

Nominations for the Dr. Howard S. Katz Award for Excellence in Teaching

A message from *Marlene Balena*, Administrative Coordinator / Biomedical Sciences:

The Dr. Howard S. Katz Award for Excellence in Teaching, initiated in March 2001, will be presented at the Spring Convocation to a member of the Faculty of Dentistry for superior teaching in the Faculty.

Please find attached the guidelines of the award and the description of the Selection Committee, the nomination procedure and documents required. Only complete nomination packages will be accepted.

As you will note, the deadline for nominations is **Thursday, February 28, 2013** and nominations should be returned to my attention at the address or e-mail indicated below.

Please take a moment to consider nominating one of your colleagues in recognizing their contribution to the Faculty.

In addition, below are the names of the winners of the past five years as no staff member can be given the distinction more than once in a five-year period.

2008 Dr. Jean-Marc Retrouvey
2009 Dr. Veronique Benhamou
2010 Dr. Peter Chauvin
2011 Dr. Jocelyne Feine
2012 Dr. Robert (Bob) Clark

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Dr. Howard S. Katz Award for Excellence in Teaching

Faculty of Dentistry

Description of Awards Program



This award will be presented to a member of the Faculty of Dentistry for superior teaching in the Faculty of Dentistry. The Howard Katz Award is presented at Spring Convocation.

The award will consist of a scroll, a cheque for \$1,000 and the recipient's name will be inscribed on a plaque to be mounted in the Faculty Council Room. No staff member can be given the distinction more than once in a five-year period. The award will only be presented if a strong candidate is identified.

Membership - *Ad hoc* Selection Committee

- Dean *ex officio*
- Associate Dean (Academic) *ex officio*
- President of the Dental Students' Society *ex officio*
- Graduate Program Director *ex officio*
- President of the Post-Graduate Students' Society *ex officio*

Nominations will be sought through memos to Faculty Council members, the Faculty Newsletter and the Faculty's Web site. **Nominations from staff and recent graduates (5 years) must be received prior to February 10.** Each nomination will be initiated by two letters of support; one from the nominator and one from a seconder. Nominators should provide a brief description of the general procedures they used in the selection of the candidate. Nominees must be willing to attend Convocation to accept the award if selected.

The nominator should solicit evidence of outstanding teaching through:

- letters from former faculty
 - letters from former students who have gone on to successful careers
 - letters of support from his/her division or teaching hospital
- (Note: letters from current students are discouraged)

Any faculty member who wishes to submit the same information on a candidate the subsequent year is welcome to do so, although in order to avoid a patchwork effect, it is suggested that a new updated dossier be submitted. Being a repeat nominee over many years does not make the nominee an inevitable winner.

The following criteria will contribute to the evaluation:

- excellent student evaluations
- evidence of pedagogical innovation
- recognition of leadership in dental education