

NWF State College Foundation Development Committee Alumni Working Group

Room 301, Building 400 Niceville Campus April 11, 2023, 8:00 a.m.

Members Present:

Teresa Halverson Tyler Jarvis Don Litke Hu Ross

Staff Present:

Jennifer Bernich Conner Rogers Chris Stowers

Call to Order:

Meeting began at 8:07 a.m.

2023 Alumni Awards:

Mr. Stowers discussed the Alumni Award nomination process with input on how to improve the nomination process in the future. The field of nominees this year was limited and information on the nominees received was not very detailed in some instances.

Dr. Michael Williams - Distinguished Alumni:

Mr. Jarvis stated he knew Dr. Williams on a personal level, but was not familiar with his career success. Mr. Stowers suggested contacting nominator to ask for more information on how candidate has excelled on the state/national level and committee agreed.

Mr. Michael Nguyen - Distinguished Alumni:

After reviewing category and nominee, the committee came to an agreement that he is better qualified for the Hometown Hero award. The committee agreed to award Mr. Nguyen the Hometown Hero Award. Mr. Stowers will contact nominator to inform him of the change of category.

Caleb Wise - Hometown Hero:

The committee commented on the lack of information in the nomination and agreed that the nominator should be contacted to provide more details about the candidate. Mr. Litke agreed to reach out.

Dr. Jennifer Miller - Distinguished Alumni:

Committee agreed that the candidate is very accomplished, but the nomination form was hard to decipher. Candidate is a pervious NWFSC Alumni Award winner in another category and, as a result, the committee agreed to not award Dr. Miller for this award.

SeifAllah Salotto-Cristobal – Rising Star:

Mr. Stowers pointed out that Mr. Salotto-Cristobal is a family member of a previous Foundation staff member, but the committee agreed that did not exclude him from consideration. Committee came to an agreement that Mr. Salotto-Cristobal is the winner.

Other Business:

The committee agreed to extend process in order to collect more information on nominees and if additional information is obtained, to finalize the two remaining nominations at the Development Committee meeting on 04/19/2023.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 8:42.

Chris Stowers-Executive Director

Date