President’s Distinguished Teaching Award

In recognition of the role that faculty play in creating innovative environments that enable student learning within and across disciplinary, cultural, and ethnic boundaries, Carl and Margaret Liedholm have established the President’s Distinguished Teaching Award. The award is open to current MSU faculty members who have a sustained record (generally 3+ years) of substantial teaching responsibilities (generally 1 class/semester) for Michigan State University and who have implemented creative and engaging ways that foster student learning.

The award is designed to recognize faculty who:

- Demonstrate energy and enthusiasm for engaging students in their learning.
- Inspire students in unique ways or challenges them in innovative ways.
- Create in their students a sense of intellectual curiosity, exciting them about learning.
- Nurture and empower students to enact change in their own and the lives of others.
- Extend learning in innovative ways beyond the walls of the traditional classroom.
- Implemented learning outcomes assessment and exhibited a commitment to the scholarship of teaching and learning.
- Have influenced others to enhance their teaching by sharing their knowledge.

Although it is not anticipated that every nominee exemplifies all the qualities listed, nominating letters (maximum of 3 pages) should address examples of how the nominee embodies the criteria. In addition, nominations should include a list of names (i.e. peers, administrators, students, alumni) and contact information that the review and rating committee can speak with should, based on the information provided, they elect to pursue the nomination. Please also include a draft citation (approximately 250-300 words) with the nomination.

The award is intended to be a surprise to the recipient. Nominations may be made to the Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education and Dean of Undergraduate Studies in writing or electronically and should reference the President’s Distinguished Teaching Award.

The final selection of the award will be made by the Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education and Dean of Undergraduate Studies in consultation with the review and rating committee. The recipient will receive a monetary award and will: 1) be recognized during a class taught by the winner and 2) again at the All University Awards Convocation, to be held Tuesday, February 6, 2018.

Nominations will be accepted at any time with a final deadline of October 5, 2017 for the 2017-2018 All University Awards Convocation.