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MEMORANDUM

October 1, 2020

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 once again as a leader on two closely-watched lists. 2021 U.S. News and World Report Best Colleges rankings reflect UMBC's continued status as a national leader in higher education. UMBC is ranked #11 in undergraduate teaching and is the #9 most innovative university in the nation, among other prominent rankings. And UMBC is the only Maryland school represented in the top ten in innovation, positioned alongside such universities as Stanford, Carnegie Mellon, MIT, and Caltech.

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 October 30, 2020. Thank you so much for your help!

The Staff Awards Committee (SAC)

Bobby Lubaszewski, President -- PSS

Ray Soellner, Treasurer--PSS

Melody Wright, President – NESS

Jeremiah Sawyer, Student Affairs

Valerie Thomas, 2018-19 Presidential Distinguished Professional Staff Award, Exempt Staff

Tammy Brown, 2017-18 Presidential Distinguished Staff Award, Non-Exempt Staff

Contact any SAC member or Sarah Shin, SAC staff, if you have any questions, at shin@umbc.edu