

Ocean County College Outstanding Teaching Awards

Purpose

1. To acknowledge dedicated, engaged, enthusiastic, and exemplary faculty members;
2. To celebrate excellence in teaching, service to students and to the College, and scholarship;
3. To promote a culture of excellence.

Eligibility

Full-time faculty, Lecturer II's (professional educators), and Adjuncts are eligible for nominations. (There is a 5-year moratorium for previous recipients.)

Nomination Criteria

1. Demonstrated effective and imaginative teaching, including librarian services.
2. Sustained and significant professional development and/or scholarship.
3. Recognized service to students, the school and the College. Community service directly connected to the college mission may also be included.
4. All being equal, length of service to the College shall be considered.

Nomination Procedures

1. Faculty, staff, administrators, students, and alumni may initiate nominations by submitting to the office of Academic Affairs a letter of nomination, detailing how the nominee meets each of the three criteria above. Letters of nomination without addressing each of the three criteria will not be considered. Each letter of nomination shall not exceed two pages. All nominations must be supported with three letters of recommendation. Complete nomination packets must be received by 5 p.m. the fourth Friday of April.
2. The award committee reviews the applications on the following Wednesday and forwards its recommendations to the President, who makes the final decision with appropriate notice to the Board of Trustees.
3. One recipient will be selected from each group: Full-time faculty, Lecturer II's (professional educators), and Adjuncts.
4. Awards will be presented to recipients at the Annual Awards Ceremony in May.

Award Review Committee

- Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs, Chair
- One faculty member from each academic school and the library, to be appointed by the school dean and the library director
- Chair of Faculty Constituency Group
- Chair of Adjunct Constituency Group
- Chair of the OCC College Senate
- President of the OCC Student Government
- Alumni Representative, OCC Board of Trustees