

## **Career Champion Award - Call for Nominations**

Nominations are due by noon on Friday, February 7, 2025

The [College of Humanities & Social Sciences](#) (CHSS) Dean's Office calls for nominees for its Career Champion Award. Our college seeks to recognize a CHSS faculty member or staff member who has made exceptional efforts to empower students in their career journey. This honor builds upon the ideals of the college's Excellence in Teaching Award. It acknowledges a professor or staff member who has gone above and beyond their job responsibilities to mentor and guide students toward achieving their career aspirations.

### **Criteria for Award**

The occupational success of all CHSS students is not exclusively held by one category of employee. Instead, it is held by the collective output of all Rowan University members. All nominees must be employed as a faculty or staff member assigned to CHSS. All applicants must have been employed at Rowan University for the equivalent of one academic year, and the nominee cannot be currently serving as the Faculty in Residence position for the College of Humanities & Social Sciences Center for Professional Success.

### **Nomination**

Nominations will only be accepted from current students enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate level [College of Humanities & Social Sciences](#) major or minor. Through these nominations, this award will recognize a CHSS faculty or staff member who has exhibited a steadfast dedication to students' career achievements. Their unwavering commitment has created invaluable opportunities for students to acquire hands-on experience, fostered meaningful connections with industry experts, and motivated students to explore diverse career pathways. The recipient has also been actively involved in assisting students in identifying and nurturing their professional talents, offering invaluable career counsel, and fostering an environment that inspires the pursuit of career growth and development.

The following statements are examples of qualities that can contribute to the characteristics of the nominee. These are listed in no particular order of importance, and a nominee need not demonstrate all of the qualities listed below:

- Create opportunities for students to gain exposure and practical experience with potential career prospects.
- Encouraging students to explore various career paths.
- Fostering an environment that encourages career exploration and development.
- Provide career advice and guidance regarding students' post-secondary plans.
- Showcasing how students' academic learning objectives or course outcomes are transferable to potential career options.

### **Decisions**

A selection committee will assess the candidates and choose the award recipient. Members of the selection committee are not eligible to nominate candidates. The award, along with an honorarium, will be annually bestowed upon the individual whose contributions are deemed by the selection committee to exemplify excellence in the role of a Career Champion.

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### **Funding & Presentation of Award**

The awardee will receive a monetary contribution of \$500 and a plaque for their recognition. Additionally, the award will be bestowed at a College Assembled event, where it will be formally presented by the Assistant Director of Career Development and Experiential Learning.

### **Nomination Process**

1. In approximately 750 words or more, complete a letter of support that describes how the nominee's instruction has enhanced students' career development. In this nomination, the nominator must explain their relationship to the nominee, as well as how the nominee distinguished themselves for this award. Consult the nomination section for possible qualities that can be cited. Please feel free to share specific stories and anecdotes, as appropriate.
2. Submit the *Nomination Form Cover Sheet* (found below) and a letter of support to Patrick Massaro ([massaro@rowan.edu](mailto:massaro@rowan.edu)), with the subject line reading "Center for Professional Success: Career Champion Award Nomination" by noon on Friday, February 7, 2025.

### **Award Timeline**

Call for Nominations Issued	November
Nomination Due Date	Noon on Friday, February 7, 2025
The Committee Reviews Nominations & Submits Recommendation for a Winner	February
Recipient Receives the Award	March

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### Nomination Form: Cover Sheet

Nominee (must be a CHSS Professor or Staff Member): \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee Job Title & Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee Rowan University Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator Rowan University Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_