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Teaching Excellence nominations sought

By Jeff Samoray, OU Web Writer

Oakland University's Senate Teaching and Learning Committee is accepting nominations for the 2003 Teaching Excellence Awards. This honor recognizes the dedication of OU's inspired faculty to the teaching-learning process, research, scholarship and other creative endeavors.

Two awards will be made in 2003: one to a tenured or tenured-track faculty member and another to a nontenure-track faculty at OU. Each award includes a cash stipend of \$2,500 and will be presented at the eighth annual Faculty Recognition Luncheon, tentatively scheduled for April 17.

"These awards recognize faculty who not only use innovative teaching methods but also motivate students to learn and conduct research," said Vijay Sugumaran, associate professor of management information systems and member of the Teaching and Learning Committee. "Undergraduate education is our primary bread and butter, and we want to commend our faculty who instill a love for lifelong learning in our students."

A plaque with the names of previous Teaching Excellence Award winners is on display in the lobby of Kresge Library.

Any member of the OU community, including students, faculty, alumni, administrators and staff, may submit nominations. Faculty may not self-nominate for the award. Previous winners of the Teaching Excellence Award and current members of the Teaching and Learning Committee are not eligible for the award.

Student nominations are a highly valued component of this process and faculty are encouraged to announce this nomination process in their classes.

A letter of nomination should address the nominee's accomplishments based on the following criteria:

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

The committee will contact the nominees and chairs of their departments to request additional information.

Nominations will be accepted through Wednesday, Jan. 15. Letters of nomination should be sent to: Teaching and Learning Committee; Attention: Professor Ravi Khattree; Dept. of Mathematics and Statistics; Oakland University; Rochester, MI 48309-4485.

For more information on the award or the nomination process, contact Professor Khattree at (248) 370-3448 or **khattree@oakland.edu**.

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