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MEMORANDUM

October 1, 2021

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
- *The Teresa Lupinek Endowment Award for Outstanding Exempt or Non-Exempt Staff* **(NEW)**

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. 2022 U.S. News and World Report Best Colleges rankings affirm UMBC's position as one of the top universities in the nation. U.S. News ranks UMBC #6 among all U.S. universities for undergraduate teaching this year. This recognition honors the unwavering commitment of UMBC's faculty and staff in helping students navigate a largely virtual and hybrid curriculum during the COVID pandemic. UMBC is the only Maryland public university to appear on the list.

UMBC is the only Maryland school represented in the top ten in innovation, positioned alongside such universities as Stanford, Carnegie Mellon, MIT, and Caltech. Times Higher Education just named UMBC one of the world's top 100 universities in efforts toward several sustainable development priorities, the Center for World University Rankings (CWUR) included UMBC in the top 3.7% of its 2021-22 list.

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 [2021-22 Staff Awards](#). 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)

The deadline to submit nominations is October 30, 2021. Thank you so much for your help!

The Staff Awards Committee (SAC)

Jessica Wyatt, President -- PSS

Ray Soellner, Vice President --PSS

Melody Wright, President – NESS

Vic Madrid, Medical Director-University Health Services

Jess Myers, Director-Women's Center

Valerie Thomas, Associate Vice President, Human Resources

Damian Doyle, 2020-21 Presidential Distinguished Professional Staff Award, Exempt Staff

Terisa White, 2020-21 Presidential Distinguished Staff Award, Non-Exempt Staff

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