

## LECTURER OF THE YEAR AWARD

### Nature of Awards and Recognition

There shall be one to three Lecturer of the Year Awards designated annually. Ordinarily, one recipient will be selected each year, but when multiple recipients are selected, they should represent different colleges or schools at UNCW. Each recipient of a Lecturer of the Year Award will receive a citation and a one-time stipend from the Center for Teaching Excellence. Presentation of the award will be made at an appropriate event to be attended by recipients, guests, and leaders of the university.

### I. Criteria for Selection:

1. Teaching philosophy.
2. Mastery of subject and pedagogical techniques.
3. Leadership and initiative.
4. Educational service to the department, college, and university.
5. Educational service to the community, state, and profession.
6. Participation in professional meetings and intra-campus and inter-campus activities that promote teaching excellence.
7. Course and curriculum development.
8. Guidance of students in thesis, honors projects, research, and independent studies.
9. Advising.
10. Assistance of students in career development and exploration of job opportunities for students.
11. Involvement with student organizations, clubs, honor societies, recruiting, and fund raising.
12. Other teaching-related activities.
13. Student perceptions of teaching.
14. Peer observation and review.
15. Previous reception of, or nomination for, teaching and advising awards.
16. Recognition as a faculty member who has made significant, positive impact on students' lives.
17. Other recognitions.
18. Overall presentation and documentation of materials.

### II. Procedures for Nomination and Selection:

A. The Center for Teaching Excellence will initiate the recommendation process based on the following requirements:

1. All candidates must be full-time UNCW lecturers who have been teaching in their respective area at UNCW for at least three years.
2. All candidates shall currently be teaching not less than half of the "normal teaching load" of their respective college/school in the academic year in which they are recommended. The Dean of each college/school shall determine and define "normal teaching load" for that college/school.

C. Nominees who wish to be considered must forward their materials to the Center for Teaching Excellence.

D. To select the recipient of the award, the Center for Teaching Excellence will appoint a selection committee consisting of previous recipients of the Lecturer of the Year Award (preferably representing each of the Colleges and Schools of the university). The most recent recipients of the award will be members of the selection committee and one of them will be appointed the chair of the committee in the subsequent year. Until there is a sufficient number of recipients of the Lecturer of the Year Award, representing the Cameron School of Business, the Watson School of Education, the College of Arts and Sciences, and the College of Health and Human Services, committee membership will consist of a mix of past recipients. If one of these four colleges and schools is not represented, the Director of the Center for Teaching Excellence may appoint a representative from that unit.

E. The committee should select three nominees for the Lecturer of the Year Award. These three nominees should be forwarded to the Director of the Center for Teaching Excellence. The Director will review the final selection and has discretion to amend the committee's recommendation.

### **III. Supporting Materials:**

Nominees who choose to be considered must submit a portfolio of materials on pdf for review by the selection committee. The portfolio should encompass, but is not limited to, supporting materials specified in the "Criteria for Selection." The materials must include:

1. A written statement of teaching philosophy and methodology,
2. A written statement of all other teaching-related activities,
3. Copies of syllabi and other relevant course materials,
4. An official summary of student ratings of courses that have been evaluated over the previous two years,
5. Copies of any available peer teaching evaluations,
6. A copy of the nominee's resume or curriculum vitae, and
7. Any other supporting materials deemed relevant by the nominee.