**Grand Valley State University Graduate Faculty & Staff Award for Mentorship**

The Graduate Student Association is proud to announce the Grand Valley State University Graduate Faculty & Staff Award for Mentorship for Fall 2016. All graduate and professional students within 2 semesters of earning a graduate degree are invited to give their support to faculty or staff members that they feel deserve special recognition for exemplary behavior. Students and faculty are invited to attend the Graduate Student Celebration and Awards Ceremony on **December 9, 2016** at the Loosemore Auditorium. The award for mentorship will be presented at this time.

**Definition of a Mentor**: A faculty or staff member who exemplifies a deep commitment to fostering the professional and personal development of graduate students. They have invested in the potential of students and went beyond the general advising role.

**Faculty & Staff Eligibility**: Currently employed regular or adjunct graduate faculty or staff at Grand Valley State University, within the following academic programs:

* Accounting
* Biology
* Biomedical Science
* Biostatistics
* Business
* Cellular and Molecular Biology
* Communications
* Computer and Information Systems
* Criminal Justice
* Education
* Engineering
* English
* Health Administration
* Medicine and Bioinformatics
* Nursing
* Occupational Therapy
* Philanthropy & Nonprofit Leadership
* Physical Therapy
* Physician Assistant Studies
* Public Administration
* Public Health
* School Psychology
* Social Work
* Speech Language Pathology
* Taxation

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**Nomination Form**

* Please submit a letter of nomination of **up to 250 words**, describing how the faculty or staff member exemplifies the definition of a mentor. Give specific examples of how the nominee has influenced your academic experience.
* Please complete this form and submit electronically, along with your nomination letter, to gradschool@gvsu.edu by **Friday, November 18, 2016.**

**Faculty & Staff Mentorship Nominee Contact Information:**

Faculty/Staff Mentor Name:       Dept.:

Office Address:      Office Ph.:      E-mail:

**Graduate Student Nominator-/Mentee Contact Information:**

Student Name:       Degree Program:

Years in Program:      Part-time or Full Time Student?

Phone:       E-mail:       Alt. Phone or E-mail:

**Selection Committee Criteria**:

* Only one faculty/staff member per graduate program will be selected.
* Multiple nominations for an individual faculty/staff member will not be considered as criteria for receiving an award.
* Contributes to graduate student development by encouraging the development of individual talent through advising graduate level research and promoting professional development opportunities beyond the classroom.
* Assists in promoting successful transition from graduate studies to faculty positions or other employment.
* Sponsors students and their work in and beyond the campus community, including supporting student attendance and participation at conferences.
* Acted as an advocate and leader in administrative and professional matters, such as publishing, grant writing, presentation of research findings, post-doctoral options and job placement.
* Demonstrates respect and a sincere and active interest in the well being of students.