

ALUMNI AWARDS

The true measure of a university's greatness can be found in the achievements of its alumni, and Southeastern Louisiana University is certainly known to develop leaders in many fields of endeavor. A vast number of the University's alumni have gained unique distinction through success in their professions, service to the University, and contributions to their community. The Southeastern Alumni Association established its awards program in 1969 to honor outstanding graduates and to celebrate their achievements.

Purpose and Philosophy:

The purpose of the Alumni Awards program is to recognize Southeastern alumni who have made significant contributions to society, and whose accomplishments, affiliations and careers have honored the legacy of excellence at the University.

ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

This award is given to someone who has utilized their degree to achieve outstanding accomplishments in their field on and international or national basis. Southeastern's Alumnus of the Year is an individual who reflected outstanding qualities as a Southeastern student, who has excelled in his or field after graduation and who continues to be supportive and active in Southeastern's future.

Criteria for Selection:

Award recipients will be accomplished in three distinct areas as outlined below. This distinction will be reflective of Southeastern's core values – Excellence and Caring:

- **Professional Achievement and Career or Military Service Distinction:** The recipient has attained prominence through his or her efforts in commerce, industry, technology, the arts, education, government, military or other worthy endeavors that form a record of accomplishments on a national or international level.
- **Service to Society:** The recipient exhibits integrity and a demonstrated commitment to service through an interest in bettering the lives of others through volunteer efforts.
- **Service and Support to Southeastern Louisiana University:** The recipient's deeds and actions reflect the importance of his or her educational training, pride in alma mater and loyalty to Southeastern, as demonstrated through their interest in and support of the University, the Alumni Association and their programs.

YOUNG ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

Created in 2011, the Young Alumnus of the Year Award is to recognize an individual, age 40 or under, who has already achieved outstanding success in their vocational field, and has demonstrated a continued commitment to the University and their community.

Criteria for Selection:

Award recipients will be accomplished in three distinct areas as outlined below. This distinction will be reflective of Southeastern's core values – Excellence and Caring:

- **Professional Achievement and Career or Military Service Distinction:** The recipient has attained prominence through his or her efforts in commerce, industry, technology, the arts, education, government, military or other worthy endeavors that form a record of accomplishments on a local, state or national level.
- **Service to Society:** The recipient exhibits integrity and a demonstrated commitment to service through an interest in bettering the lives of others through volunteer efforts.
- **Service and Support to Southeastern Louisiana University:** The recipient's deeds and actions reflect the importance of his or her educational training, pride in alma mater and loyalty to Southeastern, as demonstrated through their interest in and support of the University, the Alumni Association and their programs.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS FROM EACH COLLEGE

This award is presented to individuals who have distinguished themselves among the best of Southeastern graduates and have used their degree to become successful on their chosen fields on the local or state level, have demonstrated service to the University, and made contributions to their communities. Chosen by the colleges of the University, the recipients are a shining example of the unparalleled programs from which they graduated.

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Eligible Nominees:

Eligible nominees will have graduated in a regular course of study at Southeastern Louisiana University. Voting members of the Alumni Association Board of Directors are not eligible during their term of service. Graduates may be nominated posthumously.

Self-nominations are accepted. Nominees must be able to attend the Alumni Awards Dinner and Homecoming football game on October 23-24, 2020.

These awards are given for outstanding achievement and no compromises that diminish the significance of the awards will be made.

Method of Nomination:

Nominations may be made for any alumni awards by any of the following individuals or groups:

- Any member of the Alumni Association or its affiliated chapters
- Any member of the University administration, faculty or staff
- Any member of an affiliate or support organization of the University (Foundation or LAA)
- Any Southeastern former student
- Any friend of Southeastern

Nominations will be accepted using the following guidelines:

- A completed Nomination Form must be submitted.
- Nominators are encouraged to provide supporting items that further distinguish the nominee. Such items could include, but are not limited to:
 - Letters of support from non-family members that specifically address the criteria (maximum of three)
 - Current biography or curriculum vitae for the individual
 - Newspaper or magazine articles that showcase the special qualities of the nominee
 - Award or certificates of achievements
 - Other items of interest
- One nomination per individual will be considered.
- While nominations are accepted year-round, submissions must be received by February 21 each year for the approaching Homecoming ceremonies in the Fall.
- Nomination forms will be held for each individual for a period of five years. If an individual is not selected for the award, his or her nomination form may be updated and renewed by the original or other appropriate nominator for consideration in a subsequent year.
- No limitations will be placed on the total number of nominations accepted for consideration.
- The name of the nominator will not be disclosed if he or she requests anonymity.
- Self-nominations are accepted.

Method of Award Selection:

The Southeastern Alumni Association will use the following guidelines for the award selection:

- The Alumni Office will collect submitted nominations, to be reviewed and validated.
- The Alumni Office will submit the nominations to the Awards Nominating Committee for their review and selection in February.
- The Alumni Association Board of Directors must approve slate of nominees.

Announcement and Recognition

Those chosen to receive awards will be notified early April. The Alumni Office will announce honorees to the public through various methods and will honor each recipient at the annual Alumni Awards Evening in conjunction with Homecoming festivities.