About the Kosove Distinguished Graduate Teaching & Service Award

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Criteria: The following elements are assessed in nominations for the Kosove Distinguished Graduate Teaching & Service Award: evidence of teaching, service, and leadership activities that effect positive change in the community as stated in the “Kosove Society Goals.” Specifically, the Kosove Society aims “to promote individual and collective social responsibility, societal change for the betterment of humanity, participation in academic disclosure; the principles of diversity and cohesiveness in the community; and the development of leadership skills.” While service of all kinds is valued, the award places special emphasis on service carried out in the nominee’s professional capacity that clearly addresses the goals of the Kosove Society.

The Kosove Distinguished Graduate Teaching and Service Award carries a cash award of $7,500.
Procedures for Kosove Distinguished Graduate Teaching & Service Award

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2. Documented nominations are to be submitted to the chairperson of the department with which the candidate is affiliated, and a notice of the nomination is to be forwarded by the nominator to the Chair of the Honors and Awards Council. A notification form to be used for this purpose is attached to these guidelines. The department chairperson will forward the nomination to the college dean with any comments he or she chooses to make. Each dean will forward all nominations for consideration to the Chairperson of the Honors and Awards Council with such comments as he or she chooses to make by the deadline date.

3. Nominations must be accompanied by comprehensive curriculum vitae, including evidence to support graduate teaching and service. Teaching evidence may include: student and peer evaluations, number of Masters and Ph.D. students advised over last 5 years as well as evidence of service on Master and Ph.D. committees personally prepared teaching aids, course syllabi, statements of teaching philosophy, descriptions of teaching techniques, histories of the accomplishments of former students, and other material that will assist the committee in evaluating the contributions of the nominee to the originality, creativity, technical proficiency, enhancement of teaching, training, and learning of students at the University. Evidence of service may include: service to USF, appropriate professional societies, local, state, regional, national and international organizations and communities. These materials will assist the committee in evaluating the contributions of the nominee to service and leadership activities that effect positive change in the community as stated in the “Kosove Society Goals.” Specifically, the Kosove Society aims “to promote individual and collective social responsibility, societal change for the betterment of humanity, participation in academic disclosure; the principles of diversity and cohesiveness in the community; and the development of leadership skills.” While service of all kinds is valued, the award places special emphasis on service carried out in the nominee’s professional capacity that clearly addresses the goals of the Kosove Society.

4. Although performance during the entire career of the nominee is considered, recent work at USF, within the last 5 years, will be dominant in the evaluation. Each individual will be considered upon his/her individual merits as documented by the nomination and supporting information provided.

5. Candidates may be re-nominated in subsequent years. Repeated awards for the Kosove Distinguished Graduate Teaching and Service Award will be given only under highly unusual circumstances. The submission of a nomination for the Kosove Distinguished Graduate Teaching and Service Award would preclude the nomination of the same person for the Jerome Krivanek Distinguished Teacher Award and/or the Distinguished Service Award within the same academic year.

6. Decisions by the council will be transmitted as recommendations to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, the Faculty Senate, and the Provost for their action.

7. No award will be considered final and official until it is formally announced by the Provost of the University.

8. Professorship awardees will be asked to attend two Kosove functions after receiving their award: the Kosove annual retreat and the Kosove Induction Ceremony (early Fall semester). The awardee will be invited to lead an educational activity/discussion relevant to their academic interests and the Kosove Society Goals.