

## Visionary Community Service-Learning Award

***Nature of the Award.*** One faculty member each year is awarded the Visionary Community Service-Learning Award. The award is generously supported by the Center for Community Service-Learning and carries a prize of \$1,200.

The award is intended to honor the faculty member who has made the most outstanding contribution to the betterment of students and the community through a service-learning class or classes. Community service-learning combines explicit academic learning objectives, preparation, and reflection with meaningful work in the community. Students participating in community service-learning provide direct service, education and outreach, research and/or policy analysis to schools, nonprofit, and/or public organizations as part of their requirement for academic credit, while professors help them understand the connection between the tasks they perform and their academic course work.

***Eligibility.*** All members of the faculty (Unit 3) of California State University, Northridge – full-time and part-time faculty, faculty participating in the Faculty Early Retirement Program, and emeritus faculty – are eligible for this award. An individual may receive the award more than once, provided each award is based on a different set of accomplishments. Only accomplishments that have been carried out while the individual was a CSUN faculty member or a CSUN Emeritus faculty and within the past ten years qualify for consideration.

***Criteria.*** The criteria upon which this award is based will include:

- outstanding leadership in guiding students to perform meaningful community service
- significant impact in addressing a community problem through student service, which may be direct service, policy analysis, education or outreach
- dedication to enhanced student learning through community service-learning
- contribution to the field of service-learning through dissemination of information through publications or presentation

***Nominating procedure.*** Nominations for this award will be accepted from any interested person or organization – students, student organizations, fellow faculty, administrators, staff, relatives, friends, alumni or community member. **The nominator should determine that the nominee agrees to be nominated, prior to submitting the nomination form.** Candidates for this award may also nominate themselves. A nomination requires submission of the Faculty Award Nomination Form. A letter of nomination and additional supporting materials are due one month after the nomination deadline. The nominee may also submit supporting materials. In order to facilitate review of materials by the award committee members, if using sheet protectors, please insert only one page per sheet protector.

***Deadlines.*** The deadline for receipt of nominations is **February 21, 2014**. The deadline for receipt of supporting materials is **March 21, 2014**. All materials are to be sent to the Faculty Senate Office (Oviatt Library, Room 10; Mail Drop 8221).