

**Florida Atlantic University**  
**Outstanding Professional Educator Alumni Award, 2012**  
**Exceptional Student Educator**

**Rationale:** The purpose of these awards is to recognize the talent, commitment, knowledge and skill of exemplary graduates of the FAU Department of Exceptional Student Education. The awards will serve to showcase FAU graduates who are outstanding Special Educators; to encourage students in current Exceptional Student Education programs to aspire to leadership, as they emulate these excellent educators who are products of FAU programs; to promote the visibility of FAU programs by identifying outstanding Special Educators who are qualified to represent FAU in professional competitions on state and national levels.

**Award:** Two awards are offered consisting of a plaque and gift. One award is for the Outstanding Undergraduate Alumnus and a second award is for the Outstanding Graduate Alumnus.

**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 graduate from the Department of Exceptional Student Education at the Bachelors /undergraduate level or Master-Doctoral/graduate level. Has taught for a minimum of one year; has 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 educator 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 with exceptionalities,
  - b. facility for engaging students in productive and challenging learning and growth, and
  - c. service to students, families and the community outside the classroom.
2. Letter of support from a colleague, 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. Michael Brady or Dr. Larry Heiser  
Department of Exceptional Student Education  
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**Deadline:** Application and materials must be postmarked by **Friday, March 16, 2012** to be considered for the award.