University of South Alabama National Alumni Association
2027 Distinguished Alumni Award/Distinguished Service
Awards EVENT: March 2027
Deadline for Nominations: April 30, 2026

Distinguished Alumni Award

Purpose: To recognize outstanding achievements and/or leadership demonstrated by the recipient in his or her chosen field of interest, or to the University of South Alabama over a period of time. These achievements may include personal or professional recognition and/or accomplishments. Recognition is not determined by service rendered to the University of South Alabama or to the Alumni Association, but may be included in consideration.

Eligibility: Alumni who meet the University of South Alabama National Alumni Association eligibility requirements are eligible for the award.

Conditions: The award will not be made in absentia unless there are rare circumstances and approved by a vote of ¾ of the selection committee members present and voting.

Frequency of Award: Annual Spring event.

Number of Awards: Maximum of three awards.

Selection Procedure: By official nomination form made available by the USA Office of Alumni Relations.

V. Gordon Moulton Distinguished Service Award

Purpose: To recognize exceptional or continuing service to the University of South Alabama and/or the Alumni Association. This award is designed to publicly acknowledge those individuals or organizations who volunteered significant amounts of time, talents and resources to the University or the Association over an extended period of time. Nominees do not have to be University of South Alabama alumni.

Distinguished Service Award

Purpose: To recognize alumni for exceptional or continuing service to the University, community, state, nation or international country. This award is designed to acknowledge those alumni who have made exemplary contributions including public service, philanthropy, volunteerism, time or talents benefiting the community, state, nation and/or an international country. Nominees must be University of South Alabama alumni.

Conditions: These awards will not be made in absentia unless there are rare circumstances and approval by a vote of ¾ of the selection committee members present and voting.

Frequency of Award: Annual Spring Event

Number of Awards: Maximum of two service awards.

Selection Procedure: By official nomination form made available by the USA Office of Alumni Relations.

William J. "Happy" Fulford Inspirational Achievement Award

Purpose: The USA Inspirational Achievement Award is presented to current or former faculty or staff who have demonstrated outstanding loyalty and service to the University of South Alabama through outstanding leadership in higher education. This award is designed to recognize faculty and/or staff who have demonstrated outstanding loyalty and support to the University of South Alabama; have made significant professional impact beyond their assigned job duties or have contributed significantly to the USA community through publications and/or research and who exemplify personal integrity and stature. Nominees must be University employees, current or former, who have served the University of South Alabama for a minimum of ten (10) years.

Conditions: The award will not be made in absentia unless there are rare circumstances and approved by a vote of ¾ of the selection committee members present and voting.

Frequency of Award: Annual Spring Event

Number of Awards: Maximum of one award.

Selection Procedure: By official nomination form made available by the USA Office of Alumni Relations.

USA Community Partner Award

Purpose: The USA Community Partner Award is presented to an individual or corporate/non-profit entity that has devoted themselves to building a stronger Gulf Coast community, and therefore, strengthening the impact of the University of South Alabama. This award is designed to recognize outstanding loyalty and support to the University of South Alabama and/or the Gulf Coast community; exemplary personal integrity and stature, such that the faculty, staff, students and alumni of the University will take pride in, and be inspired by, the recognition; contribution to the University and the community at large

Conditions: The award will not be made in absentia unless there are rare circumstances and approved by a vote of ¾ of the selection committee members present and voting.

Frequency of Award: Annual Spring Event

Number of Awards: Maximum of one award.

Selection Procedure: By official nomination form made available by the USA Office of Alumni Relations.

Selection Procedure:

The Awards Selection Committee is a standing committee of the USA National Alumni Association. Vacancies are filled by appointment of the President of the National Association Board. The membership consists of:

USA National Alumni Association vice president shall serve as chair of this committee;

Executive director, and two board members-at-large appointed by National Association president;

USA College of Medicine Alumni Association president;

One past Distinguished Alumni Award or Service Award recipient; and

USA dean appointed by the University President.

Nomination

Nominations may be made by any person and will be submitted to the Office of Alumni Relations on an official nomination form**.** The responsibility for completing nomination materials lies with the nominator(s). However, the Office of Alumni Relations can assist with specific requests for specific information to be added to the nomination.

