The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Texas A&M University is currently in its second century of educating leaders and providing leadership for the agricultural industry -- a tradition of leadership. Through its strong teaching, research and extension programs, the College is committed to the future by preserving its tradition of training leaders for the agricultural industry. It is this strong tradition that distinguishes the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and Texas A&M University as one of the leading colleges and universities in the nation and world.

A great number of Texas A&M Former Students who graduated from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences have gained unique distinction for their varied accomplishments and achievements to the field of agriculture. The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Outstanding Alumni Award Program is established to recognize and honor the achievements of its graduates.

This honor recognizes those alumni who distinguish themselves by reaching a significant level of accomplishment and who possess the highest standards of integrity and character which reflect positively and enhance the prestige of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Texas A&M University.

**Purpose**

The purpose of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Outstanding Alumni Award Program is to recognize and honor graduates from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Texas A&M University for their outstanding leadership and significant contributions to agriculture.

**Criteria for Selection**

The following criteria shall be used in the selection process:

The recipient shall:

1. Possess an undergraduate or graduate degree from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Texas A&M University.

2. Have attained prominence through his/her efforts in agriculture, natural resources, life sciences, or other related areas of science.
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3. Possess integrity, stature and demonstrated ability that merits the recognition of a proven leader in his/her chosen field.

4. Have a record of impressive accomplishments which indicate significant achievements and contributions at the state, national and/or international level.

5. Have demonstrated interest in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and Texas A&M University.

This may include a posthumous nomination. Current members of the faculty or professional staff of the Texas A&M Agriculture Program or the Texas A&M University System are not eligible for this award.

Method of Nomination

A nomination may be submitted by any of the following individuals or groups: any member of the Texas A&M University faculty or staff; any Texas A&M former student; or any friend of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Each letter of nomination must include the following:

- Nominee's name, home and/or business mailing address and telephone
- Education (including a listing of schools with dates of attendance, degrees received, including honorary degrees)
- Business, public service and professional awards
- Noteworthy research, inventions, publications or professional/business accomplishments
- Brief citation (not more than 200 words) which describes the nominee's accomplishments as they relate to his/her contributions to agriculture, the community and the world.

Nominations which are not selected during the year in which the nomination is submitted will be carried forward for two additional years and considered for a total of three years (adopted 8/95). Letters of support from friends and colleagues are encouraged and welcomed. Nominations are limited to no more than three (3) letters of support (adopted 1997)
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Selection Committee

An anonymous committee of five individuals will review all nominations submitted for the annual College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Outstanding Alumni Award. Appointed by the Dean of the College, the committee will be composed of:

- 3 members of the faculty and staff of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Texas A&M University.
- 2 representatives from commodity or industry associations, or representative agricultural interests.

Award and Presentation

At least one and no more than three awards will be presented each year at an appropriate prestigious occasion. The award shall consist of a framed memento citing the individual's accomplishments and a medallion.

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