

**Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
Department of Social Work**

Outstanding Alumni of the Year Award

The Outstanding Alumni of the Year Award shall be awarded annually at the Scholarship Gala recognizing an outstanding graduate of the SIUE Department of Social Work. This award seeks to honor deserving alumni who have made a significant contribution to the Social Work profession and characterized the ideals of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Department of Social Work.

Nominees for the ***Outstanding Alumni of the Year Award*** must—

- be an upstanding moral person who represents integrity, excellence and dignity
- be a graduate of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, **Department of Social Work**
- be a licensed MSW with a minimum of five (5) years experience in social work
- demonstrate dedication to Social Work values and ethics
- demonstrate Social Work values in all aspects of her/his life
- demonstrate outstanding leadership
- have made a significant contribution to the Social Work profession through one or more of the following—
 1. Advocacy for the profession
 2. Advocacy/service to clients
 3. Social Work practice
 4. Service to the community/profession
 5. Research
 6. Program/area development
 7. Community organizing
 8. Political action
 9. Administration
- demonstrate community service outside of regular employment

*Nominations for the Outstanding Alumni of the Year Award will be accepted from April through December. Previous recipients are not eligible for consideration for this award. Names of nominees for the Outstanding Alumni of the Year Award may be submitted to the Scholarship Gala Committee by members of the community, professional community, SIUE Social Work faculty/staff and members of the Scholarship Gala Committee. The Scholarship Gala Committee selects and approves (by majority vote) the award recipient for the ***Outstanding Alumni of the Year Award***. The award recipient and nominator will receive notification of the selection prior to the annual Scholarship Gala.