UBSSW Distinguished PhD in Social Welfare Alumni Award

About the Award

The Distinguished Alumni Award honors outstanding University at Buffalo School of Social Work alumni who have made noteworthy contributions to social work practice and/or research and who, by their positive attitude and drive to make a difference, have added distinction to the social work profession. This award commenced in 1977.

Award recipients are honored during the UBSSW Alumni Event in the spring. All nominees will receive a letter of recognition notifying them of the nomination.

Nominations must be received before November 30th

Eligibility Requirements:

Recipients of the Distinguished Alumni Award are not required to be paid members of the UBSSW Alumni Association but MUST be a UBSSW Social Welfare Doctoral Program Alumnus. Nominators are not required to be UBSSW Alumnus nor paid members of the UBSSW Alumni Association.

Selection Criteria:

❖ At least five years of professional experience as a social worker
❖ Engages in significant research for advancing the knowledge base of social work
❖ Demonstrates consistent, outstanding service to clients, the UBSSW, the community and/or the profession
❖ Creates impactful and lasting contributions to the profession
❖ Actively involved in outreach and advocacy related to social work and promoting social welfare
❖ Participates in innovative research strategies for solving complex social problems

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Return completed application and supporting documentation to:

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Nomination Form
UBSSW Distinguished Doctor of Social Work Alumni Award

I wish to nominate the following individual for the Distinguished Alumni Award:

Nominee Name: ___________________________ UBSSW Class Year: __________
Nominee Address: _________________________________________________________
E-mail: ________________________________ Phone: _____________________________

Present Agency/Institution: ____________________________________________________
Position/Title: _______________________ Number of Years in field of SW: __________

Nominator Name _____________________________________________________________
Nominator Address ___________________________________________________________
Email: ________________________________ Phone: _____________________________

Relationship to Nominee: ____________________________
Are you a UBSSW Alumnus? __________ UBSSW Class Year: __________

Application Requirements:

- Completed Nomination Form

Please attach a typed, double-spaced support statement of about 300-350 words. Summarize the Nominee’s accomplishments by using the criteria listed below:

- Describe specifics of Nominee’s outstanding achievements with individuals, families, the community, the profession, and/or the UBSSW.
- Describe specifics where Nominee has impacted and made lasting contributions to the field.
- Describe Nominee’s specific involvement in advancement of social welfare.
- How has the Nominee’s consistent outstanding service and/or research improved service been evidenced in clinical services, clinical standards, research/teaching, policy or public/community programs?
- Why do you think the Nominee should be honored with this award?
Nominator may submit information on professional awards or other areas of recognition that Nominee has received. If available, up-to-date resumes or curriculum vitae will be accepted. While additional information is helpful, the narrative support statement(s) are required.