The OFA Journey

Timeline

and

The Selection Process
Quick History

• Created in 1986; first award in 1987
• Total of 290 Virginia faculty have been honored (including 2010 recipients)
• Awards originally funded with public funds
• Dominion became corporate sponsor in 2005 and has renewed its commitment for 2011.
• Over the past two decades awards have totaled more than $1.1 million
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Each Spring

- Memo from SCHEV Director to all Presidents announces start of new cycle and due date for nominations

- New Nomination Guidelines are posted on SCHEV website and included with Director’s Memo
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During the Summer

• Staff recruits volunteer Peer Reviewers
• Peer Reviewers are previous recipients, and Provosts or their designees
• Peer Reviewers review within their own category
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In the Fall

- Nominations packets are sent to Peer Reviewers
- Peer Reviewers have about 30 days to select the Finalists
- Finalists’ nominations are then forwarded to Final Review Panel
OFA Journey

During the Winter

- Final Review Panel also has about 30 days to review and send scores back to SCHEV
- Final Review Panel meets at SCHEV to make final selection of recipients
- OFA Awards Ceremony usually takes place in February
Selection Process

Selection of OFA Recipients occurs in two stages:

1. Peer Reviews

2. Final Reviews
Peer Review Process

- Peer Reviewers review the nominations for each category
- Nominees in the top 25% of each category advance to the final selection process
- Peer Reviewers do not have a face-to-face meeting
Peer reviewers are asked to . . .

- Consider nominees' accomplishments within the context of their category and the mission of their institutions.
- Reviewers use criteria from Nomination Guidelines as basis for evaluation; beyond these criteria, use their discretion in distinguishing between nominees.
Final Review Panel

• Chaired by Dr. Mimi Elrod, Member of SCHEV Council

• Composed of
  – Other members of SCHEV Council
  – Members of Academic Community
  – Leaders of Business, Community and Government
Final Review Panel

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Final Review Process:

1. Each finalist is rated individually
2. A recipient from each category is chosen first
3. All remaining finalists (except Rising Stars) compete for remaining slots
4. Each year a total of 12 recipients are chosen
SCHEV’s Role

• Staff coordinates process
• Staff does not read nominations, simply coordinates their distribution
• Staff tallies scores and disseminates information to reviewers
• Staff facilitates Final Review Panel Meeting
• Staff does have the honor & joy of contacting the recipients with the good news!!