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MEMORANDUM

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October 1, 2018

Dear UMBC Colleagues,

President Hrabowski and Provost Rous have announced the annual solicitation of nominations for the following staff awards:

- USM Board of Regents Awards
- Presidential Distinguished Staff Awards
- The Jakubik Family Endowment Staff Award
- The Karen L. Wensch Endowment Award for Outstanding Non-Exempt Staff

We all know that the work of exceptional staff is a very important part of what placed UMBC in the top five Most Innovative schools list in 2017 (*U.S. News & World Report* Best Colleges).

Whether working in the forefront or behind the scenes, staff hold key positions across the campus supporting UMBC's mission and success.

We need your help to identify and nominate the very best of UMBC's outstanding exempt and non-exempt staff members for these awards. We ask the campus community to pause just once a year to (1) think about who are the staff whose extraordinary contributions deserve to be recognized, and (2) take the time to nominate these deserving staff, so the whole campus can celebrate their contributions to UMBC's success. We *believe it is more important than ever to recognize outstanding staff.*

Please take a moment now to visit the website http://provost.umbc.edu/staffawards/. Here you will easily find:

- Criteria and eligibility for each award
- Nomination form
- Directions for submitting one nomination letter and candidate resume (or professional history form, see website)

Note that there is a new Board of Regents award for excellence in advancing inclusion, multiculturalism, and social justice.

The deadline to submit nominations is November 1, 2018. Thank you so much for your help!

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The Staff Awards Committee (SAC)

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Sarah Hansen, Communications -- PSS   Sue Plitt, Past President--PSS
Diana Smith, President – NESS   Chuck Boddy, Director of Parking Services
Joe Kirby, 2017-18 Presidential Distinguished Professional Staff
Tammy Brown 2017-18 Presidential Distinguished Non-Exempt Staff

Contact any SAC member or Beth Wells, SAC staff, if you have any questions, at bwells@umbc.edu, x58907