



Press Release for:
Council for the Advancement of Standards in Higher Education
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CAS has announced the start of the selection process for the Ted K. Miller Achievement of Excellence Award. The Award will be given to an individual, higher education institution, or professional association in recognition of advancing standards of practice and quality assurance in higher education.

A mailing has been made to all chief student affairs officers, directors of institutional research, and other higher education middle managers notifying them of the selection criteria and process for application or nomination. Information can also be found at the CAS website: www.cas.edu. The deadline for application is February 15, 2008.

The recipient of the Award will be invited to present their work to the CAS Board of Directors meeting April 2008. In addition to covering the travel expenses for the presentation, CAS will present \$1000 and a plaque to the Award recipient.

CAS is an international consortium of over 35 major higher education associations devoted to the establishment and dissemination of standards and the enhancement of student learning.



Council for the Advancement of Standards In Higher Education

Ted K. Miller Achievement of Excellence Award

The Council for the Advancement of Standards (CAS) was established in September 1979 by eleven professional associations. Since then, CAS has grown to represent over 35 major associations in higher education devoted to: the establishment and promulgation of standards, the enhancement of student learning, guiding student affairs practices and the academic preparation of graduate students seeking careers as administrators and/or practicing professionals in student services and student development programs. In 1992, CAS expanded its context beyond student affairs to include all higher education student service and development programs. Concomitant with expanding its scope, CAS continues to embrace self-assessment of programs and services as a mean for enhancing quality.

On the occasion of the 25th anniversary of its founding, CAS established the **Ted K. Miller Achievement of Excellence Award** to be given to an individual, higher education institution, or professional association in recognition of outstanding accomplishments in advancing standards of practice and quality assurance in educational programs and services in higher education. The enhancement of student developmental learning remains at the very core of the mission of the Council for the Advancement of Standards.

Criteria for Institutions

1. Standards are identified and used to guide practice
2. Student learning was enhanced in the institution through the application of standards and assessment of outcomes
3. The application of standards has contributed to the development of a culture of assessment within an institution
4. CAS standards were instrumental in facilitating assessment and change and are reflected in their publications and among faculty members and staff

Criteria for Organizations/Professional Associations

1. Standards are identified and used to guide practices
2. Student learning was enhanced in the organization/professional association through the application of standards and assessment of outcomes
3. The application of standards has contributed to the development of culture of assessment within an organization/professional association
4. CAS standards were instrumental in facilitating assessment and change and are reflected in publications and professional activities

Criteria for Individuals

1. Outstanding leadership or creative initiative in the promotion of standards in higher education, and/or in the field of student developmental learning
2. Significant publications and/or other professional activities in the field of standards, their application and relevant assessment of student developmental learning
3. CAS standards are reflected and the goals of CAS promoted in their publications, facilitated assessment activities, and are significantly included in their work and/or through professional activities

Process for Application

Nominations for the award or applications from individuals or representatives of higher education institutions or associations are accepted for consideration.

Applications or nominations should include a narrative explanation documenting how the institution or the individual meets the criteria listed above. Documentation of the following will be important to evaluating the accomplishments of institutions:

- A. A detailed description of the use of standards by the organization, association, institution, or individual, especially the CAS standards
- B. Demonstrated achievement of the criteria listed above
- C. Letters of support are welcome

Please forward nominations and 3 copies of the documentation requested and any other material that supports the nomination or application to:

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Washington, DC 20036 - 1188

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