President's Award of Distinction

PURPOSE
To recognize Kent State University staff who have demonstrated outstanding achievements, service, leadership and dedication to Kent State in advancing the university’s strategic priorities and core values during the previous academic year.

ELIGIBILITY
Full-time classified and unclassified employees at all campuses who have been employed by the university for a minimum of three years and who are in good standing with the university. Previous recipients of the President’s Excellence Award are ineligible for nomination. Faculty are not eligible for this award. View a list of past recipients www.kent.edu/president/distinction.

CRITERIA
A nominee must demonstrate exceptional performance in living our university’s core values and/or advancing one of the priorities of the Strategic Roadmap to a Distinctive Kent State. Performance can be but is not limited to actions, initiatives, achievements, service, leadership or projects. A nominator may only submit one nomination per individual.

CORE VALUES:
- A distinctive blend of teaching, research and creative excellence
- Active inquiry and discovery that expands knowledge and human understanding
- Life-changing educational experiences for students with wide-ranging talents and aspirations
- A living-learning environment that creates a genuine sense of place
- Engagement that inspires positive change
- Diversity of culture, beliefs, identity and thought
- Freedom of expression and the free exchange of ideas
- A collaborative community
- Respect, kindness and purpose in all we do

PRIORITIES:
- Student First – Provide an inclusive and engaged living-learning environment where all students thrive and graduate as informed citizens committed to a life of impact
- A Distinctive Kent State – Drive innovation, idea generation and national distinction through top-tier academic and research programs including the recruitment and support of talented faculty and staff
- Global Competitiveness – Advance Kent State’s impact and reach as a leading international university
- Regional Impact – Serve as the innovative engine and engaged partner to meet community needs and enhance quality of life in the region and state
- Organizational Stewardship – Ensure a culture of continuous improvement and the efficient stewardship of university resources and infrastructure

Nomination Period
Aug. 3 - Sept. 20
$1500 Award for all recipients.
Nominate at:
www.kent.edu/president/distinction
or send form to:
Heer Hall Attention: President’s Award of Distinction
President’s Award of Distinction
Nomination Form
This is a fillable form and can be saved. Once completed you must print it out or email to the address below.

NOMINEE INFORMATION
First Name: ___________________________ Last Name: ___________________________ Email: _________@kent.edu
Title: ________________________________________________________________ Campus Phone: _________
Department: ___________________________ Division/College: ___________________________ Campus: ___________

NOMINATOR INFORMATION
First Name: ___________________________ Last Name: ___________________________ Email: _________@kent.edu
Title: ________________________________________________________________ Campus Phone: _________
Department: ___________________________ Division/College: ___________________________ Campus: ___________

Nomination Criteria
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Please explain why you are nominating this person in 500 words or less. The nomination should demonstrate why the person is being nominated for the selected criteria and should pertain to projects or initiatives that took place during the academic year 2020/2021. Use additional sheets or a separate sheet if necessary. Additional supporting materials will be accepted but are not required; supporting information should be sent no later than Monday, Sept. 20 to distinction@kent.edu.