GIFT Fellowship Award for Teaching Excellence

What is it? The mission of the Great Ideas for Teaching (G.I.F.T.) Center is to motivate, sustain, and facilitate innovative teaching and learning practices and to build a culture that values, supports, and rewards teaching excellence. In pursuit of these goals, each year the GIFT Center seeks to honor extraordinary instructors that have demonstrated excellence in the classroom with the GIFT Fellowship Award.

Nominations are solicited from the entire Yavapai college community, and recipients are selected based on a wide range of criteria, including but not limited to:

- the ability to inspire students to perform beyond normal expectations
- a responsiveness to student needs, both within and beyond the classroom
- the fostering of critical inquiry
- demonstration of creative and innovative teaching methods
- the capacity to encourage and inspire intellectual excitement
- a remarkable pursuit of student success
- contributions to the academic environment of YC
- an extraordinary expression of expertise, sensitivity, enthusiasm, or dedication as an instructor

Who is Eligible? All current full-time and part-time YC faculty members are eligible for this award. Any instructional delivery method may be considered (face-to-face, online, field study, etc.). Faculty previously nominated who have not been selected as Fellows may be re-nominated.

Who Can Nominate? Candidates may be nominated by students, faculty members, staff, division deans, alumni, and members of the District Governing Board. Self-nomination is permitted.

When is the Deadline to Submit a Nomination? Nominations should be submitted via the GIFT website or email to Jason Whitesitt by March 7, 2014.

What is the Selection Process? Nominations will be reviewed by the GIFT Committee and past recipients of the award (known as GIFT Fellows). Further information may be solicited from the candidates in order to distinguish a recipient.

How is the Winner Recognized? The recipient will be invited to address the college as a keynote speaker at the Summer Institute where this individual will be recognized and awarded a plaque for his/her teaching excellence. In addition, he/she will be introduced to the District Governing Board as the newest GIFT Fellow.

See Nomination Form. Please submit a separate form for each nominee.

Submit Nomination Forms to Jason Whitesitt – jason.whitesitt@yc.edu.

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