

The Ira G. Zepp Distinguished Teaching Award

The Ira G. Zepp Distinguished Teaching Award will be given annually to a member of the faculty who has distinguished himself or herself as an outstanding teacher at McDaniel College. Funds for the award are generated from the restricted endowment fund established for this purpose and administered according to the College's endowment withdrawal policy.

A. Eligibility

1. Nominees must be members of the faculty who hold the voting franchise (*Faculty Handbook 2.1*) and show evidence of a sustained record of distinguished teaching at McDaniel College at the undergraduate or graduate level for no less than five years.
2. Winners of the award will be ineligible for the award for a period of five years.

B. Criteria

1. Ability to communicate ideas, knowledge, and enthusiasm for learning to students in and out of the classroom.
2. Competence in the field and demonstrated professional involvement in the discipline.
3. Appreciation of and commitment to the liberal arts as related to the individual's own Discipline.
4. Emphasis on the relationship between theory and practice.

C. Procedure

1. Faculty are invited annually to submit letters of nomination on behalf of their colleagues; self-nominations are also appropriate. An additional nominee will be identified on the basis of a student ballot distributed to all juniors and seniors.
2. All faculty nominated in one year will automatically be reconsidered in the following year and need not be re-nominated. Faculty nominations and student ballots will be gathered independently of the Selection Committee.
3. Nominators should provide in a sealed envelope a detailed letter of nomination. If nominators elect to provide additional supporting materials (e.g., a c.v., letters from faculty colleagues and students), these optional materials should be submitted in the nomination packet together with the letter of nomination. Materials submitted independent of or subsequent to the letter of nomination will not be considered.
4. The Committee will base its selection on the stated criteria, submitted materials, and knowledge of faculty members' record of teaching.

D. Selection Committee

1. The committee will be appointed by the Provost and will consist of:
 - a. the Provost
 - b. a representative of the Faculty Affairs Committee
 - c. three former recipients of distinguished teaching awards appointed on a rotating Basis
2. All deliberations will be kept strictly confidential.