

Florida Atlantic University
Outstanding Professional Educator Alumni Award, 2012
Elementary Education

Rationale: To showcase FAU graduates who are outstanding Elementary classroom teachers in Florida; to encourage students in current Elementary Education programs to aspire to leadership, as they emulate these excellent teachers who are products of FAU programs; to create a pool of teachers from whom to invite to represent the profession on the Ad Hock Teacher Education Committees; to promote the visibility of FAU programs by identifying outstanding teachers who are qualified to represent FAU in professional competitions on state and national levels.

Award: Plaque and gift.

Presentation: Reception Honoring FAU Outstanding Professional Educators is **Friday, April 20, 2012** from **5:00-7:00 P.M.** in the Marleen and Harold Forkas Alumni Center on the Boca Raton Campus.

Eligibility: FAU Elementary Education graduates who currently teach in an elementary school.
Have taught for a minimum of three years; have provided evidence of outstanding performance.

Application: Candidates may apply or be nominated by a supervisor, principal, department chair, or colleague, providing information that reveals the nominee to be the kind of teacher who should be recognized for achieving excellence.
Application Packets will only be accepted electronically.

Documentation: Candidates should **attach** the following supporting materials:

1. Letter of support from principal, chair, or other supervisor, describing the applicant's outstanding
 - a. ability to motivate and encourage students,
 - b. facility for engaging students in productive and challenging learning, and
 - c. service to students outside the classroom.
2. Letter of support from a colleague, chair, or other individual with whom the applicant participated in a responsible role, school-wide or within community, which distinguished him or her as an outstanding leader.
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 teaching.

E-mail application and all supporting documents to: Dr. Sharon Crawley
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Deadline: Application and materials must be postmarked by **Friday, March 16, 2012** to be considered for the award.