

MEMORANDUM

TO: Washington State University community

FROM: Kirk H. Schulz, Ph.D., President

DATE: December 7, 2016

SUBJECT: Call for Nominations for the 2017 Regents' Distinguished Alumnus/a Award

I am pleased to announce the call for nominations for the 2017 Regents' Distinguished Alumnus/a Award. This award, first presented in 1962, is the highest honor bestowed upon a Washington State University alumnus or alumna. The Regents' Distinguished Alumnus/a Award honors alumni who have made a truly distinguished contribution to society, or who, through personal achievement, have brought distinction to Washington State University. The nomination process will be open through **February 1, 2017**.

The caliber of the following past award recipients may help guide you in identifying your nominee. Past recipients of this prestigious award include:

- Brigadier General John L. Poppe, Chief of the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps
- George R. Pettit, organic chemist linking marine organisms to anti-cancer compounds
- Phyllis Campbell, philanthropic leader and business innovator
- Sherman J. Alexie Jr., award-winning poet, author, screenwriter, and film director
- Edward R. Murrow, a top broadcasting news analyst and reporter
- Orville Vogel, wheat breeder who sparked the world's "Green Revolution"

The recipient will be selected based on a review of nominations and the recommendations of the Regents' Distinguished Alumnus/a Award Committee. The committee is unable to consider nominees currently holding public/political office or a posthumous nomination. After the conclusion of terms of office, we welcome nominees meeting the above criteria.

For more information, to download the nomination form, or to submit the form online, visit regents.wsu.edu/distinguished-alumni or you may use the attached nomination form. Please submit nominations to the attention of Christina Parrish, Alumni Engagement, PO Box 646150, Pullman, Washington 99164-6150, by **February 1**.

I encourage you to nominate a Washington State University alumna/alumnus for this prestigious award.

Attachment

Regents' Distinguished Alumnus/a Award



Nomination Form

The Regents' Distinguished Alumnus/a Award Committee is requesting nominations for the prestigious Regents' Distinguished Alumnus/a Award. First presented in 1962, this award is the highest honor bestowed upon a Washington State University alumna or alumnus. Those nominated must have made a truly distinguished contribution to society and/or brought distinction to Washington State University through personal achievement. Please visit regents.wsu.edu/distinguished-alumni for additional information on the award and a complete list of past recipients. Nominations will be accepted until **February 1**.

New nominations including those submitted during the last three years will be reviewed by the committee. All nominations are **strictly confidential, and nominees should not be notified of their nominations**. The committee is unable to consider nominees currently holding public/political office or a posthumous nomination. Following the submission deadline, the committee will review the materials and request additional information if necessary. The Regents' Distinguished Alumni Award recipient is determined by the University President and the Board of Regents.

The nomination process requires completion of the nomination form below or online at go.wsu.edu/rdaa-nomination, a letter of nomination, the nominee's vita or biosketch, and if available additional supporting information such as clippings, articles, and general comments.

NOMINEE _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

CURRENT TITLE/AFFILIATION _____

NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, AND EMAIL OF REFERENCES WHO CAN SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE NOMINEE

NOMINATOR _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

Materials should be mailed or delivered to: Christina Parrish, Alumni Engagement,
Washington State University, PO Box 646150, Pullman, WA 99164-6150, 509-335-6907, parrishc@wsu.edu