Memorandum

To: UNC School of Medicine Faculty and Alumni
From: Distinguished Medical Awards Selection Committee
Re: Nominations for the 2016 Awards
Date: August 3, 2015

Each year the Distinguished Medical Awards Selection Committee solicits nominations from faculty and alumni for two categories of **Distinguished Medical Alumni Awards (DMAA)** to be awarded at the annual Spring Medical Alumni Banquet. One is for excellence in professional and community leadership and service (**Community Category**). The other is for exemplary contributions to the medical profession or to humankind of such importance as to merit national and international recognition (**National Category**).

This Committee also solicits nominations for two additional awards presented at the Spring Alumni Banquet. One is the **Distinguished Service Award (DSA)** to recognize non alumni who have contributed significant governmental and/or community leadership to the mission of the Medical School. The other is the **Distinguished Faculty Award (DFA)** to recognize faculty excellence in teaching, contributions to medicine in the state, leadership in continuing education, and accomplishments in improving communications with the people of the state.

The Distinguished Medical Awards Selection Committee is now seeking nominations for the 2016 DMAA, DSA and DFA awards. Specific information on criteria, eligibility, and nomination process for the awards is included in this mailing, as well as on the Medical Alumni Affairs’ Awards website ([http://www.med.unc.edu/alumni/alumni-awards](http://www.med.unc.edu/alumni/alumni-awards)) which also includes more general information about the awards and profiles of the 2015 award winners. We hope that faculty and alumni will consider nominating deserving individuals.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding the nomination process, please feel free to contact Dr. Amelia Drake, Committee Chair, or Carol Edenton, Committee Support.

Thank you.

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See reverse for Nomination Guidelines for the Distinguished Medical Awards Selection Committee.
Criteria, Eligibility and Nomination Guidelines (2016)

AWARDS

Distinguished Medical Alumni Awards (DMAA)

Award Criteria
- The **Community Category** is to recognize alumni who have demonstrated excellence in leadership and service in their community and state though their professional practice and broader service commitments and activities.
- The **National Category** is to recognize alumni who have excelled on the national level in terms of their contributions to the advancement of medicine through scientific, academic, or humanitarian accomplishments.

Award Eligibility
- MD and PhD graduates of the UNC School of Medicine
- MD physicians who had residency or fellowship training at UNC Hospitals

Non-Eligible Persons Include
- Full-time UNC Chapel Hill and AHEC faculty (both active and retired)
- Deceased persons

Distinguished Service Award (DSA)

Award Criteria
Recipients will be selected on the basis of the following attributes:
- Governmental contributions to the mission of the School
- Community leadership contributions to the mission of the School

Award Eligibility
- Non School of Medicine alumni

Medical Alumni Distinguished Faculty Award (DFA)

Award Criteria
Recipients will be selected on the basis of the following attributes:
- Excellence in teaching
- Contributions to medicine in the state
- Leadership in continuing education of practicing physicians
- Accomplishments in improving communications between faculty, alumni, and people of the state

Award Eligibility
- Full-time UNC School of Medicine and AHEC Faculty (both active and retired) are eligible

NOMINATION PROCESS

All nominations must include the following:
- Primary letter of nomination
- Nominee’s curriculum vitae
- Two additional letters of support
- Completed nominations should be sent to Carol Edenton (address in letter)
- All materials must be received on or before October 1, 2015

Please note:
- Generally, only one award will be made in each category in each year.
- All awards will be presented at the Spring Medical Alumni Banquet.