Nominators determine whether to inform a potential candidate of his or her consideration.
The Office of Alumni Relations will make no effort to inform candidates of their candidacy, nor to inform candidates of their failure to be selected for the award.

All nominations received in the Office of Alumni Relations will remain on file for three years. Re-nomination is accepted and encouraged. It is strongly urged to submit supplemental and updated information when re-nominating a candidate who has previously been nominated.

In addition, the Alumni Relations Office staff will solicit names of individuals to be considered for nomination and will retain nomination forms in the office files.

Note: **All Distinguished Alumni Award nominees must meet the normal membership requirements of the University of South Alabama National Alumni Association. Membership categories are: Any person who: (1) has received an academic or honorary degree from the University, (2) was an enrolled student at the University and successfully completed not less than 36 quarter hours or 26 semester hours of academic work at the University, or (3) received certification for completion of a non-degree academic or professional program offered by the University, shall be eligible to be an alumnus member of the Association. Any person who: (1) has received an academic degree from the University shall be an alumni member of the Association in good standing for the twelve (12) month period of time following said alumni member's graduation from the University and shall not be required to pay membership dues to the Association during said twelve (12) month period of time.

Any person who: (1) is nominated by two (2) or more alumni members in good standing to be an associate member of the Association, which nomination is approved by two-thirds (2/3s) of the members of the Association's Board of Directors; and (2) not an undergraduate student enrolled in the University, shall be eligible to be an associate member of the Association. Any person who: (1) is not eligible for alumni or associate membership in the Association; (2) is not an undergraduate student at the University; (3) has made extraordinary contributions benefiting the Association or furthering the objectives of the Association; are worthy of special recognition, shall be eligible to be an honorary member of the Association; and (4) is nominated by two (2) or more alumni members in good standing to be an honorary member of the Association, which nomination is approved by two-thirds (2/3s) of the members of the Association's Board of Directors, shall be eligible to be an honorary member of the Association. An alumnus or associate member of the Association shall be a member in good standing if he is a then-current dues paying member of the Association and is current on all financial obligations owed to the Association.

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Revised 2-2025
Revised 1-2026

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Please complete the nomination form as thoroughly as possible.
Additional pages may be added if the space provided is insufficient.

For Nominees for Distinguished Alumni Award:
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☐ **Distinguished Alumni Award** ☐ **V. Gordon Moulton Distinguished Service Award**

☐ **Distinguished Service Award** ☐ **Inspirational Achievement Award**

☐ **USA Community Partner Award**

I. Nominee's Personal Data

Full Name of Nominee: _____

Address _____

City_____ State_____ Zip Code_____

Home Phone_____ Email _____

Business Name _____ Title _____

Business Address_____

City _____ State _____ Zip code_____

Business Phone_____

Spouse's Name_____ (Maiden)_____

Is spouse USA alumna/us? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, class of_____

Children Names _____

Nominee's Education Year(s) of Graduation_____

Other College(s) Attended/Degree(s) Earned_____

Honorary Degree(s) _____

B. Required Nominations Materials

1. Completed official Nomination Form.
2. Letters of Support (Minimum of Three-One may be from the person making the nomination.)
   Note: It is the quality of the testimonial letters that impresses the committee, not simply the quantity.
3. Candidate's current resume or bio.
4. Newspaper articles, publications or other pieces indicating candidate's qualifications.

This process is strengthened when nominations are accompanied by support material. If possible, provide any or all of the following:

Support materials should speak to a candidate's:

1. For alumni award: Professional achievement or significant accomplishments in his or her field.
2. For service award: Candidate's contributions of significant time, talents and resources to USA,

the Association, community, state, nation or international country. Refer to criteria section for the two
categories)

3. Industry awards and special recognitions received in his or her field.
4. Esteem held by colleagues, as evidenced by letters of support.

What recognition has the candidate received? When? What is the significance of each?
What other awards or accomplishments demonstrate the candidate's professional achievement?

Nominator Information

Name_____

Address_____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone_____ Business Phone_____ _____

Email _____ Fax _____

Date Submitted: _____ Signature _____

Other supporting documents may be attached.

Submit to: Office of Alumni Relations
University of South Alabama
MacQueen Alumni Center
100 Alumni Drive
Mobile, AL 36688 E mail to: alumni@southalabama.edu
For further information call the Office of Alumni Relations at (251) 460-7084.

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