UNL EMERITI AND RETIREES ASSOCIATION
Wisherd Award for Outstanding Service to UNL

Purpose

Each year currently paid-up members of the UNL Emeriti and Retirees Association and all UNL administrators (departmental chairs, directors, deans, vice chancellors, etc.) will be asked to nominate members of the UNL Emeriti and Retirees Association who have given outstanding service to the university. Service may include sharing time and talents with academic departments, mentoring students, serving on advisory boards and search committees, advising student organizations, serving as ushers or docents, and contributing in numerous other ways to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln through service to UNL academic programs or to UNL affiliated or support organizations such as the UNL Alumni Association, UNL friends organizations, Lied Center for Performing Arts and other UNL affiliated organizations, which have a positive impact on the mission of UNL. The Maude E. Wisherd Fund provides $500 to recognize outstanding volunteer service to UNL.

Public recognition of honorees will focus attention on the volunteer work by retirees, promote the UNL Emeriti and Retirees Association and encourage other retirees to consider ways they might be of service to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Eligibility and Criteria

- Nominee must have been retired from University for at least two years.
- Only volunteer service to the University since retirement shall be considered.
- To be considered volunteer service, there must be no compensation.
- Members of the selection committee must recuse themselves if nominated for this award.

Nomination Process

- Around April 1 of each year a call will be issued for nominations. The call for nominations will be sent electronically to all members of the UNL Emeriti and Retirees Association, as well as to all individuals on the list of UNL Administrators (academic department chairs, deans and directors, vice chancellors, etc.)
- Any Association member or UNL administrator may nominate a member of the UNL Emeriti and Retirees Association.
- Nominator should complete and submit the nomination form.
- Deadline for submitting nomination is May 15.
- The Awards Selection Committee will conclude its work and identify the awardee by the end of June. The award will be announced at the September Association meeting.
- Only the nominee chosen to receive this award will be notified of his/her selection/nomination.

Recognition Process

- At the September Association luncheon meeting the individual selected to receive this award will be recognized and presented with a certificate that reflects the honor being received.
The Association will contribute $500 in honor of each recipient to the ERA Scholarship Fund.

The Association will broadly publicize the award in campus publications, community publications, the Association’s newsletter and website with a picture of the recipient and a brief description of the volunteer work that led to the recognition.

Email Nomination Form and Letter to:
Patricia Crews  (Pcrews1@unl.edu)
Awards Committee Chair
UNL Emeriti and Retirees Association

If you have questions, please contact Pat Crews by email (Pcrews1@unl.edu).