



THE BLACK BEAR AWARD FOR EXTRAORDINARY IMPACT Nomination Form

Since 2021, the Black Bear Award for Extraordinary Impact has been given annually to an individual or group at the University of Maine who exceeds expectations, contributes positively to the University community and makes an extraordinary impact through their efforts. The spirit of the award is to acknowledge outstanding contributions by those who continuously go above and beyond, and exemplify dedication to making a real difference. UMaine faculty and staff (full-time and part-time) are eligible for this award.

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Nominations should be submitted to Sharry Woodside (sharry.woodside@maine.edu) in the Office of the President, 200 Alumni Hall on or before **Friday, February 16, 2024**. Please contact Sharry if you have any questions.

Name of Nominee: _____
May use a separate sheet to list group members, if necessary

Title: _____

Department & College or Unit: _____

Name of Nominator: _____

Position: _____
Must presently be a member of the UMaine Community

Department & College or Unit: _____

Date: _____

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Nomination Guidelines

Criteria of excellence

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Nomination and selection process

- Nomination materials must be submitted to Sharry Woodside in the Office of the President by **Friday, February 16, 2024.**
- The Black Bear Award for Extraordinary Impact Committee will review nominations and submit its recommendation to the President via the Associate Provost for Academic Affairs and Faculty Development.
- The Award will be announced and presented by the President in May.

Nomination materials

- A completed Nomination Form. Nominees may be full-time or part-time faculty or staff, or teams. • A statement from the nominee outlining the nature of their impact and the time in which this has occurred.
- A letter from the nominator addressing the nominee's contributions, with an explicit focus on how those efforts have advanced the public good. The nominator must include evidence of outcomes, which may include, but is not limited to, the following:
 - the specific benefits conferred on the people, organizations, or communities reached through the nominee's actions;
 - testimony from those people, organizations, or communities about the impact of the contributions; and
 - testimony from a person or persons uniquely qualified and/or credentialed to speak about the nominee's contributions and the resulting impact in an informed or professional way (*e.g.*, a health care provider, a state agency head, etc.).

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