

Call for Nominations for the Norman C. Francis Excellence in Teaching Awards

We invite faculty and students to submit nominations for the Norman C. Francis Excellence in Teaching Awards. Nominations should include faculty members whose teaching is of such quality that it merits recognition. All full-time faculty at Xavier University of Louisiana are eligible, regardless of specialty or rank.

Two awards will be made annually, one to a faculty member who has worked at Xavier for six years or less, and another to a faculty member with seven or more years of service. Winners will be recognized at the spring commencement ceremony where they will receive a monetary award and an academic medallion.

Criteria for the teaching award include, but are not limited to, the following. Nominees need not excel in each criterion.

- An exceptional commitment to students
- An exceptional commitment to quality teaching and student learning
- Excellence in teaching
- Innovative teaching and learning
- Exemplary course or curriculum development and implementation
- Demonstrated contribution to student academic and/or professional development
- Definitive impact on students' lives through intellectual and/or artistic development

Deadline for nomination letters: To nominate a faculty member or to self-nominate, please supply a letter explaining why and how the candidate meets the criteria for the award. All nomination letters are due by **February 1, 2009** and should be delivered to the Office of the Vice President of Academic Affairs, 206A Administration Building.

Finalists will be invited to submit further supporting materials by March 1st, and recipients will be notified by April 2009 in time for the spring Academic Assembly. Please direct questions to Dr. Lisa Schulte at x5421 or lschulte@xula.edu.

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