

SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR 2009 OSTCA AWARDS

We are currently seeking nominations and letters of support for the following awards: (1) Josh Lee Service Award, (2) Ruth Arrington Outstanding College Theatre Educator Award, (3) H.B. Mitchell Outstanding High School Forensics Coach, (4) Fred Tewell Outstanding College Communication Teacher, (5) Outstanding Young High School Teacher, (6) Outstanding Young College Teacher, and (7) D.J. Nabors Forensics Coach.

Please send nominations no later than April 30th , 2009 to Kristopher Copeland at Northeastern State University, at the following E-mail address: copela03@nsuok.edu Nominees will send in their application packet no later than May 30th, 2009 to Kristopher Copeland at the following e-mail address: copela03@nsuok.edu . The award descriptions are as follows.

NOMINATION FORM FOR OSTCA AWARDS

(Individuals may submit multiple nominations; Please use email)

OUTSTANDING YOUNG HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER AWARD: Created in 1987. This award is limited to no more than seven years of teaching.

H.B. MITCHELL OUTSTANDING HIGH SCHOOL FORENSICS COACH AWARD: Created in 1987. Mitchell was a member of the Debate Coach Hall of Fame. Mr. Mitchell Coached 13 consecutive state high school championship debate teams at Seminole High School. He is the former superintendent of Seminole Public Schools and president of Seminole Jr. College.

RUTH ARRINGTON OUTSTANDING COLLEGE THEATRE AWARD: Established in 1987 in honor of Ruth Arrington, long-time theatre professor at Northeastern State University; Arrington also created the Native American Studies program at NSU.

OUTSTANDING YOUNG COLLEGE TEACHER AWARD: Created in 1987. This award is limited to no more than seven years of teaching.

D. J. NABORS OUTSTANDING COLLEGE FORENSICS COACH AWARD: Established in 1989. Nabors was an Honorary Permanent Member of OSTCA. D. J. conducted college level speech tournament for decades at East Central. As a participant in the Oklahoma State Teachers Conventions in 1928, 1929, and 1930, he was a founder of what became the Oklahoma Speech Association. Serving as Pi Kappa Delta national secretary-treasurer for 10 years, Dr. Nabors was also the first Communication Department Chair at East Central and attended every speech association meeting until his retirement in 1972.

FRED TEWELL OUTSTANDING COLLEGE COMMUNICATION EDUCATOR AWARD: Established in 1987; named after Fred Tewell in 1993. Tewell was a long-time professor of communication at Oklahoma State University, where he taught and coached

debate for 25 years. Tewell was an active member of OSTCA for many years.

JOSH LEE SERVICE AWARD: Created in 1965 and changed in 1987 to Outstanding Service Award; again changed in 1988 to the Josh Lee Service Award. This award is named for the Oklahoma teacher/statesman, college debate champion, professor of speech at the University of Oklahoma, U. S. Representative and U. S. Senator. Lee was head of the Speech Department at OU for several years. His book, *Public Speaking Manual*, served as the text for many speech/theatre teachers in the state for many years. This Award is given for career contributions to speech, theatre, communication in Oklahoma.

YOUR NAME & POSITION:

YOUR PHONE #: _____ YOUR EMAIL: _____

NOMINEE'S NAME & POSITION:

WAY OF CONTACTING NOMINEE:

I AM NOMINATING THIS PERSON FOR _____ AWARD
(See above descriptions)

Is the nominee aware of your submission? _____ YES _____ NO

Provide a brief (1 paragraph) rationale for your nomination below.

Please send nomination information no later than April 30 , 2009 to Kristopher Copeland at Northeastern State University, at the following E-mail address:
copela03@nsuok.edu

NOMINEE'S NAME & POSITION:

NOMINEE CONTACT: _____

NOMINATED FOR _____ AWARD
(Attach description of award here)

In order to be considered for this nomination, the nominee will need to send a curriculum vitae, a one page reference and a brief essay which states a short rationale for why they should receive the award and can included biographical information.

RETURN FORM(S) VIA EMAIL TO:

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