Criteria for the Outstanding Student Award

Purpose
The Outstanding Student Award is to honor and recognize an exceptional undergraduate and graduate student who has distinguished him/herself through a combination of superior academic achievement and service to the campus and/or the community.

Selection Criteria
Eligibility is based on the following:

1. Nominee must have at least five (5) quarters attendance as a student at CSUSB.
2. Academic achievement of 3.5 (minimum) grade point average from CSUSB and cumulative grade point average of 3.0 (minimum) in all college work.
3. Demonstration of service and leadership in campus and/or community organizations and activities.
4. Extra-curricular (beyond the classroom) scholastic activities such as research or creative projects and external awards will also be considered.

Application Process
1. Faculty, staff or fellow students at CSUSB Palm Desert Campus can nominate an eligible student by filling out the online Nomination form (http://csusb.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0jOtXFGK1OeRVP)
2. Nominated student will be notified of nomination and must submit the following:
   a. Three (3) digital confidential letters of reference supporting the nominee’s candidacy
   b. A personal statement by the nominee containing information about his/her involvement in campus and/or community organizations and activities, leadership roles, honors received and any other personal information which he/she feels would help the selection committee make its decision.
   c. Resume/Curriculum Vita (required for Graduate student nominee only)

Selection Process
Selection of the recipient of the Outstanding Undergraduate and Graduate Student Award will be by a committee comprised of the PDC Dean (Chair), the PDC Associate Dean, PDC Associated Student, Inc. (ASI) representative and PDC Faculty member. If the ASI representative is a candidate for the award, another PDC student chosen by the selection committee will replace him/her. The selection process may include interviews with finalists.

Award Presentation
- Both Outstanding Student Award recipients (Undergraduate and Graduate) are invited to participate in and be recognized at the Spring CSUSB Palm Desert Campus Commencement.
- Both recipients are invited to attend the President’s Recognition Reception prior to Commencement.
- At Commencement, the recipients will lead their respective class in the processional, sit on stage with the platform party and give a speech to their fellow classmates, faculty, platform party members and guests.
- Recipients will also receive four (4) additional tickets and Commencement seating for their families.

For questions regarding Commencement and/or this award, please contact Regina Garrison, PDC Special Events at (760) 341-2833, ext. 78144 or rgarriso@csusb.edu.

Nominations deadline: Tuesday, April 21
Document Deadline: Monday, April 27
All documents in its entirety should be emailed to rgarriso@csusb.edu.