**OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTOR TO GRADUATE EDUCATION AWARD 2019**

The Graduate Student Senate (GSS) is pleased to announce the twentieth year of the Outstanding Contributor to Graduate Education (OCGE) Award. **This award is presented annually to a graduate faculty member or staff member who has demonstrated a superlative level of commitment to graduate education at Bowling Green State University**. If you are a graduate student at BGSU and feel that you have had the opportunity to work with a person who possesses these qualities, this is your chance to show your appreciation!

While difficult to formalize, a superlative level of commitment to graduate education includes, but is not limited to: a demonstrated commitment to the welfare and professional development of graduate students; leadership by example, rather than rule; and a genuine concern for the student by creating a relationship out of trust, guidance, and friendship. While your professor/staff member should provide a positive atmosphere conducive to degree attainment and professional development, he or she should also create an atmosphere of critical intellectual challenge and growth.

Nominations for the Outstanding Contributor to Graduate Education Awards will be accepted until **11:59 p.m., Tuesday, March 4, 2019** via the **online nomination form that can be found on the GSS Canvas page under “Modules”**. On the subject line give the name of the award and the name of the person you nominating. If a group of graduate students wish to nominate an individual, each of the nominators must still fill out a nomination form and write an essay that details the qualities possessed by the professor/staff member, the individual nominator’s relationship with the professor/staff member, and why you think the professor/staff member deserves the OCGE Award. Please submit the nomination form by the deadline along with your essay detailing the qualities of the nominee and the relationship you share with that person.

A professor/staff member may not receive the OCGE Award more than one time in 5 years, check with the [GSS webpage](http://www.bgsu.edu/student-government/graduate-student-senate/shanklin-gss-awards.html) below the award description to see if your nominee has been a recent recipient.

The nominee will be asked to submit a resume/curriculum vitae to the Honors and Awards Committee, and the Honors and Awards Committee reserves the option to conduct an interview with the nominees at the last stage of the selection process.

The award will be presented during the **Charles E. Shanklin Award for Research Excellence Ceremony** on **April 18, 2019**. For more information, please

call the GSS office at (419) 372-2427 or email gss-shanklin@bgsu.edu.

The following questions will be on the nomination form:

1. Your name (here after referred to as the nominator)

2. Nominator’s Department

3. Name of Nominee

4. Nominee’s Department/Office

5. Length of Association

If nominating a **faculty member**, please answer the following questions:

1) List below the formal courses you have taken from the nominee.

2) List independent studies, thesis, and/or dissertation hours you have/have had supervised by the nominee.

3) List examples where you and the nominee collaborated professionally (e.g., joint authorship of published articles, presented together at a conference, team taught a class, guest lectured a class for each other or other assistance in professional development, etc.).

4) Write a short essay (under 500 words) that details the qualities possessed by the instructor (referring to the instructor **only** by “Dr. X” this essay will be reviewed independently of the information you have supplied), the individual nominator’s relationship with the instructor, and why you think the instructor deserves the OCGE Award. The nomination letter will be uploaded to the nomination form.

If nominating a **staff member**, please answer the following questions:

1) List below the committees, meetings, or other formal interactions you have had with the nominee.

2) List the offices/departments that you have/have had supervised by or worked with the nominee.

3) List examples where you and the nominee collaborated professionally (e.g., worked on a committee together, worked in an office together, presented together at a conference or meeting, other assistance in professional development, etc.):

4) Write a short essay (under 500 words) that details the qualities possessed by the graduate staff member (referring to the graduate staff member only by “Mr/Mrs/Ms/Dr. X” this essay will be reviewed independently of the information you have supplied), the individual nominator’s relationship with the graduate staff member, and why you think the graduate staff member deserves the OCGE Award. The nomination letter will be uploaded to the nomination form.