



CALL FOR ENTRIES

U.S. Professors of the Year

2012 AWARDS PROGRAM

COUNCIL FOR ADVANCEMENT AND SUPPORT OF EDUCATION
CARNEGIE FOUNDATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF TEACHING



Draw attention to outstanding teaching at your college or university. Nominate a talented professor for a 2012 U.S. Professors of the Year award.

ABOUT THE AWARDS

The U.S. Professors of the Year Awards Program honors our nation's best undergraduate teachers—those who excel as educators and influence the lives and careers of their students. Sponsored by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education and the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, it is the only national program to recognize excellence in undergraduate teaching and mentoring.

All undergraduate teachers in the United States, of any academic rank at private or public institutions, are eligible for the award. However, they cannot throw their own hat into the ring. Nominators must be members of the campus faculty or administration. Entries are judged by top U.S. educators and other active participants on the education scene. In 2011, the program recognized 31 winners—four national winners and 27 state winners.

CASE launched the awards program in 1981. That same year, the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching began hosting the final round of judging and became the primary sponsor in 1982.

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U.S. PROFESSORS OF THE YEAR WINNERS RECEIVE

NATIONAL LEVEL

- \$5,000 contributed by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching
- An all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. (including expenses for a guest and a current or former student) plus:
 - An invitation to speak at the 2012 awards luncheon in the nation's capital
 - An invitation to, and recognition at, an evening congressional reception
- Media recognition
- A framed certificate recognizing the winner as a U.S. Professor of the Year

STATE LEVEL

- An invitation to the awards luncheon and evening congressional reception for the winner and a guest
- Recognition at the luncheon and reception
- Media recognition
- Personalized award certificate

“ (Professor Burt) fully exemplifies the qualities required for Professor of the Year. He changes lives every day—and at Ohio Wesleyan, we have the privilege of watching him do it.”

Rock Jones, president of Ohio Wesleyan

EDWARD BURTT,
2011 OHIO PROFESSOR OF THE YEAR



“ If we are to achieve #higher education outcomes, we must maintain the highest quality education. That’s where profs come in.”

Tweet quoting Assistant Secretary Eduardo Ochoa during the 2011 U.S. Professors of the Year awards luncheon



2011 NATIONAL U.S. PROFESSORS OF THE YEAR

Outstanding Baccalaureate Colleges Professor

Steven S. Volk

Professor of History
Oberlin College

Outstanding Community Colleges Professor

Kathryn C. Wetzel

Professor of Mathematics and Engineering and Department Chair
Amarillo College

Outstanding Doctoral and Research Universities Professor

Ursula Shepherd

Associate Professor of University Honors and Biology
University of New Mexico

Outstanding Master's Universities and Colleges Professor

Stephen Chew

Professor and Chair, Psychology
Samford University

TOP LEFT TO RIGHT

National winner Steven Volk reunites with former student Rep. Yvette Clark of New York; Phi Beta Kappa associate secretary Scott Lurding speaks at a reception at the Folger Shakespeare Library; Eduardo Ochoa, assistant secretary for postsecondary education at the U.S. Department of Education, speaks at the awards luncheon; CASE President John Linnincott presents Kathryn Wetzel with her national award. Photos by Daniel Deek

BENEFITS TO YOUR INSTITUTION

The award brings much acclaim, on and off campus, to national and state winners. It strengthens community interest in your institution and builds public support for your academic programs. It highlights exceptional teaching and puts your institution on the national stage.

Winners teach in all types of undergraduate settings nationwide—private and public, two- and four-year institutions. They are interviewed by the media and sought after as presenters. Some testify before Congress. Others are invited as guests on talk shows and as speakers at business, civic and professional events, where they frequently advocate for undergraduate education. Prominent national publications such as *USA Today*, *Inside Higher Ed* and the *Chronicle of Higher Education* cover their celebrations in Washington, D.C. Local print and broadcast outlets and campus and alumni periodicals stay on top of the story, spotlighting both the winner and your institution.

As the winners' success stories spread, people learn more about the fields in which they teach and also what makes a good undergraduate teacher. This can only be a good thing. After all, it is through the art of their teaching, the force of their knowledge and the passion of their convictions that teachers inspire students to reach beyond the ordinary. By applauding the winners for exemplary achievements, the award gives institutions an opportunity to celebrate excellence in undergraduate teaching and to provide models for faculty and students.

