Harris-Stowe State University Distinguished Alumni Nominations

2013 Distinguished Alumni Award
The Distinguished Alumni Award is the highest honor bestowed upon a former student of Harris-Stowe State University. The award is jointly sponsored by the Harris-Stowe State University Alumni Association to recognize those former students who have made significant contributions to society and whose accomplishments and careers have brought honor and distinction to Harris-Stowe and its Alumni Association.

Nominations for the 2013 Distinguished Alumnus Award will be accepted September 1, 2012 - April 1, 2013 by completing the online nomination form found at the following link:

http://www.distinguishedalumni.hssu.edu

Submit Nomination Online
September 1, 2012 – April 1, 2013

Award Criteria
Harris-Stowe State University and the HSSU Alumni Association
Distinguished Alumni Award
The true measure of a university's greatness can be found in the achievements of its alumni. Harris-Stowe State University and its predecessor institutions have developed leaders in many fields of endeavor. A vast number of the University's alumni have gained unique distinction through success in their professions, service to the University and contributions to their communities.

Purpose and Philosophy
The purpose of the Distinguished Alumni program is to recognize the University's alumni who have made significant contributions to society and whose accomplishments, affiliations, and careers have honored the legacy of excellence at the University.

Criteria for Selection
Recipients will be accomplished in the three distinct areas as outlined below, and will be reflective of excellence, integrity, leadership, Loyalty, respect and selfless service. The three areas are:
• **Professional Achievement/Career and or Military Service Distinction**: The recipient attained prominence through his or her efforts in commerce, industry, technology, the professions, agriculture, the arts, education, government, military or other worthy endeavors that form a record of accomplishment impressive to the citizens of Missouri and the nation.

• **Service to Society**: The recipient exhibits integrity and a demonstrated commitment to service through an interest in bettering the lives of others through volunteer efforts.

• **Service and Support to Harris-Stowe State University**: The recipient’s deeds and actions reflect the importance of his or her educational training, pride in alma mater and loyalty to Harris-Stowe State University, as demonstrated through their interest in and support of the University, the Alumni Association and their programs.

**Eligible Nominees**
Eligible nominees will have been enrolled in a regular course of study at Harris-Stowe State University or one of its predecessor institutions. Former students employed by the University, serve as nominated board members of the Alumni Association or the Harris-Stowe Foundation are not eligible during their term of service. Former students may be nominated posthumously. These awards are given for outstanding achievement and no compromises diminishing the significance of the awards will be made.

**Method of Nomination**
Nominations may be made for a Distinguished Alumni Award by any of the following individuals or groups:

• Any member of the Alumni Association or its affiliate organizations;

• Any member of the University administration, faculty or staff;

• Any member of an affiliate or support organization of the University;

• Any Harris-Stowe former student;

• Any friend of Harris-Stowe.

**Nominations will be accepted using the following guidelines:**

1. Complete the award nomination form online at http://www.distinguishedalumni.hssu.edu

2. In addition to completing and submitting the award nomination form (**required**), nominators are encouraged to provide supporting items that further promote the nominee. Such items include, but are not limited to:

   • Letter of nomination written by the nominator (**required**);

   • Three letters of support from non-family members that specifically address the criteria (**required**);
• Current biography, resume or curriculum vitae for the individual;
• Newspaper and magazine articles;
• Personal stories;
• Award or certificates of achievement;
• Other items of interest

3. One nomination per individual will be considered and two final awardees will be selected.

4. Nomination forms will be held for each individual for a period of three years. If an individual is not selected for the award, his or her award nomination form may be updated and renewed by the original or other appropriate nominator for consideration in a subsequent year.

5. No limitation will be placed on the total number of nominations accepted for consideration.

6. The name of the nominator will not be disclosed.

7. The University president, the HSSU Foundation President, the Alumni Association President and members of the Board of Regents, may not nominate an individual, or provide letters of support.

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