

GEMS Alumni Achievement Award Nomination Form

PURPOSE

1. To identify, recognize, and publicize high achieving alumni, with the goal of strongly affiliating them with their Department, the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences, and Penn State.
2. To stimulate greater activity and identity between prominent alumni and the EMS community, particularly students, faculty, and administration.
3. To add a dimension to the academic curriculum not otherwise available in the traditional college classroom through close contact among prominent alumni, undergraduate students, graduate students, faculty, and College administrators and staff. The purpose of the visit is to lend the benefit of the Alumni Achievement Award recipient's knowledge, experience, and insight to the specific academic unit and to stimulate thought, discussion, debate, and action in the process.

THE PROGRAM

The GEMS Alumni Achievement Award is given by the EMS Alumni Society to recognize outstanding achievement by EMS alumni. All bachelor and graduate degree alumni of the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences are eligible to receive this award. Special consideration is given to members of GEMS and to young alumni.

Nominations are solicited each fall. Nominations should be made without the nominee's awareness or assent. Materials should be submitted to the Assistant Director of Alumni Relations, 116 Deike, **by December 15** of each year. Each submission should include:

1. Completed nomination form
2. Supporting letter/statement from the nominator
3. Supporting letter/statement from external EMS source
4. Current vitae for the candidate. (if available)

The GEMS Board will review all nominations prior to their winter/spring meeting. The GEMS Board will select a finalist at their winter/spring meeting and submit that finalist to the Dean for approval.

Additionally, the Alumni Achievement Award recipients will receive an award and public recognition at either a Department or College-wide event that would bring together the EMS community in a central location. This recognition ceremony will be held at the convenience of the recipient's schedule to attend either the Department's annual recognition event or the College's Obelisk Society Awards Banquet.

The period of the Alumni Achievement Award recipient's stay may vary from two to three days, depending upon the needs of the academic unit and recipient's availability.

PROCEDURES

1. Expenses for travel and lodging for Alumni Achievement Award recipient and a partner will be borne by the Dean's Office. The Dean's Office will assume travel expenses at the prevailing coach fare from within the United States only; the Department will be responsible for all international travel expenses to a U.S. gateway city. The Dean's Office will assume the costs for the award and engraving. Entertainment of the Alumni Achievement Award recipient at departmental lunches or dinners will be the responsibility of the department.
2. The assistant director of alumni relations will act as the overall coordinator for the visit, but will work directly with department liaisons to ensure the itinerary meets the needs of the recipient, the department, and the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences administration.

Please complete the information below.

Candidate Information

Title (Mr., Ms., Mrs., Dr.):

First Name:

Middle Name:

Last Name:

Email Address:

Home Address

Street:

City and Zip:

Phone:

Business Information

Job Title:

Company/Organization:

Street:

City and Zip:

Country: (if not US)

Penn State Degrees

Graduation Year/Degree:

College/Major:

Education other than Penn State:

Please describe the nominee's impact and influence on his or her business/profession/career field (250 words or fewer):

Please list any honors and awards related to the nominee's business/profession/career achievement:

Please describe how this nominee will further the goals of your department as a GEMS Alumni Achievement Award recipient [be specific]:

Please list any additional information that would reflect on the nominee's achievements:

Nominator

Name:

Email:

Date Submitted:

Please attach only two letters of recommendation/support (one letter of recommendation MUST be from outside of the University system). Resume not required. Submit to clw2@ems.psu.edu.