



2014 Excellence Awards

Nomination Packet

Deadline for Receipt of Entries: Friday, March 28, 2014
(In hand deadline, not postmark)

A Message from Dr. Karen Rafinski

The OACC Excellence Awards serve as a wonderful opportunity to recognize and honor the tremendous support our Association and member colleges receive from our trustees, alumni, and dedicated advocates. As we are all well aware, much of what we have been able to accomplish over the years would not have been possible without the continued efforts of these individuals.

While these awards will never truly convey our appreciation for the individuals receiving them, they do carry a strong message, one that stems directly from the OACC's ongoing mission to promote the continued quality, strength, vitality, and effectiveness of its members.

As we mark the 21st year for the Excellence Awards, I would encourage each of you to take a close look at those individuals who are eligible to receive one of these prestigious awards. If they meet the criteria and you feel they are deserving of this honor, then please submit their name and information for consideration. Regardless of whether or not they are selected as a 2014 Excellence Awards recipient, by taking the time to nominate them you will be sending a clear message that their contributions are valued and they are deserving of recognition.

I look forward to celebrating 21 years of excellence with you at the 2014 OACC Excellence Awards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen E. Rafinski". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'K'.

Dr. Karen E. Rafinski, Ph. D., Interim President
Ohio Association of Community Colleges

The Maureen C. Grady Award for Special Achievement

History

First presented to its namesake in 1994, the Maureen C. Grady Award for Special Achievement recognizes the extraordinary leadership and contributions of those trustees who receive this award.

Serving as an example for all trustees to emulate, Ms. Grady has dedicated much of her life to furthering the mission of community colleges in Ohio and throughout the nation. A former trustee of Clark State Community College, Ms. Grady also served as the first Chairperson for the OACC from 1993-1994.

In addition to her work at the state level, Ms. Grady served on the boards of both the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) and the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT). In fact, she became the first Ohioan to chair the ACCT in 1994, and received the M. Dale Ensign Trustee Award from that organization in 1999 as the national trustee of the year.

Trustees who have been selected as recipients of this award embody the qualities and characteristics Ms. Grady has demonstrated during her years of service.

Eligibility Criteria

- Nominees must be a current or former trustee.
- Nominees must have demonstrated extraordinary leadership during their tenure, or throughout a particular period of their service.
- Nominees must have made outstanding professional contributions to their college and/or surrounding community over an extended period of time.
- Candidates must be nominated by either the college president or board of trustees' chairperson.
- Past award recipients are not eligible.

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- A resolution approved by the board of trustees (OR)
A letter of endorsement from the college president
- A one page resume or biographical sketch of the nominee.
- An 8x10 color photo of the nominee. Label back of photo with nominee's name. (OR)
A digital 8x10 photo that is at least 300 dpi, submitted on disc.
- Any additional materials to highlight or support your nomination, such as press clippings, previous awards, or distinctions. (Not required)
- Colleges may only nominate one individual.
- Please do not use folders or binders.
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The Terry M. Thomas Friend of Community Colleges Award

History

Presented annually to someone who has had a major positive impact on community colleges in Ohio, the Terry M. Thomas Friend of Community Colleges Award is named in honor of the OACC's founding Executive Director.

A champion of higher education, Mr. Thomas served as OACC Executive Director for 14 years, from 1993 until 2007. Among his many significant accomplishments was his work to improve Ohio's articulation and transfer of career-technical coursework and college and university credits, as well as the establishment of the OACC's annual All-Ohio Academic Team Scholarship Recognition Luncheon.

After stepping down as Executive Director, Mr. Thomas continued to remain committed to higher education, going on to serve as Associate Vice Chancellor, Adult Workforce Development at the Ohio Board of Regents.

Individuals who have been selected to receive this award embody the qualities and characteristics Mr. Thomas has demonstrated throughout his years of service.

Eligibility Criteria

- Nominees must have made outstanding professional contributions to advance the cause of community college education in Ohio.
- Nominees cannot be a current or former college trustee.
- Candidates must be nominated by either the college president or board of trustees' chairperson.
- Past award recipients are not eligible.

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Outstanding Business Partnership Award

History

Developed as a new award category in 2013, this award will be presented annually to businesses that have had a major, positive impact on community colleges in Ohio.

Historically, businesses were nominated under the Terry M. Thomas Friend of Community Colleges Award.

Eligibility Criteria

- Nominees must have partnered in a significant way with their local community college to raise awareness of and/or advance programming, outreach, capacity, and/or impact of the institution.
- Candidates must be nominated by either the college president or board of trustees' chairperson.
- Previous business recipients of the Thomas Award are not eligible.

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- A resolution approved by the board of trustees
(OR)
A letter of endorsement from the college president
- A one page summary of the business highlighting its role in raising awareness of, or advancing: programming, outreach, capacity, and/or impact of the institution.
- A digital business logo that is at least 300 dpi, submitted via e-mail or disc with appropriate logo use instructions if applicable.
- Any additional materials to highlight or support the nomination, such as press clippings, previous awards, or distinctions. (Not required)
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The Distinguished Alumnus Award

History

The OACC Distinguished Alumnus Award is presented annually to a deserving alumnus of one of Ohio's 23 community colleges who has, throughout the course of their life, demonstrated a passionate level of commitment to the local community and higher education.

Since first being presented in 1995, numerous individuals who embody the core principles of this award have been recognized for their ongoing efforts to advance the mission of community colleges. These recipients are very passionate about their work, and give generously of both their time and resources.

