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## Teaching Excellence Award nominations sought

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Nominations are currently being accepted for the 2005 Teaching Excellence Awards. Sponsored by the Teaching and Learning Committee, two awards will be presented this year, one to a full-time non-visiting faculty member and another to a part-time faculty member.

"Quality teaching has always been a fundamental characteristic of Oakland University," said Joel Russell, chair of the Teaching and Learning Committee and professor of chemistry. "It is an honor to be nominated by one's students and colleagues for this recognition and a special honor to be selected from among many outstanding Oakland University teachers as the winner of this annual award."

Winners will be presented a cash stipend at the Tenth Annual Faculty Recognition Luncheon, planned for April 2005.

Nominations may be made by any member of the Oakland University community, including students, faculty, alumni, administrators and staff. Faculty may not self-nominate for the award.

"Student nominations are a highly valued component of the selection process," Russell said. "We encourage all faculty to announce the award and nomination process in their classes. Although this award does not presume to identify a best teacher or teacher of the year it does show a high level of recognition by both students and colleagues of the awardee's teaching skills."

The five areas that will be judged include accomplishments in one or more of the following areas:

- superior teaching
- innovative instructional practice
- high educational standards
- productive learning environment
- demonstrated ability to inspire and motivate students

Previous Teaching Excellence Award winners and current members of the Teaching and Learning Committee are not eligible for nomination. A plaque listing previous **Teaching Excellence Award winners** is on display in the lobby of Kresge Library.

Nominations can be submitted **online** and the deadline is Tuesday, Nov. 30.

Teaching and Learning Committee members include Russell, Laszlo Liptak, Kasaundra Tomlin, Susan Awbrey, Kay Palmer, Catherine Tyler, Charles Clark, Kristine Thompson and Mary Zeppelin.

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