

## Specialists Association Awards

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Awards shall contribute to the missions of the Association:

- A. To promote and advance the Cooperative Extension program in its entirety.
- B. To develop and maintain the professional status and personal welfare of its members.
- C. To represent the interests of members and provide a voice for members to the administration.
- D. To promote networking and cooperation among specialists, researchers, and teaching faculty.
- E. To encourage and foster professional courtesy within the profession.
- F. To encourage and stimulate technology transfer as part of each specialist's role.

### Awards

- **Extension Advocate Award:** Recognizes significant contributions by those without Extension appointments to the Extension organization. Worthy candidates further the work of Extension, enable specialists to contribute in meaningful ways, and support Extension work through significant actions. Candidates should not have an appointment as an Extension Specialist.
- **County Faculty Award:** Successful candidate demonstrates collaboration with specialists in achieving excellence in programming or research.
- **New Specialist Award:** Recognizes outstanding performance by specialists *that are current members of the association* in the first five years of service as a specialist.
- **Distinguished Service Award:** Recognizes outstanding career performance of *specialists that are current members of the association* with more than six years of service as a specialist.

### Process

- Due date for applications will be the same day as the due date for the ACES college awards. Nomination letter(s) should indicate the ways in which the candidate meets the criteria for the award and include details of the nominee's service, such as years of service and outstanding characteristics, programs and accomplishments. Letters should be less than 2 pages describing the contributions and performance of the candidate.
- The Specialists Association Program Committee will review the applications and select the recipients. The Chair of that committee will be responsible for issuing the call for nominations and overseeing the process.
- Specialists' Association Program Committee will review nominations, and select award winners.
- Individuals are eligible to receive each award only once during their career at NMSU.