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CALL FOR PROFESSOR OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS

Charleston, WV - The Faculty Merit Foundation of West Virginia announces that nomination forms for the 2009 Professor of the Year Award have been distributed throughout West Virginia. All public and private colleges and universities received the forms and nomination information. Professor of the Year nomination forms are also available online at www.wvhumanities.org. Nominations must be postmarked no later than November 6, 2009, to be eligible for consideration.

The Faculty Merit Foundation was created in 1984 to recognize and reward outstanding innovation and creativity among the faculties of West Virginia's public and private institutions of higher education. Through the Professor of the Year program, the achievements of these individuals are brought to the attention of the entire state. The primary step in the selection process is the request for nominations, which must include comprehensive and specific information about each nominee. The Foundation board selects Professor of the Year finalists based on the written information presented and on interviews with candidates. The Professor of the Year and four runners-up will be honored at a banquet in Charleston early in 2010.

The Professor of the Year receives a \$10,000 tax-free cash award, sponsored by United Bank, and a special handmade trophy designed specifically for this program. For more information contact Ken Sullivan, 304-346-8500.

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