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*College of Natural & Health Sciences  
Office of the Dean*

Date: August 24, 2009  
To: Faculty in the College of Natural and Health Sciences  
From: Doug Marshall, Associate Dean  
Subject: Call for Nominations, NHS Faculty Awards

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Please recognize your colleagues by nominating them for NHS faculty excellence awards for teaching, scholarship, service, student mentoring, and academic leadership. We are pleased to announce a new faculty award for excellence in advising. Each award carries a \$500 faculty development grant, which will be made available during the 2010 calendar year. Grant funds may be used for books, materials, software, travel, or other expenses that enhance faculty development. Nominations must be sent via email to the attention of Sandy Pope ([sandra.pope@unco.edu](mailto:sandra.pope@unco.edu)), NHS Dean's office.

**College of Natural and Health Sciences 2009-10 Excellence Awards**

*Excellence in Teaching*

*Excellence in Scholarship*

*Excellence in Service*

*Excellence in Advising*

*Faculty Research Mentor of the Year – Undergraduate Level*

*Faculty Research Mentor of the Year – Graduate Level*

*Academic Leadership*

**For each of the above awards:**

- Schools and individual college faculty **must submit electronic nominations** (MS-Word documents of 1-5 pages), with rationale and supporting materials (limited to 15 pages total) to the NHS College Awards Committee by October 9, 2009, to Sandy Pope, NHS Dean's Office, Gunter 1000, [sandra.pope@unco.edu](mailto:sandra.pope@unco.edu). **Electronic applications are required.**
- All full-time faculty in the college are eligible to be nominated.
- One award will be presented in each category.
- The College Awards Committee will recommend the recipients for the awards to the NHS Dean by December 4, 2009.
- The recipients of all awards will be recognized at the spring semester college meeting and reception. The recipient of the Excellence in Scholarship Award will be nominated for the

University Distinguished Scholar Award, and the recipients of the other awards will be nominated for the Provost's Academic Excellence Awards.

- Faculty members who have previously received an award in one of the categories are not eligible to receive another award in that category for five years. For example, a 2009 recipient of the Excellence in Teaching Award would not be eligible to receive that award again until 2014.

### ***Criteria for Excellence in Teaching Award***

Instructor:

- Communicate clearly and well
- Is well-organized
- Employs high academic standards
- Clear goals
- Enthusiastic
- Uses active learning
- Encourages students to think
- Student-centered
- Motivates students to pursue additional knowledge
- Provides college and/or campus leadership for teaching
  - Curriculum development
  - Mentoring new faculty

### ***Criteria for Excellence in Scholarship Award***

All nominees must meet the following general criteria:

- Demonstrate thorough knowledge of the field
- Communicate that knowledge in an effective and organized manner via professional communication, publications and presentations
- Demonstrate a record of contributions to the discipline (relative to time in profession)
- Demonstrate a record of excellence in research and scholarship
- Evidence quality in the impact of one's scholarship (local, regional, national, international; with greater weight given to international and national)
- Involve students in research and its dissemination

### ***Criteria for Excellence in Service Award***

All nominees must meet the following general criteria:

- Contributes significantly to the development of other faculty members
- Contributes significantly to the curriculum and instructional program of the University beyond one's own courses and department
- Contributes significantly to the discipline/profession
- Provides valuable professional service to the greater community beyond the university (e.g. contributions as an expert to Greeley or the state)

### ***Criteria for Excellence in Advising Award***

All nominees must meet the following general criteria:

- Promotes ample opportunity for student interaction
- Provides career mentoring as well as academic scheduling advisement

- Is widely knowledgeable of university requirements, academic policies, and student support services
- Consistently demonstrates respect, concern, and interest in students and student groups
- Participates in advising student groups

***Criteria for Undergraduate Research Mentor Award***

All nominees must meet the following general criteria:

- Provides additional learning opportunities beyond classroom experience
- Uses innovative research and mentoring methods
- Encourages students to present research findings at professional meetings
- Collaborates with students on publications
- Supportive of the professional growth of undergraduate students
- Communicates well with undergraduate student mentors
- Helps students develop their own knowledge and skills through scholarly research beyond merely doing the work of the faculty member

***Criteria for Graduate Research Mentor Award***

All nominees must meet the following general criteria:

- Provides additional learning opportunities beyond classroom experience
- Uses innovative research and mentoring methods
- Encourages students to present research findings at professional meetings
- Collaborates with students on publications
- Supportive of the professional growth of graduate students
- Communicates well with graduate student mentors
- Helps students develop their own knowledge and skills through scholarly research beyond merely doing the work of the faculty member

***Criteria for Academic Leadership Excellence Award***

All nominees must meet the following general criteria:

- Consistently leads his or her school, program, or unit towards academic excellence in teaching, scholarly activity and service
- Promotes the professional development both of individuals within his or her department, program, or unit, as well as the collective whole
- Performs routine responsibilities and tasks efficiently, effectively, and fairly
- Demonstrates academic leadership in the broader College and University context, beyond advancement of his or her own discipline
- Serves as a role model for other faculty members

Note: A committee of School Directors chaired by the Associate Dean will make a recommendation to the Dean for this award.

**Important Dates:**

<b>NOMINATIONS &amp; SUPPORTING MATERIALS DUE IN DEAN'S OFFICE (Attention Sandy Pope)</b>	<b>October 9, 2009</b>
<b>RECOMMENDATIONS OF AWARD RECIPIENTS DUE TO DEAN OF NHS</b>	<b>December 4, 2009</b>
<b>DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION FROM NHS DEAN TO</b>	

<b>ACADEMIC AFFAIRS</b>	<b>Early February 2010</b>
<b>DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF NHS COLLEGE SCHOLAR FOR DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR AWARD TO OSP</b>	<b>October 16, 2009</b>

cc: Denise Battles, Dean NHS