Commitment to Diversity Award

Diversity and Inclusion Committee

GSU College of Education Commitment to Diversity Award is designated to honor College of Education faculty and staff, who have demonstrated a sustained commitment to diversity and inclusion. Self-nominations are welcomed, and any faculty or staff member can submit a nomination to recognize a colleague’s excellent work and achievement in diversity. Faculty and staff with three or more years’ experience at GSU are eligible to apply.

Primary Criteria:

- Implemented or developed an innovative program, policy, participated in activities, and/or teaching that has served to inform the college community about topics related to diversity and/or enhanced culture by creating a more inclusive and welcoming community in the College, or
- Actively supported diversity initiatives, programs, and educational opportunities in the College of Education and contributed to creating an inclusive and welcoming environment.
- The contributions should have a positive effect on building respect and community within the College and/or in the educational context, for students in the classroom and/or in experiential learning opportunities.

Application Materials (Similar to the University Award framework)
- Cover letter to committee expressing interest in the award identifying how the nominee has engaged in activities relevant to the award (2 pages or less)
- Abbreviated vita or resume which includes relevant courses, research, service, and other relevant activities (5 pages or less)
- For Faculty Nominees: Narrative that describes how diversity and inclusion is exhibited in teaching, research and or service (5 pages or less)
- For Staff Nominees: Narrative that describes how concepts of diversity and inclusion guide or impact your interactions with students, parents, alumni, university faculty or personnel, and other university stakeholders (5 pages or less)
- One letter of reference (2 pages or less)
- Other artifacts as warranted to better illustrate the applicant’s commitment to diversity (5 pages or less)
- TOTAL Application packet should be no more than 20 pages.

Procedures
January 24 - Feb 20 Nominations Open (Self and colleague nominations are welcome)
March 1 – Submit all application packets (electronic submission only to mecawilliams@georgiasouthern.edu)
March- April - D & I Committee Review
May 1- Award recipient name sent to the dean’s office
August - Award given at the COE Kick off

**Award**
The winner of this award will be recognized at our fall COE kick off meeting with a plaque and professional development funds for travel or research in the amount of $500.00.