LISA BETHEA KAVANAGH
OUTSTANDING YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD
Deadline for Nominations: June 30, 2026

Purpose of Award: This award recognizes a USA graduate who is 40 years of age or younger at the time of nomination for their early career accomplishments; the impact of their community service and volunteer efforts, and personal development. The award is presented to acknowledge alumni who are making a substantial mark early on in their career and show promise of significant professional distinction in the future.

Eligibility: Alumni who meet the eligibility of the University of South Alabama National Alumni Association and age 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 – August/September Alumni Annual Meeting

Number of Awards: A maximum of one award will be given annually. No award will be given if the selection committee feels there are no nominations that fit the criteria standards.

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

Selection: University of South Alabama National Alumni Association Awards Selection Committee will recommend awardees for National Alumni Association Board approval.

Selection Committee: University of South Alabama National Alumni Association immediate past president shall serve as chair of this committee and the committee will include the executive director and two board members-at-large appointed by the Association president, one of those being 40 or younger if available; and the President of the USA Southerners.

Nomination Nominations may be made by any person and 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 may assist with requests for specific information. Nominators determine whether to inform a potential nominee of his or her consideration. The Office of Alumni Relations will make no effort to inform nominees of their nominations, or to inform nominees of their failure to be selected for the award.

All nominations received in the Office of Alumni Relations will remain on file for two years.

Re-nomination is accepted and encouraged. Submission of supplemental and updated information when re-nominating a nominee who has been previously nominated is strongly urged

All Outstanding Young Alumni Award nominees must meet the normal membership requirements of the University of South Alabama National Alumni Association.

The USANAA constituted 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 (2/3) 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 (2/3) 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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I. Nominee's Personal Data

Full Name: _____Date of Birth_____

Address_____

City_____ State_____ Zip Code_____

Daytime Phone_____Email_____

Business Name_____

Position/Title_____

Business Address_____

Degree (s) earned from USA (list degree/year) _____

Degree (s) earned from other institutions (list degree/year) _____

Required Nominations Materials:

1. Completed official Nomination Form.
2. Nominator's summary explaining why this person should be chosen for this award.
3. Two letters of recommendation.
4. Nominee's current resume.
5. Newspaper articles, publications, or other pieces indicating nominee's qualifications.

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Nominator Information

Name_____Daytime Phone_____

Address_____Email_____

Date Submitted_____Signature_____

Submit to: USA, Office of Alumni Relations, MacQueen Alumni Center, 100 Alumni Drive, Mobile, AL 36688
For further information call the Office of Alumni Relations 251.460.7084