

# Leo M. Sullivan Teacher of the Year Award

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## Nomination Process

- Letter describing candidate's key teaching/advising contributions, no more than 500 words double-spaced
- 2-3 page curriculum vitae
- Teaching log for past 3 years including course titles, levels, and number of students, with summaries of student evaluations. In addition, candidates are encouraged to submit selected informative written comments from evaluations, no more than two per course.
- Supporting letters. No more than 5 from current or former students; no more than 3 from current colleagues.
- Self nomination encouraged
- Due to Faculty Federation Office, Research 222, October 28, 2005

The Leo M. Sullivan "Teacher of the Year" Award Committee invited nominations for the 2005 award. Each year at the Annual Banquet, the Faculty Federation presents this award to a UMass Dartmouth teacher. Established in 1971, the "Teacher of the Year" Award is a memorial to the late Leo M. Sullivan, founder of and former professor and chairman of the Department of Psychology. It recognizes a colleague who has demonstrated a particular dedication to students through exceptionally meritorious teaching and advising. A \$1000 prize will accompany the award.

Committee members are not allowed to nominate. Previous awardees and faculty who have taught for less than three years are ineligible. The choice is made on the basis of teaching and advising as demonstrated through supporting evidence in the nomination papers. Evidence should comprise exceptional commendation by students and alumni, previously unrecognized activities and achievements, high estimation from colleagues and non-traditional work (including, but not limited to, research, exhibitions, and performances) that involves undergraduates and/or graduate students. The committee has always placed more value on documented specifics than general statements of praise.

We recognize that preparing applications can be time-consuming. Therefore, the committee's policy that applications for a candidate will remain active for a period of three years upon the nominator's or candidate's request. Further, the committee considers this work to be a valuable service to the academic community and will continue its practice of sending letters of appreciation to nominators with a copy of the chairperson or supervisor of the nominator. Candidates will remain "active" for two years after application. Candidates are encouraged to update applications. After three years, candidates lapse. A waiting period of three years should be observed before re-entering.

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