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 MSW 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
- Demonstrates consistent, outstanding service to clients, the UBSSW, the community and/or the profession
- Created impactful and lasting contributions to the profession
- Actively involved in outreach and advocacy related to social work

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Return completed application and supporting documentation to:

Denise Krause, Clinical Professor
UBSSW
685 Baldy Hall
Buffalo, NY 14260-1050
Nomination Form
UBSSW Distinguished 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: ____________________________________________________________

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 outreach and advocacy.
 How has the Nominee’s consistent outstanding service and/or research improved service delivery to individuals, families, groups, communities or specific agencies? How has this 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 support statements submitted are essential.