



2014-2015 RGV LEAD Counseling Excellence Award

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Counselors are often some of the hardest-working members of any team of educators. Besides helping students through personal crises and ever-changing schedules while shuffling piles of paperwork, they often become part-time teachers, part-time administrators, and part-time professional development specialists. It seems that we are happy to let them do all of this as long as they still pull lunch duty whenever asked.

RGV LEAD is pleased to continue the tradition of honoring outstanding counselors as tokens of appreciation for exemplary counselors from the Valley in one or more of these four categories: Elementary, Middle School, High School, and Postsecondary. We are appealing to educators and other interested individuals across the Valley to nominate counselors with whom they are acquainted for the RGV LEAD Award of Counseling Excellence. Consider any or all of the following criteria as you choose a nominee.

- A best practice in career awareness, career exploration, college-and-career preparation and/or transition counseling to support students' success at the level appropriate for the award.
- An outstanding individual act of service during the past year.
- An outstanding cumulative record of service to a specific school or district.
- A counselor who has made a major contribution in helping bridge the gap between groups. (*Ex. between career counselors and academic counselors, teachers and counselors, administrators and counselors, students and parents, etc.*)

If you have someone whom you feel should be recognized for another reason, please write that in and we will consider it. We will accept nominations for any counselor serving in public or private institutions. **Nominations must be hand-delivered or postmarked no later than Friday, October 10, 2014.**

All nominations will be sent to an independent group for consideration. This group will choose the winners. We will announce the winners of the 2014-15 RGV LEAD Counselor of the Year Award on November 3, 2014, during the 2014 RGV LEAD Regional Conference at the Isla Grand Beach Resort, South Padre Island, Texas. Please take a moment to consider to whom you might give a big token of appreciation, by nominating him or her for this honor.

(Optional, but encouraged)

If the nominee would like to pay tribute to someone who may have influenced his or her decision to become a counselor, please have your nominee tell you about that person and include that information with your recommendation. Please include the contact information for the individual who is being honored as an inspiration. If the nominee is chosen as the winner, we will try to contact that person who influenced them and have them present to see the award presented.

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INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Nominations may be submitted by Superintendents, Principals, Counselors, Career and Technology Directors, Teachers, Students, Family Members, or Community Partners.
2. To submit a nomination, complete the information below and provide a narrative explaining the reason you believe the Nominee deserves this award. **Your nomination must address part or all of the criteria in the Call for Nominations.**
3. Mailed nominations must be postmarked no later than Friday, October 10, 2014, and sent to RGV LEAD, TSTC Service Support Center, Ste. 123, 1902 North Loop 499, Harlingen, Texas 78550.
4. Hand-delivered nominations must be **received** in RGV LEAD's Harlingen office no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, October 10, 2014. Faxed nominations will not be accepted.
5. Call RGV LEAD at 956.364.4509 for additional information.

I, the undersigned, hereby nominate the individual named below for the 2014-2015 RGV LEAD Counseling Excellence Award:

Name of Nominee: _____
Job Title: _____
Place of Employment: _____
Nominee's Mailing Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
E-mail _____ Phone: _____

I nominate this individual for the following award:

RGV LEAD Counseling Excellence Award:

- Elementary School Level
 Middle School Level
 High School Level
 Postsecondary School Level

Submitted by the undersigned:

Name of Nominator: _____
Job Title: _____
Place of Employment: _____
Nominator's Mailing Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Email: _____ Phone: _____



STAFF USE ONLY:

Date and Time Received: _____
Received by: _____
Application No. _____

