Alberta B. Johnston Award for Excellence in Extension Education

Purpose: To recognize and reward outstanding Oregon State University Extension educators.

Background: Alberta Johnston served the Extension Service for 40 years as county Extension agent, specialist, and administrator in Wyoming, Montana, and Oregon. On her retirement as Deputy Director of the Oregon State University Extension Service, she endowed this award to outstanding performance of Extension educators and administrators.

Award: The recipient will receive $1,000, a plaque, and have his or her name added to a permanent plaque. Announcement of the award is made at the annual Outreach and Engagement Vice Provost’s Awards Luncheon.

Eligibility: Nominees must be currently employed as an Extension faculty, specialist, or educational program assistant.

Criteria: Nominees will be evaluated on their demonstrated excellence in planning, conducting, evaluating, and sharing with colleagues Extension educational programs that have made a significant difference in the lives of Oregonians. Consideration will be given to:

1. The degree to which clients were involved in identifying program needs;
2. The development and/or use of innovative educational methods and delivery technology;
3. Involvement of colleagues in planning and developing the program;
4. Evidence that the educational program achieved agreed upon objectives; and
5. How well the results of the educational program were shared with colleagues in Oregon and around the country.

Instructions for Preparing Nomination Packets for Awards

Note: Nomination packets that do not follow these criteria will be disqualified and nominator will be notified.

Submission Deadline: February 17, 2016

Each nomination packet must include the following information and be organized in the order of the points below. Please include a cover sheet listing the nominee's name and the specific award. Do not use dividers between sections. Each nomination must address the purpose of the award and related criteria as outlined on the description sheet for the specific award. Promotion and tenure dossiers and nomination packets prepared for other awards will not be accepted. If an individual or team is nominated for more than one award, a packet must be submitted for each award.

Although surprise is good, it is not required and the nominee can be involved in preparing the packet. The nominator should discuss the nomination with the staff person's supervisor(s).

1. Required—Letter of nomination. Limited to one, single-space typed page (no handwritten letters will be accepted). The letter should briefly indicate why the person is nominated. It must include the number of years worked in Extension, describe the nominee's career progress, and itemize the positions held.
2. **Required**—A minimum of three, but no more than five, solicited letters of recommendation. These letters must be addressed to the nominator from peers, co-workers, clientele, and supervisors. If the nominator is not the individual's supervisor, one of the letters of support should be from the supervisor. The nominator is responsible for soliciting and receiving letters and assembling the final packet.

3. **Required**—A summary of accomplishments, not to exceed three pages, reflecting the categories outlined for the specific award. The selection committee will evaluate each nomination packet against the points listed in the award's description sheet. The nominee's Plan of Work and Reports of Accomplishment are good sources of program information (these are available from the nominee's supervisor or from Extension Administration).

4. **Submit nominations by email to:**
   Jackie Russell, Executive Assistant to Vice Provost and Director
   OSU Extension Administration
   541-737-1382
   Jackie.Russell@oregonstate.edu

*Past Recipients:*
2015 – Silvia Rondon
2011-2014 No Award
2010 – Bruce Sorte
2009 - Beth Emshoff
2008—Virginia Bourdeau
2007—John Hart
2006—Aaron Johnson
2005—Mary Arnold
2004—No Award Given
2003—Mark E. Mellbye, District Extension Agent
2002—Bemadine C. Strik, Berry Crop Specialist 1991—Lynn Cannon, Coos County
2001—Nellie Oehler, Lane County
2000—No award given
1999—Brad Jeffreys, 4-H Youth and Jim Herrnes, Animal Science
1998—Vicki Osis, Sea Grant; Caroline Cannon and Pat Aune, Multnomah County
1997—Ginny Goblirsch, Lincoln Co. and Flaxen Conway, Sea Grant
1996—Philip VanBuskirk, Jackson County
1995—Carolyn Raab, Food & Nutrition
1994—Tim Deboodt, Crook County
1993—Larry Lev, Ag Economics
1992—Ray McNeilan, Multnomah County

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