

# **Magister Optimus / Magistra Optima Award**

## **(Best Teacher (Male) (Female))**

### **Criteria for Award**

- a. Creative, innovative teaching that instructs and inspires students, and embodies the fulfillment of learning and discovery;
- b. Sincere involvement in building a sense of community among students; and WT faculty and staff;
- c. Deeply passionate about the university, its mission and the potential for change through education;
- d. Original scientific or scholarly research contributions to the field;
- e. Published material in professional peer referred, juried journals;
- f. Authorship of scholarly books or articles in scholarly journals with appropriate circulation in the field.
- g. Membership in associations that require outstanding achievements;
- h. Participation as a judge of the work of others in the same or an allied field;

Also, each nominee must:

Be currently employed as a faculty member at WTAMU for at least five years in a tenured or tenure-track position.

Process: Faculty are nominated by faculty or students by preparing a statement addressing the criteria listed above. Nominations are given to Faculty Senators by deadline.

Outstanding Professor Committee of the Faculty Senate reviews the nominations and ranks them, presenting their ranking to the Faculty Senate for final approval.