Community Engaged Scholarship and Practice Award 2011

The University of Arizona Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health announces its annual Award for Outstanding Contributions in the Area of Community Engaged Scholarship and Practice for Faculty or Appointed Professionals (AP) whose primary appointment is in the College. Nominations may come from faculty, appointed professionals, staff or students. Previous recipients have included: Agnes Attakai, Maia Ingram, Cecilia Rosales, Lisa Staten, Alison Hughes, Jennie Mullins, Joel Meister, Robin Harris, Sylvia Brown and Nicky Teufel-Shone.

Community engaged scholarship and practice is defined as an activity or project that involves the Faculty/AP “in a mutually beneficial partnership with the community”. It includes service-based projects or service as a component of research, teaching, and dissemination and translational activities such as Community Based Participatory Research, or Service Learning.

Given the often, long term nature of community engaged scholarship and practice, accomplishments that occurred between January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2011 will be considered for the 2011 Award.

Nomination Process
Faculty, appointed professionals, staff or students may submit nominations of a Faculty or Appointed Professional to Mrs. Monica G. Muñoz, (mgmunoz@email.arizona.edu, 3rd floor Drachman Hall) by March 1, 2012 with the following:

- Name and Contact Details of Nominee
- A brief narrative (no more than 1 page) explaining why you believe this person meets the selection criteria.
- Name and contact details for two supporters, preferably one internal and external to MEZCOPH, who are familiar with the project and the nominee’s accomplishments.

Selection Process
All nominations completed and received by the deadline will be reviewed by the award committee. The committee is seeking evidence of outstanding contributions in all areas of community engaged scholarship and practice.

Award recipient will be announced at Convocation on May, 2012
**Criteria for Selection**
Nomination letters should include examples of outstanding accomplishment from at least one of the following four areas:

**Area 1: Significant accomplishments in community engaged practice which results in beneficial impact upon communities/organizations.**
Examples of accomplishments could include, but are not limited to, demonstrated:
- Service-based learning
- Improvement in a health policy, program, or organization
- Improvement in methods of disease or injury prevention, control, or surveillance
- Contributions to reduction of health disparities
- Reduction of worker or community exposures to health risks
- Increase in the exposure to protective factors or assets in the community
- Increase in number of community partners assuming leadership positions in public health activities
- Improvement in access to care

**Area 2: Strong record of community-based dissemination and translational activities**
Examples of such activities could include but are not limited to:
- Publishing community service accomplishments and/or research results in periodicals, journals, or newspapers read by the general public
- Presenting community engaged practice/service and/or research results with the general population, local policy makers and community leaders
- Development of video, computer, or other distance programs that reaches a substantial number of persons
- Provision of expert testimony or writing policy documents based on new knowledge, environmental changes or in response to requests by agency officials, policy makers or legislators
- Translation of research findings into community based intervention
- Replication or adaptation of intervention models to new communities/target populations
- Providing expert consultation to community organizations related to public health issues

**Area 3: Strong record of community-based scholarship**
Examples of such community-based scholarship could include but are not limited to:
- Publishing in peer-reviewed journals or in high quality practitioner or professional journals or periodicals
- Improvement or refinement of practice methods—including tools utilized for assessment, planning, implementation and evaluation of programs
- Development of a model program or policy adopted by other communities

**Area 4: Evidence of leadership in the area of community engaged practice**
Examples of such leadership could include but are not limited to:
- Developing or maintaining ongoing partnerships with community agencies that significantly enhance the quality and/or quantity of public health activities
- Playing a key role in community-university partnerships
- Directing or facilitating an important public health, community based activity
- Receiving local, state, or national recognition for accomplishments in community service/practice