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WINNERS RECEIVE
NATIONAL RECOGNITION





“(2011 state winner Chrysanthe Demetry) epitomizes what it means to be an outstanding professor, and I am delighted that she has received this well-deserved recognition.”

Eric W. Overström, provost
Worcester Polytechnic Institute

CHRYSANTHE DEMETRY
2011 MASSACHUSETTS PROFESSOR OF THE YEAR



“Being recognized as Kentucky’s U.S. Professor of the Year (2011) is well-earned and fitting recognition of Dr. Golding’s outstanding record of commitment to undergraduate education.”

Richard Milich, psychology department chair, University of Kentucky



2011 STATE U.S. PROFESSORS OF THE YEAR

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Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching President Anthony Bryk applauds the success of all the professors; National winner Ursula Shepherd hugs former student; TIAA-CREF’s Tom Rugh gives remarks at awards luncheon; and former student Gina Garrett introduces national winner Kathryn Wetzel. *Photos by Daniel Peck*

NOMINATE A COLLEAGUE

CATEGORIES

Nominees compete with their peers in one of the following categories (based on the Carnegie classification of their institution):

OUTSTANDING BACCALAUREATE COLLEGES PROFESSOR

OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY COLLEGES PROFESSOR

OUTSTANDING DOCTORAL AND RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES PROFESSOR

OUTSTANDING MASTER'S UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES PROFESSOR

QUALIFICATIONS AND ELIGIBILITY

- The nominee must have taught at the undergraduate level, part- or full-time, for at least one semester during the 2011–2012 academic year.
- The nominator must be a colleague of the candidate or an administrator at the candidate's institution.
- Individuals can win in their state only once but may reapply to enter the national level at any time.
- Previous state winners who have moved to an institution in another state may reapply at the state level.
- Each campus may nominate up to three professors.
- Self-nominations and nominations by students are not accepted.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Judges will rate entries for extraordinary work in undergraduate teaching using the following criteria:

- Impact on and involvement with undergraduate students (25 percent)
- Scholarly approach to teaching and learning (25 percent)
- Contributions to undergraduate education in the institution, community and profession (25 percent)
- Support from colleagues and current and former undergraduate students (25 percent)

SHINE THE SPOTLIGHT ON BOTH THE WINNER AND YOUR INSTITUTION

Local print and broadcast outlets stay on top of the story.

UW-L Professor named best in WI



WXOW TV IN LA CROSSE, WI



Seattle U professor wins award for lecture-less class



KING TV IN SEATTLE, WA



REQUIRED SUBMISSION MATERIALS

All materials must be submitted online. Visit www.usprofessorsoftheyear.org for details and winning examples of previous entries.

STEP 1.

Gather required submission materials for online entry process:

a. One-page curriculum vitae

Submit a concise summary of the professor's education, teaching experience, other teaching awards, publications, service and other significant contributions.

b. 2011–2012 academic year teaching log

List the course titles, levels and a brief description of the content and pedagogy for each course the professor is teaching.

c. Candidate's personal statement

Each candidate must write a personal statement (no more than 650 words) describing key contributions made as an undergraduate teacher. It should give a clear picture of the candidate's work with students and his or her scholarly approach to teaching and learning, i.e., processes for investigating, evaluating and improving teaching and learning and for sharing it with others.

d. Six letters of support (one to two pages each) Two letters from recent or former undergraduate students; two letters from campus colleagues, such as the nominator, president, faculty or academic deans; and two from supporters on campus, in the community or in the candidate's profession. Letters from campus colleagues and supporters should be submitted on letterhead if possible.

Questions? Contact Heyward Smith with CASE at 202-478-5666 or send an email to hsmith@case.org.

STEP 2.

Go to www.usprofessorsoftheyear.org and click on "Nominate" to begin the online entry process. Nominees will register their applicant(s), submit required documents and select payment options through this streamlined online process.

STEP 3.

Submit all nomination materials and entry fee by deadline below.

DEADLINE	FEE
April 16, 2012	\$95

RESUBMISSION

CASE stores entry materials from the previous year. To re-nominate someone this year, register online and submit the following:

- \$95 payment
- Current curriculum vitae
- New teaching log

NOTE: Submitting new supportive letters is optional.

Go online for detailed instructions:

www.usprofessorsoftheyear.org

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- Learn more about previous winners
- Review newspaper articles and view event photos and videos
- Get details on the scope of the U.S. Professors of the Year Awards Program

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