

TO: Canton College Council Members

FROM: Nikki Zeitzmann, Tom Sauter, and Michaela Young

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RE: Distinguished Citizen Award – Criteria Review

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At the February 28, 2017 meeting of the Canton College Council, members had a brief discussion about the nomination criteria for the Distinguished Citizen Award. As a result of that discussion, Chairman O'Neill appointed a committee to review the nomination criteria and report any suggested changes to the Council.

N. Zeitzmann, T. Sauter, and M. Young met on April 14, 2017 to review the award criteria. The committee also reviewed Distinguished Citizen Award criteria from SUNY Potsdam, SUNY Plattsburgh, and SUNY Farmingdale.

The committee's review focused primarily on the award Policy Statement. The current Policy Statement is:

The Distinguished Citizen Award citation will be given in recognition of **exceptional, unusual, and** distinguished service to the State University of New York College of Technology at Canton (SUNY Canton), **to the community, to the State, or to the nation**. It will be awarded to an individual(s) by a vote of the College Council and will be given in the sole discretion and judgement of the Council.

The committee recommends the text "exceptional, unusual, and" be deleted, as these words seem unnecessary and are not clearly definable. This leaves "distinguished service" as the standard for consideration for the award. The recommended deletion is highlighted in red.

The committee also recommends deleting the text "to the State, or to the nation," as service to state or nation was likely beyond the scope of the College's interest or influence; however, if a nominee held achievements at those levels, they could be put forward for consideration. The committee felt that part of the policy for the award should include service to the College. The recommended deletion is highlighted in red.

Additionally, the committee had a lengthy discussion about the "service to the community" criteria, its value to the College, and the definition of community (highlighted in purple). One option discussed was to delete the community criteria and make the award solely for service to the College. This is the criteria used by the other SUNY college awards reviewed by the committee. An alternative discussed was to include service to the community as the other basis for the award, with consideration given to defining community. The committee did not reach a consensus on this issue and recommends these options, or others that may be developed, for discussion by the full Council at the next meeting on May 23, 2017.

The Eligibility, Procedures, and Process were all reviewed by the committee, and there are no suggested changes.

# **SUNY Potsdam to Honor Michael Galane '74 With 2016 Roger B. Linden Distinguished Service Award** <sup>[1]</sup>

Michael Galane '74 will be recognized as the recipient of the 2016 Roger B. Linden Distinguished Service Award during the Bicentennial Commencement Ceremony at SUNY Potsdam.

SUNY Potsdam has named Michael Galane '74 as the recipient of its 2016 Roger B. Linden Distinguished Service Award, the highest award bestowed by the College. The annual recognition is bestowed upon an individual who has demonstrated steadfast support for SUNY Potsdam and the region through their leadership, advocacy, stewardship and service.

Galane will be recognized during the College's Commencement, on Saturday, May 21.

Michael Galane earned his bachelor's degree in computer science at SUNY Potsdam in 1974, and went on to complete his Master of Science degree at the Rochester Institute of Technology. Galane is a Vice President for the Hewlett-Packard Company, where he leads Technology Services for the Americas Enterprise Group for the Indirect Channel. His responsibilities include investment, compensation and overall design of the go-to-market structure for HP's indirect sales motion for distributors, resellers and system integrators.

Galane was previously the fulfillment operations manager for Enterprise Storage & Servers, Americas, where he led forecasting and planning. Prior to this, he managed supply chain operations for the company. Galane has also served as worldwide manager for remarketed systems and worldwide marketing manager for professional services. He began his career at Eastman Kodak, and has also held executive positions at HP in both research and development and in consulting. In recognition of his professional accomplishments, Galane was the 2004 recipient of the Minerva Award from the SUNY Potsdam Alumni Association.

Galane has represented HP on the board of the Sacramento Metro Chamber of Commerce, as well as several educational, human services and arts organizations, including KidsFirst, the San Francisco Shakespeare Festival, the PowerHouse Science Center of Sacramento, Cupertino Community Services, DeAnza College and the Cupertino Division of the American Heart Association. He led three United Way Campaigns for HP's Cupertino campus, is a senior fellow of the American Leadership Forum and was a founding director of the Industrial Computing Society of the Instrument Society of America.

