



2014-2015 RGV LEAD Teaching Excellence Award

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

While being among the hardest working, teachers are often the most under-recognized group in the field of education. Besides teaching daily lessons, teachers wear many hats: as counselors, nurses, moms and dads, monitors for hall duty, bus duty and extra-curricular activities. Even though the tasks seem daunting and exhausting at times, teachers continue to have smiles on their faces and strive to make sure that every child's needs are met.

RGV LEAD wishes to recognize teaching excellence by announcing its annual teaching awards. These awards have been designed by RGV LEAD as tokens of appreciation for exemplary teachers from the Valley in any of these four possible categories: Elementary, Middle School, High School, and Postsecondary. We are appealing to educators, students, and others across the Valley to nominate teachers with whom they are acquainted for the RGV LEAD Teacher of the Year Award. Consider the following criteria as you choose a nominee.

- An outstanding performance in teaching real-life applications.
- An outstanding act of sincere compassion for student achievement.
- A teacher who works collaboratively with administrators, fellow teachers, and other staff members.
- A teacher who promotes RGV LEAD and college-and-career-focused programs of study and the school within the community

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 teacher 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 Teacher 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 teacher, 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 Teacher of the Year 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 Teacher of the Year:

- 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: _____
E-mail: _____ Phone: _____



STAFF USE ONLY:

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

