I. PURPOSE

A. To recognize the achievement of an outstanding Georgia Southern University, College of Education alumnus who has excelled personally and professionally, making a continued and significant difference in the lives of children, educators, parents, and communities.
B. To stimulate greater interaction among prominent alumni and the College of Education (COE) community – administrators, faculty, staff, and students.

II. DATE ESTABLISHED

A. Alumnus of the year award was established in COE in 2004 to honor former graduates of the College of Education. This award will be presented to one winner in March of each year.

III. CRITERIA

A. Nominee is a graduate of the Georgia Southern University College of Education who graduated at least 5 years prior to the award year.
B. Nominee is distinguished in his/her chosen profession.
C. Nominee has made significant contributions to his/her community on a local, state, national, or international level.
D. Nominee has demonstrated a high level of integrity in his/her personal life and has gained the recognition of various other persons around him/her.
E. Nominee has demonstrated involvement in and contributed support to GSU and the COE.

IV. NOMINATION and REVIEW PROCESS

A. The nomination process can be initiated by anyone including the nominee within the award year. All nominations must be received in written format and include the following information:
   1) Nomination form completed with a short biography of the nominee, highlighting the nominee’s personal and professional achievements;
   2) A written nomination letter explaining why the nominee should be considered for the award;
   3) A short statement describing how the nominee has supported GSU and the COE.

B. The nomination documents will be reviewed by Student Affairs Committee members. They will recommend finalists to the Dean or the designated Associate Dean for the final selection.

NOTE: The Alumnus of the Year selections are due to Alumni Relations Office by November 30, 2014. All college alumni of the year recipients will receive the award at a recognition dinner, sponsored by Alumni Relations, Georgia Southern University.