Outstanding First-Year Advocate Award

This award honors the faculty member, advisor, or student who makes a significant contribution to the first-year experience. The award is given at the Annual National Conference on the First-Year Experience in February, and is sponsored by the National Resource Center for the First-Year Experience at the University of South Carolina. More information about this may be found at [http://sc.edu/fye/awards/advocates/process.html](http://sc.edu/fye/awards/advocates/process.html)

Nominations may be made by anyone connected to the First-Year Experience, but a greater emphasis is placed on the recommendation of the Co-Directors of the Core Curriculum Committee and the First-Year Program Coordinator.

**Who can be nominated?**
Anyone – faculty, advisor, or student, who serves as an advocate for first-year students at a regionally accredited college or university.

**Who can nominate an educator for this award?**
Faculty Members

**What is the timeline for the nomination and selection process?**
**Nominations are due October 18, 2013.** All nominees will be notified of the selection committee's decisions by December 6, 2013. Award recipients will be formally recognized at the Annual Conference on The First-Year Experience in February.

**How is an educator nominated?**
Nominators must complete an online nomination including an accompanying one-page letter of nomination, and submit a supporting narrative and copy of the nominee’s resume or vitae. Supporting narratives may not exceed five pages and must describe the nominee’s advocacy efforts on behalf of first-year students, and provide evidence of the impact of his/her efforts on first-year students and the culture of the institution. Nominators may also include up to two supporting letters of nomination. Submit your nomination at [http://www.cengage.com/collegesuccess/fye](http://www.cengage.com/collegesuccess/fye)

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