



WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY
MIKE ILITCH
SCHOOL OF BUSINESS



To: Mike Ilitch School of Business Faculty
From: Virginia Franke Kleist, Ph.D.
Date: January 15, 2025
Re: Solicitation for 2024 Faculty Excellence in Service Award Nominations

The Mike Ilitch School of Business is currently soliciting nominations from the Faculty for the 2024 Faculty Excellence in Service Award. This Award is eligible for those who are currently serving as tenured or tenure track members of the faculty as well as assistant, associate and full professors of teaching, with consideration given to research contributions made from the period from May 2023 – December 2024. As in previous years, previous service awardees remain ineligible of consideration for a period of three years following their most recent award. The Service Committee of the Faculty Senate is also welcome to provide recommendations to the Dean. The Faculty Excellence in Service Award may not be given if there are no nominations or if the nomination does not demonstrate sufficient rationale of Excellence in Service. The selected winner will receive a \$1,500.00 honorarium in recognition of their work.

2024 Faculty Excellence in Service Award Submissions

Those who wish to submit a nomination (including self-nominations) should provide a one-page supporting summary as to how the nominee meets the criteria set forth below. The nominee should have performed service that has gone above and beyond the usual expectations (the norm). The faculty member receiving this award has demonstrated active and engaged involvement in the Mike Ilitch School of Business, Wayne State University, his/her professional discipline and the community. It should be noted that this award is intended to reward individuals who have gone over and above by volunteering their time to serve. Activities in which individuals have received compensation or course reductions are not sufficient as justification for the award. The applicant must demonstrate that they have made a major impact or extraordinary service in four areas of service: Profession, The Ilitch School, University, and Community.

Examples of Evidence of Significant Contributions to the Profession:

- Involvement and leadership roles in nationally and internationally recognized academic organizations and conferences
- Unexpected service as Editor of nationally and internationally recognized journals
- Service on the editorial review board of nationally and internationally recognized journals
- Ad hoc service reviewing manuscripts submitted for publication in nationally and internationally recognized journals and conferences
- Service as a conference chair, track chair for nationally and internationally recognized conferences, and as a contributing committee member for national and internationally recognized academic organizations

Examples of evidence of significant contributions to the Ilitch School:

- Chairing college committees
- Leadership of a college program, center or institute
- Developing new program or course
- Conducting seminars, panels, workshops for faculty or staff
- Developing and executing speaker series
- Documented significant impact as advisor to student organization
- Engagement and participation in student activities
- Participation in department activities
- Consistent and positive contributions to the department and college life
- Participating in activities designed to promote the college
- Engagement with community and other external stakeholders for the good of the Ilitch School
- Participation in case competitions, summer workshops and camps
- Receipt of external grant for service activities

Examples of evidence of significant contributions to the university:

- Chairing and/or participation on university committees (elected or appointed)
- Leadership of a university program
- Conducting seminars, workshops to assist with meeting university mission
- Participation in university cross disciplinary service activities
- Participation in university community service
- Participation in university student activities

Examples of evidence of significant contributions to the community:

- Relevant, active service on boards of business or nonprofit organizations
- Unpaid work with organizations that provide benefits to improving the Detroit, environment, senior citizens, low-income, homeless, terminal diseases, etc.
- Assuming leadership roles in acquiring donations for national charities and other community service causes

Your statement and a current vita should be submitted as a single pdf document to the nomination form no later than 6:00 p.m. on February 14, 2025. The recipients of the award will be acknowledged at the Ilitch School Gala scheduled April 17, 2025.

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