

DATE: February 2, 2015
TO: ALL FACULTY, STAFF and STUDENTS
FROM: Darlene Jensen, Coordinator – Men & Women of Distinction

**NOMINATIONS FOR 2015
“FC MEN AND WOMEN OF DISTINCTION AWARDS”
FORMS AVAILABLE IN STUDENT AFFAIRS (223/COLLEGE CENTER)**

We need your assistance to begin the intricate process of selecting and honoring Fullerton College's outstanding students in all fields of endeavor.

The selection process begins with our faculty and staff members. Each person is asked to make at least one nomination for both a female and a male student who has been particularly outstanding in their field. You may make several nominations if you wish. Students may nominate other current FC students, however are unable to nominate themselves.

Additional forms are available in Student Affairs, Room 223 in the College Center. To assist students in the nomination process, please verify that the student's current address is on file in Admissions & Records prior to submission of your nomination form.

We kindly ask your assistance in notifying the student that he/she has been nominated and to refer him/her to the Student Affairs Office (Room 223, College Center) for the appropriate response form.

STUDENTS SELECTED receive honorary membership in Mu Omicron Delta (Men of Distinction) and Alpha Gamma Eta (Women of Distinction) and will be publicly recognized for their achievement at the Men and Women of Distinction Program on Friday, May 8, 2015. "Selection Criteria" on reverse side.

CONTINUED ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS*---The student shall be enrolled at Fullerton College during Fall 2014 and/or Spring 2015. At the time of nomination the student shall have at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA and shall meet at least one of the following criteria:

- a) graduating from FC by the end of Summer Session 2015, or***
- b) shall have completed 27 units at FC by the time of nomination and shall be transferring by the end of Summer Session 2015 or***
- c) completed a Certificate Program by the end of Summer Session 2015.***

****The nominee shall be moving on from Fullerton College no later than the end of Summer Session 2015 and may only be eligible once for this award. If a student will be transferring to a different college to continue his/her education as of Fall 2015 and enrolled in 6 or more units per semester at the said college, it is permissible for the student to simultaneously enroll in less than 9 units at FC. If a student is planning to be enrolled at FC in Fall 2015 and/or Spring 2016 with 9 or more units per semester, then the student should not be nominated during the 2014-2015 Academic Year, however may be nominated during the 2015-2016 Academic Year. Nominations are unable to be carried over to the following year.***

FINAL DEADLINE for turning in your nominations to Student Affairs is:

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2015, 5:00 PM

(No exceptions accepted)

SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Achievement Criteria

From the general framework outline below, each of you will vary as to how you weigh one factor as opposed to the others or as to how you interpret achievement. Individualized interpretation is fine! That's why we have a good-sized voting committee --- we can all balance each other's perspective. Keep the following outline in mind:

a. Primary Criteria

Actual – tangible achievements and accomplishments while an FC student --- on campus, campus-related or servicing community:

- (1) Projects, programs, proposals, services, etc.
 - (a) Started?
 - (b) Completed?
- (2) G. P. A. considerations
 - (a) Number of units --- per semester, total
 - (b) Field of study – courses carried
 - (c) Other commitments besides studies
 - (d) Transcripts if needed to check “W” pattern
- (3) Community involvement and service
 - (a) Volunteer assignment, role in agency, hours/week, etc.
- (4) Consistent involvement?

b. Secondary Criteria (“plus” factors after considering primary criteria)

- (1) Works full time?
- (2) Married? Family? Contributes to family financial support?
- (3) Obstacles student has overcome: dropout, age, personal hardships, extenuating circumstances, etc.

2. These are achievement awards --- actual, tangible, productive accomplishments --- they are not:

- a. “A nice person” award --- most popular, etc.
- b. “Activity” awards --- that is we are not looking for the numbers of activities, organizations or committees that a person can list under their name. An individual may “attend” or “belong to” several groups and projects and yet achieve nothing --- quantity vs. quality. Neither does “title” necessarily guarantee achievement.
- c. “Great effort awards” --- time, sweat and effort do not necessarily equal achievement.
- d. “Sympathy” awards --- how many obstacles or bad breaks an individual had to overcome --- e.g., family, full-time job, high school dropout, etc. (These may be secondary criteria, which may influence your choice.)
- e. Strictly G. P. A. awards.
- f. Poise, posture or personal manners awards.

Note: Some of the general public, not having been disciplined by the responsibility of considering the complete & more relevant achievement criteria above may be strongly partial to GPA only, or think mainly in terms of secondary factors, etc.

3. The members of the Selection Committee will be reviewing each nominee --- approximately 100-200. Ample time will be given to the committee to review all candidates.

4. Reading each nomination and gaining valuable information on each candidate assures us of selecting the top students in all areas.