

## **ALUMNI AWARDS**

- **DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD**

Created in 1967, the Distinguished Alumni Award is the highest honor the University bestows upon a graduate. This award has been presented to the most prestigious graduates of Rio Grande for their professional achievements, contributions to society, and support of the University.

- **DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD** (*formally URG Alumni Award*)

This award, established in 1967, is given for meritorious service to the University or to the Alumni Association. Achievements of individuals working on behalf of the University through service in alumni programs, advisory committees, or through efforts made to ensure the welfare of the institution.

- **ATWOOD ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

Established in 1970, this award is presented to alumni for personal achievement reflecting credit upon the University, including professional or civic accomplishments, and who have an interest in promoting the ideals and objectives of the institution.

- **THE RISING STAR AWARD**

Created in 2019, the Rising Star Award recognizes professional achievement or creative leadership in any field by alumni aged 40 or younger. The award honors those recent graduates whose achievements in their vocational fields have brought distinction to themselves, credit to the University, and real benefit to their communities.

An official nomination form may be obtained by contacting the Director of Alumni Relations in the Institutional Advancement Office (Berry Center). The deadline for nominations within a given year is February 1<sup>st</sup> of that year. Nomination forms are kept for review from year to year. Nominations are reviewed, and recipients selected, by the Awards & Recognition Committee of the University of Rio Grande Alumni Association.

A strong nomination includes letters of support. Two are recommended, ideally from peers or individuals who can speak to the nominee's impact on his or her profession.

## ALUMNI AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

Please put a check mark beside the award(s) for which this nominee should be considered. The deadline for submission of this form is February 1. Nomination forms not acted upon in a given year are held over from year to year. Please provide as much information as you can about the nominee. Newspaper clippings, letters of reference, or any materials which support your nomination, are welcome. Two letters of support of recommended.

**Distinguished Alumni Award** – *Significant professional achievement, contributions to society, and support of the University*

**Distinguished Service Award** – *meritorious service to the University or Alumni Association*

**Atwood Achievement Award** – *professional and/or civic accomplishments*

**Rising Star Award** – *professional achievement or creative leadership, aged 40 or younger*

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Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (H): \_\_\_\_\_ (W): \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Job Title & Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate Degree(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Civic/Community Involvement: \_\_\_\_\_

Specific Accomplishments and/or Additional Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (H): \_\_\_\_\_ (W): \_\_\_\_\_

**An awards ceremony will be held in conjunction with Founders Day each year.**

**Return to:**

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**Questions?**

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