**WVSU Professor of the Year Award**

Award Description: The WVSU Professor of the Year Award honors an outstanding Faculty member who embodies excellence in teaching, scholarship, and service. The award recognizes and celebrates a teacher-scholar who inspires students through their teaching, actively contributes to the expansion of knowledge in their field, and adds markedly to the intellectual life and reputation of the University. The Honoree is characterized by excellence and represents the best in us.

Award Criteria: The WVSU Professor of the Year Award honorees will be selected in accordance to the following criteria:

* A record of outstanding teaching, scholarship, and service;

Teaching:

* + A pedagogical approach that is innovative, intellectually rigorous, creative and engaging;
  + A record of active engagement with students outside the classroom, advising student organizations, and actively mentoring students;

Scholarship:

* + A record of extraordinary productivity;
  + A record of producing work that has been presented in state, regional, national or international venues (i.e. conferences, journals, etc.), is accessible to a state, regional, national or international scholarly audience and has contributed to the advancement of knowledge in their field
  + A record of contributing to the intellectual life of the University

Service:

* + A record of service marked by excellence that positively impacts both the quality, as well as the reputation of the University;
  + A record of actively contributing to building a sense of community among students;
  + A record of active involvement in shared governance

Standards of Excellence:

* The University would suffer a great loss if the nominee were to leave.

Eligibility: To be nominated for the award, the faculty member must meet the following criteria:

* The nominee must be a full-time member of the WVSU faculty;
* The nominee must have taught at the University in full-time faculty position for a minimum of three years;
* The nominee may not have received the award in the last five years
* The nominee must meet the award criteria and standards of excellence.

Nomination Process:

* All Deans, Department Chairs, Program Directors, faculty, staff, students, parents, and alumni are encouraged to nominate faculty members who have met the requirements for the award;
* Nominations must be made by letter and must clearly state the basis for the nomination;
* Nomination letters (2 pages maximum) must be submitted to the Awards Committee at facultyawards@wvstateu.edu
* Nominees will be notified by the Faculty Senate Executive

Committee, and those who wish to be considered further must accept the nomination in writing and submit the following supporting materials for evaluation to the Office of Academic Affairs by the date specified:

* + Curriculum Vitae
  + Explanation of Record of Outstanding Teaching (2 pages maximum) including
    - Statement of teaching philosophy
    - Development of co-curricular activities, experiential learning, and innovative resources, etc
  + Written statement which provides an overview of the nominee’s research or creative activity and explains its impact on the nominee’s field (2 page max)
  + Name and contact information of 1 external evaluator who is in the nominee’s discipline.
  + Summary statement explaining the candidates service activities to the University, students, and professional societies and how this service has benefited the University. (3 page maximum)
  + Up to three (3) pieces of any other supporting material (5 page max)
* Complete nomination packets are reviewed by the Awards Committee;
* The award will be given out at the August General Faculty Meeting;
* The 5 most recent recipients of the award comprise the rolling members of the selection committee.

Nomination Due Date: February 15, 2020

Application Due Date: March 15, 2020