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ADAPTED PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND ACTIVITY AWARDS

The Adapted Physical Education/Activity Special Interest Group of SHAPE America is proud to announce the following awards to recognize and celebrate individuals and/or programs for their service and contributions to individuals with disabilities in physical activity and/or physical education settings. Award winners will be honored at the Claudine Sherrill Breakfast at the SHAPE America 2016 Conference in Minneapolis, Thursday April 7th 2016.

The awards offered by the APE/A Special Interest Group are:

1. Adapted Physical Education/Activity Outstanding Program Recognition Award
2. Adapted Physical Education/Activity Outstanding Graduate Student Recognition Award
3. Adapted Physical Education/Activity Outstanding Doctoral Student Recognition Award

Descriptions of these awards as well as accompanying criteria are listed on page 2.

Submit all nominations to the APE/A Special Interest Group Leadership Team Chair, Cindy Piletic at c-piletic@wiu.edu. Please adhere to award criteria requirements to assure award nomination package is complete.

Deadline for all award nominations and submitted materials is: *October 15th*. All materials must be submitted by this date. Direct questions to the APE Special Interest Group Leadership Chair, Cindy Piletic, at 309/298-1058 or email c-piletic@wiu.edu

The APE/PA SIG encourages all adapted educators to apply for all SHAPE America Awards. For information regarding SHAPE America awards, including ***the Julian U. Stein Lifetime Achievement Award, the Adapted Physical Education Teacher of the Year Award, Majors of the Year Awards and Teacher Educator Honor Award*** see the SHAPE America website: <http://www.shapeamerica.org/recognition/awards>.

Sincerely,
APE/A Leadership Team
SHAPE America Special Interest Group
Team members:

Cindy Piletic, Western Illinois University
Michelle Grenier, University of New Hampshire
Linda Hilgenbrinck, Denton Independent School District, TX
Dave Martinez, Cherokee County School District, GA

Adapted Physical Education/Activity Outstanding Program Recognition Award

Nominations for the Outstanding Program award should be community based programs that focus on improving the physical capacity of individuals with disabilities through education, sport and community activities.

Nomination application materials should include the following:

1. How the program is dedicated to providing physical education, activity or recreational opportunities for individuals with disabilities?
2. How the program is developmentally appropriate for the population served?
3. How the program challenges traditional thought and encourages creating thinking related to individuals with disabilities?
4. How the program fosters inclusion?
5. How the program advocates for people with disabilities?

All nomination should include:

1. Answers to the above questions
2. At least 2 and no more than 5 letters of support
3. Picture or video are acceptable additions to the nomination application but please limit. *(All visual materials should be embedded into a powerpoint and capable of being sent via email)*

Adapted Physical Education/Activity Outstanding Graduate or Doctoral Student Recognition Award

Nominations for the Outstanding Student Recognition Award should be students at the Master's or Doctoral level who are seeking or obtaining their degree with an emphasis in disabilities studies. Due to the nature of the nominee (i.e. Ph.D. candidate, etc.), students will have demonstrated varying degrees of leadership, scholarship, or community based service.

Nomination application materials should include the following:

1. How the student is qualified for the award?
2. How the student has demonstrated their dedication to families and individuals with disabilities?
3. How the student has demonstrated their leadership skills through physical education/activity, research, service, or other means?.

All nomination should include:

4. Answers to the above questions.
5. At least 2 and no more than 5 letters of support.
6. Nominee's curriculum vitae.