

MEMORANDUM

To: School of Education Policy Council

From: Sarah Baumgart
Chair, Distinguished Alumni Award Committee

Subj: 2002-03 Distinguished Alumni Award Committee

The Distinguished Alumni Award Committee met twice during the 2002-03 academic year. Members include: Leo Fay, Samuel Guskin, Edward Halpern, Martha Lash, Theresa Ochoa, Susan Whiston, and Barbara Wilcox.

At its first meeting, the Distinguished Alumni Award Committee was charged with selecting a nominee for the IU Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumni Service Award from the pool of past School of Education award recipients. Nancy Rosser's name was put forward. We have since been notified that Nancy did not receive the award this year.

On March 3, the committee met to recommend 2003 School of Education Distinguished Alumni Award recipients. Selected were Cynthia Cleveland, BS '74, MS '76, CEO Broadthink; Thomas Oakland, PhD '67, Professor University of Florida; and Toby Strout, MS '74, PhD '91, Director of Middle Way House Inc.

The 2003 recipients will be recognized on Friday, September 12.

An ongoing discussion concerning the eligibility of Indiana University faculty who are alumni to receive the award has spanned more than five years and several committees. This year's committee is recommending that henceforth IU faculty not be eligible for the School's Distinguished Alumni Award. While previous committees stopped short of establishing such a policy they did consistently choose not to honor faculty with the award. The rationale for this decision is that faculty have opportunities to be recognized for their professional accomplishments by Indiana University. The intent of the Distinguished Alumni Award is to provide an avenue for honoring (non-employee) alumni who have far fewer opportunities to receive recognition from their alma mater.

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