On top of his professional accomplishments and service to his community, Galane is also a dedicated and generous supporter of his alma mater. He is the Vice President of the Potsdam College Foundation Board of Trustees, where he helps to steward philanthropic giving to support SUNY Potsdam. In addition to his service on the Foundation Board, Galane is also a founding member of the SUNY Potsdam Computer and Information Sciences Board of Advisers. Galane is also a generous contributor to SUNY Potsdam, and has been instrumental in securing significant computer equipment donations to the College from HP.

In support of SUNY Potsdam, Galane serves as the National Co-Chair for Take the Lead: The Campaign for Potsdam. His service to the College in this capacity has been significant, as he has provided constant leadership to help position the campaign for success. Under his leadership, the Take the Lead Campaign has exceeded all expectations—breaking records for generosity again and again. So far, the campaign has raised \$33 million for scholarships, programs and unrestricted giving to support strategic priorities and the greatest need of the College. To learn more, visit [www.potsdam.edu/campaign](http://www.potsdam.edu/campaign) <sup>[2]</sup>.

For more information about Commencement at SUNY Potsdam, visit [www.potsdam.edu/commencement](http://www.potsdam.edu/commencement) <sup>[3]</sup>.

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## Distinguished Service Award

### Presented by the College Council at SUNY Plattsburgh

Since 1966, the College Council has recognized a person or persons who have directly or indirectly played a key role in advancing SUNY Plattsburgh. This award, given at the pleasure of the College Council, was originally conceived by former College President Dr. George W. Angell.

Some of the awardees have included: The Honorable Ronald B. Stafford, *New York State Senator, 43rd District and Chairman, Senate Committee on Higher Education*; the Honorable Daniel P. Moynihan, *U.S. Senator*; Admiral Grace M. Hopper, Ret., *United States Naval Reserve, pioneer in the field of scientific computing; teacher; engineer; researcher and author*; and Roger W. Tubby, *former White House Press Secretary under the late President Harry S. Truman*.

Individuals have been recognized for their:

- Contribution to the College community or state.
- Demonstration of leadership ability in the service of others.

### Nominations

If you would like to nominate someone for this prestigious award, please download and complete the [Distinguished Service Award Nomination Form](#) (PDF file size 110KB) and submit to the College Council.

The College Council will consider selection of nominees in February and September for presentation at the Spring and Winter Commencement ceremonies.

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## **Farmingdale State College Distinguished Service Award**

The Farmingdale State College Distinguished Service Award honors individuals whose contributions to the college have been exceptional. The award will be conferred by the President of the College, after consultation with an *ad hoc* review committee convened for the purpose of considering candidates.

### **Criteria:**

- Candidates for the Distinguished Service Award may be members of the college faculty, emeritus faculty, staff, retired staff, or members of the external community who have had especially close affiliation and contributions to the college.
- The award recognizes extraordinary dedication and commitment to a department or unit of the college, to the college at large or to the college community.
- Candidates may have distinguished professional achievement or service in or related to a field of endeavor, discipline or profession.
- The candidate's character and integrity should be widely recognized and positively reflect and enhance the prestige of the college.
- Candidate's sustained service should cover a substantial period of years and should be recognized for its exceptional impact on the mission and goals of the institution.

The following procedures will guide the process of identifying candidates for recommendation to the President.

### **Procedure:**

- The award may be given annually, however with the limit of not more than two given within any calendar year.
- Nominations may be made by any member of the college community. Written nominations should be sent to the President's Office and should include justification for how nominees meet the criteria for the award.
- It is not necessary to obtain permission of candidates prior to nomination, and it is required that confidentiality of nominations be maintained by nominators.
- The President will appoint, convene and brief an *ad hoc* committee to review candidate(s) when it is anticipated that an award will be given.
- Awards may be given in different venues depending upon the affiliations of the individual being honored.