TO: AAMU Alumni Association Board Members, Chapter Presidents, and Alumni

FROM: AAMU Alumni Association, Inc. Awards Committee

DATE: January 2, 2020

SUBJECT: 2020 AAMU Alumni Association, Inc. Awards Nominations

It is the duty of the Awards Committee of the AAMU Alumni Association, Inc., to solicit nominations for the Association’s annual awards. Your input is being solicited for the awards process. Please review the attached Awards Information and the 2020 Official Awards Nomination Form. Nominations may be submitted by chapters and/or individuals in good financial standing with the Alumni Association.

All nominations must be e-mailed to aamualumniawards@gmail.com by 12:00 midnight Sunday, March 1, 2020 to be eligible for consideration. Please adhere to the following instructions when submitting nomination packages:

- All nominations/information must be submitted as a Microsoft Word or Adobe pdf document, one page, outlining the nominee or chapter accomplishments that have enhanced the programs of the University/Alumni Association and the students.
- Resumes’, CV’s, articles, etc, will not be included in the voting package.
- Please do not send chapter activity pictures.
- Include a digital photo of the nominee in jpg or a comparable format.
- Awards are for activities completed January 1, 2019 to December 31st, 2019 by nominees and chapters. Please include only those activities that cover this time period.

If there are questions, contact the Awards Committee at email aamualumniawards@gmail.com or call (256) 656-4698. It is the committee’s intent to reach alumni electronically via email through the Council of Presidents, AAMU Alumni Association, Inc. website at www.aamualumni.org, and AAMU website at www.aamu.edu. The Awards Committee is striving for 100% participation from the Association’s chapters and members.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and participation.

Respectfully submitted,

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Vonda Cowan
Leticia Drakeford
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Clarence Teague-Johnson
Sharon Langford
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AWARDS INFORMATION

It shall be the duty of the Awards Committee to develop criteria for evaluating nominees in each category at the Annual Meeting upon the advice and consent of the Board of Directors. The committee shall notify recipients of the awards and give the date and time of the presentations. The following awards shall be presented by the committee:

THE ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR AWARD is presented to an alumnus who has made significant achievements in his/her profession, community, and church, and has continuously given support to the Alumni Association and to Alabama A&M University. The recipient of this award shall be given a plaque, complimentary hotel accommodations, and registration. Additionally, the recipient and his or her one guest will be given complimentary tickets to all affairs during the Founder's Day Observance and Class Reunion Celebration.

THE ELOISE STERRS AWARD is a service award for an alumnus who is best able to bridge the gap between alumni and the student body at Alabama A&M University.

THE PRICE, HOUSE, GIBBS CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD is presented to a chapter for significant achievement while fulfilling the objectives of the Association during the year. The Chapter Report for the last fiscal year should accompany this nomination, along with a listing of the activities/accomplishments of the Chapter since the report was compiled.

THE ALABAMA A&M UNIVERSITY AWARD OF MERIT is presented to a non-alumnus for significant service to the University. Nominations may be made by chapters, the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee, and the University President.

THE THOMAS M. ELMORE AWARD is presented to the region and regional vice president whose region makes the most significant progress while fulfilling the objectives of the Association during the year. Nominations shall be made by the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee after discussion of the yearly reports of local chapters/regions.

The SENIOR AWARD is given to the senior student with the highest cumulative average over a period of four years. The award shall be accompanied by a cash gift. This award is presented at the University Academic Honors Day Program.

The ALABAMA A&M UNIVERSITY TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD is a cash gift given to a faculty member chosen by the faculty and student body under the guidance and supervision of a Faculty/Student Committee.

THE ARTHUR PILLAR AWARD is presented to an alumnus within the region who has single-handedly done the most in improving that region while fulfilling the objectives of the Association. Nominations may be made by any chapter within the region or by the Board of Directors.

THE MAMIE LABON FOSTER AWARD is presented to a nominee who is best able to create a harmonious relationship among the University family (students, staff, and faculty) at Alabama A&M University. Recipients should NOT be members of the Foster family, faculty or staff members at the University.
THE WILLIAM HOOPER COUNCILL SERVICE AWARD is presented to an individual who has contributed the most to the successful operation of the Chapter during the last year. The actions of the recipient should be noteworthy in that he or she went beyond the call of duty in support of the local chapter, the National Association and Alabama A&M University. Only financially active members can be nominated for this award by an active Chapter.

THE ALEASE S. SIMS LEADERSHIP AWARD is a service award presented to any AAMU Alumni Association, Inc., national or local chapter officer or committee chair who is doing an outstanding job of providing leadership that contributes to the growth/progress of the Association, chapter and/or the University. The contributions should far exceed those of other officers and leaders. The person should not be anyone who receives compensation related to service to the Association or the University. This award may also be given to a student leader at AAMU who truly exemplifies the motto, “Service is Sovereignty.” The award carries with it a plaque/certificate and a check for two hundred dollars ($200.00). [Note: The Association is asked to contribute a minimum of two hundred dollars annually to this award. Members/friends are also encouraged to contribute.] Nominations for the award should be submitted annually to the Alumni Association Awards Committee.

THE GEORGIA S. VALRIE STUDENT SERVICE AWARD is a service award presented to a student who works untiringly in the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs to assist the office staff in accomplishing their many efforts to provide quality service to AAMU, the Association, chapters and individual members. The Director of Development and Alumni Affairs, assisted by the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs staff, will select the recipient of this award and submit the name to the Board for recognition at the Annual Awards Luncheon. The Board has the right to approve recognition of a maximum of two students per year. The award carries with it a plaque/certificate and a check for one hundred dollars ($100.00). [Note: The Association is asked to contribute a minimum of one hundred dollars annually to this award. Members/friends are also encouraged to contribute.]
OFFICIAL AWARDS NOMINATION FORM
All entries must be e-postmarked by 12:00 Midnight Central Standard Time (CST) March 1, 2020

AWARDS CATEGORIES: Check One

____ ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR
____ ELOISE STERRS AWARD
____ PRICE, HOUSE, GIBBS CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
____ ALABAMA A&M UNIVERSITY AWARD OF MERIT
____ THOMAS M. ELMORE AWARD
____ ARTHUR PILLAR AWARD
____ MAMIE LABON FOSTER AWARD
____ WILLIAM HOOPER COUNCILL SERVICE AWARD
____ ALEASE S. SIMS LEADERSHIP AWARD
____ GEORGIA S. VALRIE STUDENT SERVICE AWARD

(NOTE: Please answer each question completely. Attach justification to Nomination Form; Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of completing this form).

Date ________________________________

I. Nominating Body (Check one) SELF ___ CHAPTER ___ OTHER ___
A. Name of Person/Chapter Submitting Nomination_________________________________
B. Address____________________________________________________________________
C. City________________________________ State ______________ Zip____
D. Phone Number________________________ Email__________________________
E. Contact Person___________________________________________________________

II. Nominee Information
A. Name____________________________________________________________
B. Home Address____________________________________________________________________
C. City________________________________ State ______________ Zip____
D. Phone Number: (Home) ____________________ (Cell) _______________________
E. Email address ____________________________________________________________
F. Profession________________________________________________________________________
G. Company/Organization_______________________________________________________
H. Year of Graduation or Departure from AAMU_______________________________
I. Degree(s) Earned & Year(s) ________________________________________________

III. Biographical Sketch of Nominee (You may use one additional sheet.)
   • Not to exceed two pages.