Eligibility

Purdue University has many outstanding faculty and staff members who, over the course of time, have contributed to the improvement in the quality of life of the rural people of Indiana. It is fitting and proper that an institution, such as Purdue, recognizes one of its own for outstanding contributions and performance in providing educational excellence to rural people of Indiana. These individuals have contributed in a way and to a degree that is recognized as significantly above the norm. “Above and beyond the call of duty; going the extra mile; outstanding; excellent leader; and, making the best better” are phrases that would be used frequently to identify those who would be considered a worthy recipient of the Hovde Award. It is in this spirit that you are invited to nominate someone to be considered by the selection committee.

Any person who is an active member of the Purdue University faculty and staff as of the nomination deadline, with a record of outstanding achievement and service to rural Indiana may be nominated for the Frederick L. Hovde Award of Excellence. Persons in all colleges, schools, divisions, and units of the University, including regional campus and field staff as well as those based at the West Lafayette campus, are eligible.

Nominations

Identifying and adequately documenting outstanding performance is not easy, and we recognize the seriousness and magnitude of the task that we are asking you to undertake. The members of the Screening Committee must have documentable evidence in writing to support a nomination and to explain why the performance is judged to be outstanding. If you are submitting a nomination packet on behalf of an organization, the Selection Committee asks that within the statement of support of the nominee you reflect on the specific impact that the activities (research, teaching, and/or extension/engagement) had on the organization and its membership.

1. Nomination of an eligible Purdue faculty or staff member can be submitted by any individual or organization serving or otherwise interested in the well-being of the people of rural Indiana.
2. Nominations may be updated and submitted for consideration up to three times.
3. The nomination form must be accompanied by at least one, but no more than five, additional one-page letters of support. The nomination form with supporting letter(s) attached must be submitted together in one nomination document.

Procedure

Immediately after the nomination deadline, the Selection Committee will evaluate all nominations and choose an award recipient. Members of this committee, chaired by Dean of Agriculture Jay Akridge, include: (a) the directors of the College of Agriculture research, extension, and undergraduate teaching programs; (b) three representative leaders of rural Indiana; (c) the president or designee of the Indiana Farm Bureau, Inc.; (d) the president of the Purdue Agricultural Alumni Association; and (e) the president or designee of P-CARET.

Participation

All persons and organizations acquainted with Purdue University and having an interest in the welfare and progress of rural Indiana are invited to participate in selecting the Frederick L. Hovde Award of Excellence recipient. If you have questions concerning the award, or would like further information about a faculty or staff member you wish to nominate, contact Ruth Ann Weiderhaft in the Dean of Agriculture’s Office at weiderhaft@purdue.edu or 765-494-8391.
Previous Hovde Award Recipients

1972  Eva L. Goble, Dean of the School of Home Economics; and David C. Pfendler, Associate Dean of Agriculture and Associate Director of Resident Instruction
1973  Hobart W. Jones, Professor of Animal Sciences
1974  Fred L. Patterson, Professor of Agronomy
1975  Bruce A. McKenzie, Professor of Agricultural Engineering
1976  Billy Beach, Area Extension Agent, Vincennes
1977  Maurice L. Williamson, Executive Secretary Purdue Agricultural Alumni Association
1978  G. Frederick Warren, Professor of Horticulture
1979  Janet Armstrong, Professor of Consumer Sciences and Retailing
1980  Donald P. Gustafson, DVM, Professor of Veterinary Virology
1981  Harold Berry, Madison County Extension Agent; and James B. Outhouse, Professor of Animal Sciences
1982  Jerry V. Mannering, Professor of Agronomy
1983  Oscar W. Luetkemeier, Superintendent, Purdue Agronomy Farm
1984  Richard L. Kohls, Professor of Agricultural Economics
1985  David H. Bache, Professor of Agricultural Economics
1986  David L. Matthew, Jr., Professor of Entomology
1987  David C. Petritz, Professor of Agricultural Economics
1988  William D. Treese, Sr., Extension Agronomist, Vincennes
1989  Donald R. Griffith, Research and Extension Agronomist
1990  Ellsworth P. Christmas, Professor of Agronomy
1991  Robert W. Taylor, Professor of Agricultural Economics
1992  C. Richard Edwards, Professor of Entomology
1993  Ann C. Hancook, Associate Dean, School of Consumer and Family Sciences and Assistant Director of the Cooperative Extension Service
1994  John C. Forrest, Professor of Animal Sciences
1995  Donald H. Scott, Extension Plant Pathologist

1996  Lawrence P. Bohl, Professor of Agricultural Economics
1997  Norman D. Long, Professor of 4-H/Youth Development
1998  Janet S. Ayres, Professor of Agricultural Economics
1999  Christopher A. Hurt, Professor of Agricultural Economics
2000  William F. Field, Professor of Agricultural and Biological Engineering
2001  Pamela Robbins, Extension Specialist, 4-H/Youth Development; and Juanita Russell, Extension Specialist, 4-H/Youth Development
2002  Don D. Jones, Professor of Agricultural Biological Engineering
2003  Wayne L. Singleton, Professor of Animal Sciences
2004  Judi Merkel, Extension Educator, CFS-Human Development
2005  Victor L. Lechtenberg, Vice Provost for Engagement
2006  Marshall A. Martin, Professor of Agricultural Economics and Associate Director, Office of Agricultural Research Programs
2007  Tom Turpin, Professor of Entomology
2008  Randy Woodson, Provost
2009  Lawrence P. DeBoer, Jr., Professor of Agricultural Economics
2010  Leon Thacker, Director of the Indiana Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory
2011  Michael D. Boehlje, Distinguished Professor of Agricultural Economics
2012  Fred Whitford, Coordinator Purdue Pesticide Program
2013  Donald J. Biehle, Superintendent of the Southeast Purdue Agricultural Center
2014  Mary Ann Lienhart Cross, Extension Educator and Lonnie Mason, Extension Educator

Hovde Award Committee Chair

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