

Date: February 21, 2009

To: College of Agriculture Directors and Department Heads  
School of Veterinary Medicine Department Heads

From: David Senior, Chair, Gamma Sigma Delta Teacher Merit Honor Roll Committee  
Rich Vlosky, President, LSU Chapter, Gamma Sigma Delta

Re: Gamma Sigma Delta Teacher Merit Honor Roll

***The Gamma Sigma Delta Award of Merit Teacher Honor Roll***  
***College of Agriculture/School of Veterinary Medicine***

There are many teachers in the College of Agriculture and the School of Veterinary Medicine who truly care for the students. Many of these faculty go beyond the call of duty in their teaching, both inside and outside the classroom, semester after semester and year after year.

The LSU Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta also selects a faculty member for an outstanding teaching award on an annual basis. Since each year there are clearly many other excellent teachers in the agriculture-related academic areas on campus, the LSU Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta encourages and supports other efforts to recognize those who continually put in the extra effort to be a good teacher.

The *Award of Merit Teacher Honor Roll* is one way of recognizing these special people for their efforts in university teaching. ***The faculty member must have been on the LSU teaching faculty for two years before becoming eligible for nomination.***

***Selection***

Each Department in the College of Agriculture (C.O.A.) and the School of Veterinary Medicine (S.V.M.) may submit the names of one or more teaching faculty members that the department head, Departmental Awards Committee, or individual faculty members wish to nominate for *Award of Merit Teacher Honor Roll*. A Gamma Sigma Delta Teaching Committee will review the nominations from each department and make recommendations to the LSU Gamma Sigma Delta Executive Committee.

Faculty members recognized for their teaching efforts for that year will be placed on the *Award of Merit Teacher Honor Roll*. **The *Award of Merit Teacher Honor Roll* will be announced by the LSU Gamma Sigma Delta President at the annual spring awards banquet on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Faculty Club.**

Faculty members who are recognized are encouraged to make every effort to maintain their excellence in university teaching and become annual *Award of Merit Teacher Honor Roll* faculty members.

### ***Preparation of the Nomination***

1. A deserving faculty member of a College of Agriculture department or a department that has agricultural-related faculty members on the LSU campus is eligible for nomination. Nominations can be submitted for faculty members to be honored by the department head, the Departmental Awards Committee, or individual faculty members within the department during the spring semester of each year. All nominations from a unit must be signed by the unit head (or designee). These *Award of Merit Teacher Honor Roll* nomination forms (two pages in length) will be made available at the respective Deans Offices. Nomination forms will also be available at the Gamma Sigma Delta Web site: <http://www.gsd.lsu.edu/> . The nomination form should be typed but this is not a requirement.
2. The faculty member must have been on the LSU teaching faculty for two years before becoming eligible for nomination.
3. To be considered for nomination, the faculty member must have obtained a mean score on teacher evaluations (e.g. SPOT) on the college core questions for each course taught during the two most recent teaching semesters that is greater than the C.O.A. or S.V.M. overall mean scores the same teaching semesters (see nomination form). These scores will be used to verify that the nominee meets the minimum requirements for the teaching honor roll. The faculty member must have put forth teaching efforts that are considered *above and beyond the call of duty* based on the faculty member's official job description.
4. Each nominee is required to provide additional information supporting her/his nomination on page two of the nomination form. There are no specific requirements for information to be included. The types of evidence for teaching effectiveness outlined in PS-36 are suggested as a reference. The committee is interested in recognizing excellence in teaching (both in and out of the classroom). Supporting information should clearly indicate that the nominee has gone above and beyond the call of duty, based on the faculty members official position description. Written comments from students (taken from the SPOT evaluations or other sources) are appropriate for inclusion. Additional supporting information is limited to the one page on the form in type no smaller than font size 10.
5. The nominations of one or more deserving faculty members from each department are to be submitted to Dr. Richard Vlosky. A Gamma Sigma Delta Teaching Committee will review the nominations and make recommendations to the Gamma Sigma Delta Executive Committee.
6. The deadline for submission to Dr. Vlosky is **noon, March 13, 2009**

**Submit forms via email or regular mail to:**

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If you have any questions about this award, do not hesitate to contact Rich Vlosky (578-4527) or [rvlosky@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:rvlosky@agcenter.lsu.edu)).

Cc: Kenneth L. Koonce, Dean, College of Agriculture  
Betsy Garrison, Associate Dean, College of Agriculture  
Peter F. Haynes, Interim Dean, School of Veterinary Medicine  
Thomas R. Klei, Associate Dean, School of Veterinary Medicine

attachments

**Teacher Merit Honor Roll**  
**Nomination Form**<sup>\*\*</sup>

Department \_\_\_\_\_ College/School \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee \_\_\_\_\_ Faculty Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Years/Service at LSU \_\_\_\_\_

Appointment: \_\_\_\_\_% Teaching \_\_\_\_\_% Research \_\_\_\_\_% Other

List the Courses Taught by the Nominee in 2007:

Course No. _____	Title _____	Cr. Hrs. _____	Students Enrolled (n = _____)
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<sup>\*\*</sup> To be considered for the **Teacher Merit Honor Roll** each year, the nominee must have as a minimum his or her individual *Faculty Mean Student Evaluation Score* (e.g. *SPOT*) for each course taught during the two most recent semesters that is greater than his or her *College/School Mean Evaluation Scores* on the College core set of questions for similar courses the same teaching semesters. Additional supporting information must be supplied by nominee on page 2 of this form.

Course Dept. Code & No.	Semester/Year Taught	Faculty Mean Evaluation Score College Core	College/School Mean Score College Core	Overall Faculty Mean Evaluation Score

I certify that the SPOT scores for the faculty member shown above are accurate.

Unit Head Name \_\_\_\_\_ Unit Head Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to the Dr. Vlosky by **noon, March 13, 2009!**

***Teacher Merit Honor Roll***  
***Nomination Form***  
***(Supporting Information)***

NOTE: Supporting material limited to this page only in type no smaller than 10 point.