

Distinguished Teaching Award Nomination 2008-2009



*This is much more than a ballot. Your nomination **MUST** be supported by your responses to the criteria listed. Essays giving thoughtful explanations in support of the nomination will carry the most weight with the Award Committee. The number of nominations does not dictate who the recipient will be. The Award Committee is comprised of graduating seniors with the highest grade point average in their colleges/schools and previous Distinguished Teaching Award recipients.*

The five most recent recipients are **not** eligible for nomination. They are:

Kathy Berchem, Assistant Professor of Nursing (07-08)
MaryAnne Shannon, Ph.D., Professor of Nursing (06-07)
James W.T. Moody, Professor of History and Geography (05-06)
Sherilyn R. Duesing, Assistant Professor of Mathematics (04-05)
Richard T. Conboy, Ph.D., Professor of Political Science (03-04)



Deadline for Submission is Wednesday, March 11, 2009, at 5:00 p.m.

Submit your nomination by:

- completing it on-line at <http://www.lssu.edu/distinguishedteacher>
- printing off a ballot and dropping it off at the Provost's Office
Administration Building, Room 213
- picking up a ballot in the Provost's Office, Administration Building, Room 213

Telephone: (906) 635-2211



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I AM NOMINATING (one nomination per sheet please): _____

YOU are (please check one):

Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Faculty Staff Alumni

YOUR major or department: _____

YOUR signature (optional): _____

YOUR printed name (optional): _____

CRITERIA: Please write an essay supporting your nomination by addressing as many of these criteria as possible. (Additional pages may be attached; at least 2-3 paragraphs suggested.)

The Distinguished Teacher Award was established at Lake Superior State University in 1958. It is the most prestigious award that can be bestowed upon an LSSU faculty member. It is also typically a once-in-a-lifetime recognition of outstanding achievement as a teacher.

A Distinguished Teacher at LSSU may be popular—both among students and faculty colleagues—but popularity is *not* what distinguishes the Distinguished Teacher. A Distinguished Teacher

- demonstrates command of his or her subject matter,
- explains difficult concepts clearly,
- utilizes creative and innovative methods in order to engage students,
- generates excitement and enthusiasm for the subject,
- treats students fairly and respectfully,
- assists students both inside and outside the classroom,
- maintains challenging standards,
- inspires students to expect more of themselves, and
- serves as a good role model for students, faculty colleagues, and others.

A Distinguished Teacher will display all of these individual characteristics in a way that touches and changes lives. Students will likely be forever grateful to a Distinguished Teacher, for this person will have expanded their horizons and helped them realize more of their potential.