

Florida Atlantic University
Outstanding Professional Educator Alumni Award, 2011
Curriculum, Culture and Educational Inquiry

Rationale: To recognize and support graduates of the programs in the Department of Curriculum, Culture and Educational Inquiry who best embody the mission of the department by exemplifying principles of exceptional professional practice in making a positive change in their professional environment. The award will honor a nominee who has undertaken a significant challenge in their workplace and who is working to make a positive difference in the lives of students and/or teachers, particularly in underserved communities.

Award: Plaque and gift basket

Presentation: Reception Honoring FAU Outstanding Professional Educators is **Friday, April 20th** from **5:00-7:00 P.M.** in the Marleen and Harold Forkas Alumni Center on the Boca Raton Campus.

Eligibility: FAU graduates of the following program areas:

1. Curriculum and Instruction (Doctoral or Masters)
2. TESOL/ Bilingual Education (Masters)
3. Social Foundations of Education/ Multicultural Education (Masters)
4. Early Childhood Education (BECE; Masters)

Minimum of two years since graduation; Evidence of exceptional professional practice.

Application: Candidates may apply or be nominated by a supervisor, colleague, student, or faculty member of the CCEI department. **Application Packets will only be accepted electronically.**

Documentation: Nominations/ Applications should consist of the following supporting materials:

1. Letter of nomination/ application describing
 - a. The applicant's / nominee's exceptional professional practice
 - b. The link between applicant's / nominee's coursework as a student and current practice as an educator
 - c. Evidence of applicant's/ nominee's efforts that promote the ideals of a democratic society and support equitable education for all
2. Letter of support from a student or colleague with first hand knowledge of candidate's positive impact on their professional environment and/or the lives of students.
3. Resume or vita, including written statement of the applicant's philosophy of education, and plans for future professional development activities and other creative endeavors that could enhance professional practice.

E-mail application and all supporting documents to: Lizeth Garcia (lgarci18@fau.edu) with "OPEAA" in subject line
Address any correspondence (letters of support) to: The Awards Committee
Department of Curriculum, Culture and Inquiry
Florida Atlantic University

Deadline: Application and materials must be received by **March 16th 2012** to be considered for the award.