

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Faculty Colleagues

FROM: Dr. Jeffery P. Aper, Provost

SUBJECT: The Dr. Ralph A. Czerwinski and Dr. Deborah L. Slayton Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership Award

DATE: February 2021

The Dr. Ralph A. Czerwinski and Dr. Deborah L. Slayton Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership Award (formerly the Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership Award) is given annually at Honors Convocation to an outstanding faculty member who has made a distinctive difference on campus through teaching excellence and campus leadership. Teaching and leadership excellence may be demonstrated in a variety of ways -- such as model classroom teaching, campus leadership, pioneering teaching methodology, creative course development, or instructional support. The endowed award carries a \$1,000 stipend for the winner who also becomes the keynote speaker for the opening Freshman Convocation the subsequent academic year.

Past committees have chosen individuals who they considered both outstanding teachers and faculty leaders. The selection committee is comprised of faculty, administration, students, and alumni as follows:

1. Three faculty members from the Council on Faculty representing major curricular divisions;
2. A senior student selected by the Student Senate.
3. A staff member from the Alumni and Development office and/or an alumnus;
4. The Provost, who chairs the committee.

**Please send nominations, including self-nominations to my office no later than March 5, 2021. Nominations must be accompanied by a supporting rationale, curriculum vitae, and two or more letters of support from peers.**

The recipient will be announced at the Honors Convocation on April 22, 2021. Current faculty who have been past recipients of this award include James St. James, Cheryl Chamblin, Randy Brooks, Anne Matthews, Marianne Robertson, James Rauff, Laura Ledford, Judy Parrish, Paris Barnes, Mark Munoz, Jennifer Schroeder, Ngozi Onuora, Tom Robson, Dan Miller and Mary Black.