Like those who have already been honored, recipients of this award should have a proven track record for giving back to those communities and institutions that have given so much to them.

Eligibility Criteria

- Nominees must be a graduate of a degree or certificate program at an Ohio community college.
- Have achieved notable professional accomplishments.
- Engaged in specific philanthropic or public service activity that supports the community and/or college.
- Candidates must be nominated by either the college president or board of trustees' chairperson.
- Past award recipients are not eligible.

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The Richard N. Adams Educational Leadership Award

History

The Educational Leadership Award is named in honor of Dr. Richard N. Adams, a model of trustee engagement. For 18 years, Dr. Adams served as a trustee of Edison Community College, three of which were spent serving as Chairman of the Board. Additionally, from 1997 to 1999 he served as the OACC's fourth Chairperson. Dr. Adams was also the second Ohioan to chair the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT).

Committed to public service and giving back to his community, Dr. Adams currently serves in the Ohio House of Representatives, representing the residents of the 80th Ohio House District.

Those individuals receiving this award have, over a period of time, demonstrated an active commitment to, and participation in, trustee education and engagement.

Eligibility Criteria

- Individuals must have attended a minimum of 12 OACC sponsored events such as the Fall Governing Board Meeting and Annual Conference.
- Candidates can be a current or former trustee.
- Candidates are strongly encouraged to have demonstrated an ongoing commitment to trustee development and community service.
- Candidates must be confirmed by either the college president or board of trustees' chairperson.
- Past award recipients are not eligible.
- Final approval is contingent upon candidates having attended the required minimum of OACC sponsored events and president or board approval.

Nomination Procedure

Once a trustee has attended the minimum number of OACC sponsored events, their respective president and/or board of trustees will be notified and offered the opportunity to submit the following materials to the OACC by the March 28, 2014 deadline. Nominations may not be faxed or e-mailed.

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A letter of endorsement from the college president
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The OACC Founders Award

History

The Founders Award was created by the OACC to recognize those trustees who were instrumental in the establishment of the Association. This award is presented to trustees who have left college board service during the previous year who were: an original delegate/alternate of the Association, or who were in attendance at the May 15, 1993 meeting at which the Association was established.

The Founders Award provides current Association members with an opportunity to publicly recognize the contributions of those individuals who through their hard work and dedication paved the way for the organization we are all part of today.

Eligibility Criteria

- Candidates must be a former trustee.
- Candidates must have served as an original or alternate delegate, or have been present at the May 15, 1993 meeting that established the OACC.

Nomination Procedure

The criteria for this award are set, therefore no nominations are needed. However, once a trustee is determined eligible to receive this award, their respective college will be asked to submit the following materials to the OACC by March 28, 2014 deadline. Nominations may not be faxed or e-mailed.

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(OR)
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Our Mission...

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Rhodes State College • Rio Grande Community College • Sinclair Community College • Southern State Community College

Stark State College • Terra State Community College • Washington State Community College • Zane State College



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MAUREEN C. GRADY AWARD FOR SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT
2014 Nomination Form

Eligible nominees must be a current or former Trustee who has demonstrated extraordinary leadership throughout the term of their service as a trustee or throughout a particular period of their service and has also made outstanding professional contributions to their college or to community colleges as a whole. Additionally, candidates must be nominated by either a college president or board of trustees' chairperson. Previous recipients of this award are not eligible.

Nominee Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____ **Fax:** _____

Email: _____

Years of Service: _____

Nominating College's Information

Nominated By:

(Print name of College President/Board of Trustees Chairperson)

(Signature of College President/Board of Trustees Chairperson)

Institution: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____ **Fax:** _____

*Nominations must be submitted by the college's president and/or board of trustees' chairperson. Colleges may only nominate one individual for this award. Completed forms should be accompanied by a resolution or letter of endorsement from the president, one page resume or biographical sketch and an 8x10 color photo (hard copy or 300 dpi digital print submitted on disc). All nomination materials must be returned to the OACC by mail at 175 South Third Street, Suite 560 - Columbus, Ohio 43215, by **Friday, March 28, 2014**.*



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TERRY M. THOMAS FRIEND OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES AWARD
2014 Nomination Form

Eligible nominees for this award are individuals who are not a trustee of a community college, but who, through their actions over a period of time, have significantly advanced the cause of community college education in Ohio on a statewide basis. Additionally, candidates must be nominated by either a college president or board of trustees' chairperson. Previous recipients of this award are not eligible.

Nominee Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____ **Fax:** _____

Email: _____

Nominating College's Information

Nominated By:

(Print name of College President/Board of Trustees Chairperson)

(Signature of College President/Board of Trustees Chairperson)

Institution: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____ **Fax:** _____

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OUTSTANDING BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP AWARD
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Nominee Information

Business Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____ **Fax:** _____

Contact | Email: _____

Nominating College's Information

Nominated By:

(Print name of College President/Board of Trustees Chairperson)

(Signature of College President/Board of Trustees Chairperson)

Institution: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____ **Fax:** _____

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DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD

2014 Nomination Form

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Nominee Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Institution Attended: _____

Degree or Certificate Program: _____

Graduation Date: _____

Nominating College's Information

Nominated By:

(Print name of College President/Board of Trustees Chairperson)

(Signature of College President/Board of Trustees Chairperson)

Institution: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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