Spring Convocation Award Narrative

Name: **PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE-LEARNING**

Description: This award will recognize a faculty member and their community partners who have together engaged students in high-quality service-learning. Through service-learning, students apply their academic skills and knowledge to address the genuine needs of a community organization. This provides students with a deeper understanding of their studies and fosters a stronger sense of civic responsibility.

Eligibility: All current tenure track or non-tenure track faculty and their community partner(s)

Sponsor: Office of Academic Affairs

Award Amount: $1000

Selection Criteria:

The assessment of nominees will involve consideration of the quality of the partnership, and will be heavily weighted around how well the service-learning course(s) meet(s) the best practices of service learning listed below:

- Identified course learning objectives
- evaluation and/or assessment of student learning
- structured reflection activities
- addresses an actual community identified need

Nomination Materials Required: Faculty, administrators, students and others who are knowledgeable about the individual's engagement in service learning are invited to submit nominations online. Please provide the nominee's name, department, and a brief statement as to why you feel your nominee should receive this award. Individuals who are nominated for this award will be contacted later for more information.

Questions about the President's Award for Excellence in Service Learning should be addressed to Dr. Giusti, Chair of the Service Learning Advisory Committee at agiusti@montana.edu