

Top Dog Alumni Awards Nomination Form

Distinguished Alumni Award

The Distinguished Alumni Award is the highest honor given to an alumnus/alumna of the university. The university president and the Fresno State Alumni Association present the award. The award is based on scholarship, leadership and service to the university, the San Joaquin Valley, the State of California and beyond. It has been established to provide special recognition to an individual who has distinguished them self through outstanding achievement during their post-collegiate career.

Administration of the Award

- Nominees shall have completed 30 units of coursework at Fresno State.
- Nominees will have made a significant contribution to Fresno State, the San Joaquin Valley and/or the State of California.
- Nominees must have received national or international recognition.
- The recipient or a family member must be able to attend the awards ceremony.
- The Top Dog Alumni Awards Selection Committee may nominate an existing nominee from the Outstanding Alumni Award from any school or division to be a part of the Distinguished Alumni Award pool for consideration for the Distinguished Alumni Award. Such nomination will take place during the course of business of the Award Selection Committee meeting.

***Please note that current Fresno State employees must be nominated for reasons outside of their actual job description.**

****All nominations will be reviewed for completion. Incomplete nominations will be sent back to the nominator for resubmission. Attachments may not be used in lieu of answering nomination questions.**

Once nominated, alumni who do not receive the Distinguished Alumni Award will be considered for an additional two years for the award. Once three years has expired, nominations must be updated and resubmitted. Additional material such as updated biographical information may be added to the nominee's file within the three year time span for future years' review.

The Alumni Award Selection Committee will meet and review all nominations. The Committee shall have the discretion to accept or reject any of the candidates in each area. The Executive Director of the Fresno State Alumni Association will notify the winners of the awards.

The alumnus/alumna who receives the Distinguished Alumni Award will be honored at an awards gala hosted by the Fresno State Alumni Association. The recipient will also be hosted in the President's skybox during a home football game, and will be invited by the president of the university to return to campus to share their expertise with students, faculty and administrators.

