Outstanding Teaching Awards

**Categories:**

**Outstanding Senior Teacher:** Faculty with six or more years of teaching experience at the college level (combined at MU or elsewhere).

**Outstanding Early Career Teacher:** Faculty with less than six years of teaching experience at the college level (combined at MU or elsewhere).

**Criteria:**

**Classroom/Laboratory Teaching**
Recipients must demonstrate, documented by student/peer evaluation, clarity of presentations and assignments, variability of instructional materials and teaching methodology, enthusiasm for their subject matter and for teaching, and a teaching style that provides a variety of opportunities for students to learn. The subject matter must also be viewed by students as relevant, meaningful and organized as well as taught in a manner that demonstrates how to apply the course content.

**Teaching Outside the Classroom**
Recipients must demonstrate superior advising and counseling as well as show evidence of working to ensure student success outside the classroom.

**Other Teaching–Related Activities**
Recipients must contribute to the scholarship of teaching (e.g. through teaching publications and/or presentations), be a continual learner of the teaching/learning process and environment, and participate in teaching improvement workshops, seminars or conferences.

**Information for the Nominator:**
Nomination packets must include a nomination form signed by the nominator with the following items attached:

- A one-page biography and/or curriculum vitae of the nominee.
- Nominee’s “philosophy of teaching and learning.”
- Three to five letters of support:
  - Including a letter from the nominator that, using nontechnical language in one page or less, clearly describes the most important aspect(s) of the nominee’s achievements/contributions/activities that qualify him/her for this award and summarizes prior recognition nominee has received.
  - At least one letter from a student.
- A table summarizing numerical student evaluations for all classes taught in the past three years.
- A summary of written comments from student evaluations (one page or less) for all classes taught in the past three years.
- Peer evaluations of classroom/laboratory instruction.

**Notes:**
Incomplete or late nominations will not be reviewed.
All nominees not receiving award recognition this year will be held for consideration for the following year's award.
Persons who have won the award or a distinguished campus award (e.g. Kemper) previously are not eligible for the award.