

Paul E. Edwards Award for Teaching Excellence

Eligibility	Full-time faculty who have not been recipients of the Paul E. Edwards Award for Teaching Excellence during the previous five years, whose primary duties are instructional, and who have a minimum of five years of service to Pierpont Community & Technical College are eligible for nomination.
Award	One \$500 award
Nomination Process	<p>Nominations can originate from faculty members, chairpersons, administrators, students or alumni, acting either individually or in groups. In the latter case, one person must be willing to be the contact with the Faculty Development Committee. No anonymous nominations will be accepted; however, the committee will not disclose the name of the nominator.</p> <p>The nominator should write a brief letter and submit it to facdevpierpont@pierpont.edu explaining why the faculty member deserves consideration for the award. The committee will ask faculty members who have been named if they will consent to the nomination.</p>
Nomination Deadline	Extended to February 12, 2016
Application Process	<p>Applicants will submit an electronic portfolio (pdf, prezi, etc) with 1-2, but no more than 3, pieces of evidence for each of the following categories. From the combination of the original nomination letter, a peer observation, and portfolio artifacts, the committee hopes to obtain specific information about each nominee's outstanding achievements in some or all of the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preparation, revision, and creation of courses• Organization and presentation of course content• Excellence in assessment• Professional collaborations related to teaching• Supporting, originating, or participating in activities of direct educational benefit to students• Rapport with students• Professional development
Application Deadline	Extended to February 26, 2016
Selection Criteria	In February, the Faculty Development Committee will review the materials submitted and select a recipient whose achievements are significant as well as representative of the high quality of performance demonstrated by all faculty. The awardee will be notified prior to the Spring Academic Awards Banquet, when the name of the recipient will be announced to the greater Fairmont State and Pierpont community.
Purpose & History	The Faculty Assembly and the Faculty Development Committee present this award to honor excellence by the Community & Technical College faculty and to encourage their continuing efforts to excel in teaching. Because the committee does not believe that there is only one excellent teacher, effort has been made to eliminate as many of the "competitive" aspects of the award as possible. Recipients of the award will be faculty members who have demonstrated a sustained, energetic, and successful commitment to teaching as shown in various ways, depending on the particular discipline and teaching responsibilities. Some of these ways are listed in the above criteria. Finally, since teaching is the most important responsibility of the faculty, the award is designed to recognize accomplishments in teaching, and not accomplishments in the other admittedly important areas of service or scholarship.