Teaching Excellence Awards

Three awards will be presented annually, one dedicated to tenured faculty, one to tenure-track, lecturer or clinical faculty, and one to a part-time/adjunct faculty. These awards will be in the amount of $5,000 each for full-time faculty and $2,000 for part-time faculty. The names of the winners will be inscribed on a plaque in the President’s suite. A minimum of two years in service at Adelphi is required.

Students or other faculty may nominate faculty for the Teaching Excellence Award. Faculty may also nominate themselves. The “Call for Nominations” will be announced via email, campus media and TV monitors. To nominate a faculty member, a student nominator must write a letter of recommendation; the letter should be signed by at least six students and include a statement about the value of the course experience with the teacher and how it made a difference in the students’ educational experiences. The students must have completed a course with the faculty nominee and must also provide the name of the course(s), semester(s), and year(s) the course(s) were taken with the faculty member. A faculty member submitting a nomination must write a letter of recommendation, or in the case of self-nomination the letter should outline the outstanding nature of their teaching. The letter should be endorsed by at least three faculty. Examples of the creativity and excellence in teaching of the nominee, any high impact pedagogical practices, as well as faculty preparedness and availability to students should be included. Email submissions are accepted. However, the appropriate number of separate emails must be sent in support of the nomination. All emails should be sent to Sharon Faranda at faranda@adelphi.edu.

A rotating committee of seven faculty and two students, appointed by the Provost, will receive and review the nominations. Award recipients will serve on the selection committee for the subsequent three years. They will not be eligible for re-nomination again for five years. The Provost’s Office will notify faculty nominees. The nominees will be required to submit supporting materials to include (1) a current curriculum vitae, (2) current syllabi, (3) statement of teaching philosophy, (4) how his/her research is integrated into teaching (for full-time nominees only), (5) copies of the statistical summaries of Student Course Evaluation along with the comment sheets/qualitative comments for the past four semesters and (6) descriptions of innovative teaching techniques (e.g. active learning).

A letter of recommendation should be submitted directly to the Committee by a colleague or dean. Where possible, materials should be submitted electronically.

The deadline for nominations is February 21, 2020. Once notified by the Provost’s Office, faculty nominees have until March 23, 2020 to forward all supporting material to the Committee.
• Awards will be announced at the last Faculty Meeting of the year, and recipients will be introduced at Commencement. The recipients may be asked to make presentations at the fall 2020 Matriculation ceremony.

Nominations and supporting material should be submitted to Sharon Faranda at faranda@adelphi.edu with the name of the award in the subject line, or on paper to the Teaching Excellence Award Committee c/o the Office of the Provost (Levermore Hall/Room 108).