

Award for Excellence in Student Services

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The AACUSS Award for Excellence in Student Services is given annually to a member of AACUSS or a member's department that has demonstrated excellence over the previous year. Nominees will have shown leadership within their role(s) in Student Affairs, including on the campus(es) where they work and/or within their specific area of expertise and/or the Student Affairs field at large. Award for Excellence in Student Services recipients are well-respected and significant contributors on their campuses, departments, and practice specific communities.

Excellence or exceptional service may be demonstrated:

- through the development of a new initiative beneficial to student life directly or indirectly.
- through the creative use of human or material resources.
- through collaboration between the institution and local community that has enhanced the quality of student life or development.
- By developing and supporting departmental and institution-wide initiatives
- Through role-specific service and programming
- Through active leadership within their professional association
- By developing mentorship programs
- By attending or hosting conferences (i.e., presentations and research)

Minimum Criteria Check

- Support letters (2) with at least one from: a peer within their institution or area of expertise; a staff member who has been mentored by or reported to the individual during their career in Student Affairs; a person in a position of leadership within their current institution (e.g., Director, Managing Director, AVP, VP)
- AACUSS member in good standing

| Assessment Criteria | Excellent (15) | Sufficient (8) | Poor (3) | No Evidence (0) | Score |
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| The nominee is a well-respected contributor to Student Affairs & Services and to their campus community, departments and/or areas of expertise. | Several examples of and testimonials to the respect of the nominee by the campus community, departments and/or colleagues in | Some examples of and testimonials to the respect of the nominee by the campus community, departments and/or colleagues in | Limited or minimal examples of and testimonials to the respect of the nominee by the campus community, departments and/or | No answer/evidence provided. | /15 |

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| | areas of expertise. | areas of expertise. | colleagues in areas of expertise. | | |
| The nominee has actively participated in their home institution, area of expertise and/or additional pertinent areas of their role. | Several examples of how the nominee has been an actively engaged participant in their home institution, area of expertise and/or additional relevant areas. | Some examples of how the nominee has been an actively engaged participant in their home institution, area of expertise and/or additional relevant areas. | Limited or minimal examples of how the nominee has been an actively engaged participant in their home institution, area of expertise and/or additional relevant areas. | No answer/evidence provided. | /15 |
| The nominee has demonstrated significant and distinguished contribution and/or impact advancing student affairs and services on their campus or area expertise and/or regionally/nationally. | Several examples of significant and distinguished contributions in advancing student affairs and services on nominees' campus or area of expertise and/or regionally/nationally | Some examples of significant and distinguished contributions in advancing student affairs and services on nominees' campus or area of expertise and/or regionally/nationally | Limited/minimal examples of significant and distinguished contributions in advancing student affairs and services on nominees' campus or area of expertise and/or regionally/nationally | No answer/evidence provided. | /15 |
| Total Score: (Maximum 45 Points) | | | | | /45 |