UNK Ron and Carol Cope Cornerstone of Excellence Award
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1. Definition

The Ron and Carol Cope Cornerstone of Excellence Award is an award to individuals whose service to the University of Nebraska at Kearney has provided exceptional benefits in furtherance of the goals and mission of the institution. This is an award given annually at the University of Nebraska at Kearney, ordinarily at commencements.

2. Nominations

Nominations shall be submitted to the Chancellor of the University of Nebraska at Kearney whose recommendations shall be forwarded to the President of the University of Nebraska by December 10. The nominations shall be for all commencement exercises for the following calendar year. The President's recommendations shall be submitted to the Board of Regents for endorsement at its annual meeting.

3. Guidelines

The following guidelines are suggested in selecting Ron and Carol Cope Cornerstone of Excellence award recipients:

a. Nominees should be individuals who have provided significant service, support, or promotion of the University of Nebraska at Kearney and the greater Kearney area, or is an alumnus of the University of Nebraska at Kearney who has provided service to the State of Nebraska, or to the objectives of higher education.

b. The Ron and Carol Cope Cornerstone of Excellence Award shall not be awarded to any incumbent of or candidate for any elective state constitutional office, including state senator, or to any incumbent of or candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives or U.S. Senate from the State of Nebraska.

c. Current employees of the University are not eligible for the award, but past employees or retirees are eligible.

d. No more than two Cope Cornerstone of Excellence Awards will be awarded per year.

4. Nominating Procedure

a. Nominations should be presented in written form addressing:
    1. A brief biography;
    2. A description of achievements of nominee; and
    3. Name of nominator.

b. All recipients of the Ron and Carol Cope Cornerstone of Excellence Award will be endorsed by the Board of Regents at its January meeting.

Reference BRUN, Minutes, 68, pp. 4-5 (January 23, 2009).
BRUN, Minutes, 75, pp. 131-132 (June 28, 2019).