



Spring Convocation Award Narrative

Name: **THE JAMES and MARY ROSS PROVOST'S AWARD for EXCELLENCE**

Description: The James and Mary Ross Provost's Award for Excellence will recognize excellence in teaching and scholarship at Montana State University-Bozeman. Particular emphasis will be placed on faculty with superior scholarship/research credentials teaching first year, sophomore or core courses. Evaluation criteria will be based on the nominee's teaching, and scholarship/research.

Eligibility: All full-time faculty and staff at MSU-Bozeman are eligible to be recognized.

Sponsor: James and Mary Ross and the Office of Academic Affairs

Award Amount: \$2,500

Selection Criteria:

- Evidence of lecture or laboratory/recitation/studio activities that promote inquiry and synthesis of information at the introductory level
- Excellent student evaluations (letters or standardized instruments)
- Evidence of prior teaching awards at the college, university, national or professional society level
- Peer evaluations of teaching excellence/creativity
- Outstanding scholarship can be established through publications of books, poetry, juried art exhibits and invited lectures as well as grantsmanship and scientific journal publication.

Nomination Materials Required: A completed application will consist of: Nomination materials should include a current curriculum vitae for the candidate and a letter of endorsement (not to exceed two pages) from the Dean.

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