to three professors.

• 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 YOUR INSTITUTION

Local print and broadcast outlets stay on top of the story.

National Technical Institute for the Deaf's Todd Pagano Named Professor of the Year

Southern Connecticut State University educator is state's Professor of the Year

WHEC-TV IN ROCHESTER, N.Y.

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REQUIRED SUBMISSION MATERIALS

All materials must be submitted online. Visit www.usprofessorsoftheyear.org for details and examples of previous winning entries.

STEP 1.
Gather required submission materials for online entry process:

a. One-page curriculum vitae
Submit a concise summary of the professor’s education, teaching experience, other teaching awards, publications, service and other significant contributions.

b. 2012-2013 academic year teaching log
List the course titles, levels and a brief description of the content and pedagogy for each course the professor is teaching.

c. Candidate’s personal statement
Each candidate must write a personal statement (650 words or less) describing key contributions made as an undegraduate 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 for sharing it with others.

d. Six letters of support (one to two pages each) Two letters from former undergraduate students; two letters from campus colleagues, such as the nominator, president, faculty or academic deans; and two from supporters on campus, in the community or in the candidate’s profession. Letters from campus colleagues and supporters should be submitted on letterhead if possible.

STEP 2.
Go to www.usprofessorsoftheyear.org and click on “Nominate” to begin the online entry process. Nominees will register their applicant(s), submit required documents and select payment options through this online process.

STEP 3.
Submit all nomination materials and entry fee by deadline below.

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RESUBMISSION
To re-nominate a 2012 candidate for a 2013 award, go to www.usprofessorsoftheyear.org and click on “Nominate” to register your applicant(s) and submit the following:

• $95 payment
• Current curriculum vitae
• New teaching log

NOTE: Submitting new supportive letters is optional.

Questions? Contact Heyward Smith with CASE at 202-478-5666 or send an email to hsmith@case.org.

Go online for detailed instructions: www.usprofessorsoftheyear.org

THE CINCINNATI ENQUIRER
THE TENNESSEAN
THE OREGONIAN
THE SEATTLE TIMES
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GO ONLINE TO:
- Nominate a professor
- Learn more about previous winners
- Review newspaper articles and view event photos and videos
- Get details on the scope of the U.S. Professors of the Year Awards Program

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