Nominations
The Council on Student Affairs (CSA) Awards are open to all current CSA Members who meet the specified award criteria. Nominations are accepted by current CSA Members, APLU-member Presidents, APLU-member Provosts (or chief academic officers), or APLU-member Chief Diversity Officers. Other nominators may be accepted per review by the CSA Awards committee. Self-nominations are not accepted.

Priority review will be given to nomination received prior to July 15th, 2022.
Nominations are due by September 1st, 2022.

Nominators should provide letter of nomination addressing the relevant award criteria* (3 page maximum) to CSA@aplu.org.

Innovative Leader Award
This award recognizes SSAOs who has shown innovative leadership at the local, regional, and/or national level for innovative approaches to promoting student or staff development and success. Innovative leadership can take many forms and may include a significant role leading, advising, or implementing of a strategy to encourage student or staff development, wellness, or persistence/retention. Nominees for this award should be recognized for their innovative role in contrast to a particularly difficult or new campus concern.

Criteria

Criterion 1: Innovation – Description of the innovation or intervention with specific attention given to the following areas.
- Outline of the problem, issue, or concern which prompted the innovative approach.
- Description of those affected by the innovation (i.e., student, staff, faculty, etc.).
- Description of how the innovation was accepted by the campus community.

Criterion 2: Leadership – Demonstration of leadership to shape, drive, or implement an innovative approach. Examples of evidence:
- Personal accounts from campus partner(s), students, and/or other key stakeholders
- Narrative description of effective responses and proactive interventions undertaken
- Records of relevant media and/or social media reflecting timely leadership
- Other evidence of personal leadership qualities demonstrated.

Criterion 3: Impact – Evidence of positive growth or change in the campus community.
Examples of evidence:
- Reflection or testimonials from the administrative leader
- Personal accounts from campus partners, students, and/or other key stakeholders
- Narrative description of resultant changes
- Records of relevant media and/or social media reflecting substantive growth and change
- Other evidence of growth and change on campus.

*The Council on Student Affairs Awards Committee may reach out to nominator for additional information.