Asian American Heritage Committee Excellence Award Nomination Form

The Asian American Heritage Committee invites nominations for the 2015 Annual Awards for members of the Northeastern Illinois University community who exemplify excellence and who have made significant contributions to the University and to the Asian American community. Nominations from all members of the NEIU community will be accepted. Nominations supported by letters of recommendation from committee/organization members, colleagues, peers, or other members of our community will be given special consideration.

Select the appropriate award the nominee should be considered for:

☑ Faculty Excellence Award    ☐ Staff Excellence Award
☐ Student Excellence Award    ☐ Community Service Excellence Award
☐ Alumni Excellence Award     ☐ Administrator Excellence Award
☐ International Student Excellence Award

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Please explain your reasons for nominating this individual. Be specific in citing examples of his/her demonstrated exceptional job performance, achievements and the positive impact your nominee has made in the community. Attach additional page(s), if necessary.

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Nomination forms and any supporting materials are due by noon on Friday, March 13, 2015. This nomination form and supporting documents should be sent to Awards Committee Chair, Uma Patel, LWH-2080, or via email at u-patel@neiu.edu. Thank You!
The Asian American Heritage Committee (AAHC) at Northeastern Illinois University has established the Excellence Awards to recognize the outstanding achievements of its community members who personify the shared values of Integrity, Excellence, Access, Diversity, Community and Empowerment, and have made significant contributions to the University or to the Asian American community at large.

The following are five categories for the Excellence Awards:

- Faculty Excellence Award
- Student Excellence Award
- Alumni Excellence Award
- International Student Excellence Award
- Staff Excellence Award
- Community Service Excellence Award
- Administrator Excellence Award

**Faculty Excellence Award**

The Faculty Excellence Award is presented to a faculty member who has demonstrated excellence in teaching and mentoring students, and has made significant contributions in advancing the knowledge in their area of expertise through research. Nominees must meet the following criteria:

- Nominees must be full-time faculty members, including tenured, tenure-track and non-tenured faculty, who have been employed by the university for at least 12 consecutive months;
- Demonstrate leadership in professional advancement;
- Actively support the advancement of the Asian community; and
- Have made outstanding contributions to NEIU.

**Student Excellence Award**

The Student Excellence Award is presented to individuals who have demonstrated outstanding academic achievements, exemplary community service and leadership. Nominees must meet the following criteria:

- Nominees must be degree/certificate-seeking students who have enrolled for at least two consecutive terms, not including summer term, at NEIU.
- Demonstrate academic excellence as evidenced by the cumulative GPA, research work and conference presentations; and
- Have made outstanding contributions to NEIU or to the Asian American community at large.
Alumni Excellence Award
The Alumni Excellence Award is presented to outstanding alumni for their individual achievements, contributions to their industries or professions and service to the university. Nominees must meet the following criteria:

- Nominees must have earned a degree or certificate at NEIU.
- Demonstrate academic excellence as evidenced by the cumulative GPA, research work and conference presentations; and
- Have made outstanding contributions to NEIU or to the Asian American community at large.

International Student Excellence Award
The International Student Excellence Award is presented to individuals who have demonstrated outstanding academic achievements, exemplary community service and leadership. Nominees must meet the following criteria:

- International students who hold J1 or F1 Visa formally enroll in NEIU academic Program.
- Demonstrate academic excellence, research work and conference presentations; and
- Have made outstanding contributions to NEIU or to the Asian American community at large.

Staff Excellence Award
The Staff Excellence Award is presented to a university staff member for his/her exemplary work ethics, dedication, outstanding community service and leadership to the university. Nominees must meet the following criteria:

- Nominees must have been actively employed by the University for at least 12 consecutive months.
- Demonstrate outstanding work ethics and dedication to the NEIU community; and
- Have made outstanding contributions to NEIU or to the Asian American community at large.

Community Service Excellence Award
The Community Service Excellence Award is presented to a locally-based person or organization for his/her significant, commendable and long-standing contributions to advancement of the Asian community at large and and/or to the university. Nominees must meet the following criteria:

- Nominees must demonstrate commitment and long-standing contributions to advancement of the Asian community at large; and/or
- Have made outstanding contributions to NEIU.
**Administrator Excellence Award**

The Administrator Award of Excellence is presented to an administrator, such as president, vice presidents (including associates and assistants), deans (including associates and assistants), directors (including associates and assistants), department heads (including associates and assistants), for his/her exemplary work ethics, dedication, outstanding community service and leadership to the university. Nominees must meet the following criteria:

- Nominees must have been actively employed by the University for at least 12 consecutive months.
- Demonstrate outstanding work ethics and dedication to the NEIU community; and
- Have made outstanding contributions to the principles and values for which NEIU stands.

**The Nomination Process**

- Nominations may be received from any NEIU community member, including faculty, staff, alumni, students, or outside party.
- Nominations must include a completed nomination form and supporting documents, such as a curriculum vitae, letter(s) of recommendation, and other materials.
- Nominations are reviewed by the Awards Selection Committee.
- Recommendations are sent to the Asian American Heritage Committee for final approval.