



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. Southeastern Alumni 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 communities, and whose accomplishments, affiliations and careers have honored the legacy of support to the University.

ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

This award is given to someone who has achieved outstanding accomplishments in their field. Southeastern's Alumnus of the Year is an individual who reflected outstanding qualities as a Southeastern student, who has excelled in his or her 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 an international or national level.
- **Service to Community:** 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 and Alumni programming.

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:

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- **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 state level.
- **Service to Community:** 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 and Alumni programming.

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 in 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.

Nominees are requested to attend the Alumni Awards Dinner on October 17, 2025 as well as Homecoming festivities and football game on October 18, 2025.

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

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 two)
 - 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.
- 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.

Method of Award Selection:

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

- The Alumni Office will collect submitted nominations, to be reviewed and confirm that applicants meet all qualifications. If application is not complete then application will not be accepted.
- The Alumni Office will submit the nominations to the Awards Nominating Committee for their review and selection.
- The Alumni Association Board of Directors must approve slate of all nominees.

Announcement and Recognition

Those chosen to receive awards will be notified in August. 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.