2015 HORIZON AWARD NOMINATIONS

The Horizon Award is the most prestigious recognition award presented by NMC Alumni Association. One alum per year per category may be recognized for outstanding achievement in one of the following categories. An alum may receive the Horizon Award only once in their lifetime. Nominations are due to the Alumni Association by Friday, August 14, 2015.

Horizon Award Categories

- **Clinical Excellence**
- **Education**
- **Humanitarian Efforts**
- **Volunteerism**

Be sure to carefully read the award criteria below for each category so you can explain clearly, and in full, how your nominee fulfills the specific measures for the award. Your statement should cover the following category criteria wherever appropriate and give specific examples. You may include other supportive information such as awards, letters of commendation or newspaper articles. Monetary gifts are not among the criteria used for selection of the honoree.

Please include your name, address, phone and E-mail address.

Submit a letter that is no more than two pages. Give details and examples as to why your candidate should be considered for the Horizon Award category. Suggested topics to address within the nomination letter for each of the categories could include:

- Outstanding contributions to her/his nomination category
- Dedication to health care
- Demonstration of high professional standards
- Consistently demonstrates exceptional personal integrity and character and is a superior role model to peers, students, and members of the Alumni Association
- Exemplifies the core values of Caring, Excellence, Holism, Learning & Respect

**CATEGORY DESCRIPTORS**

**Clinical Excellence**

Explain, including examples, how your candidate displays some or all of the following:

- Demonstrates clinical expertise and outstanding achievement in her/his chosen career or area of practice
- Has received recognition for exemplary professional practice
- Demonstrates a breadth of knowledge in her/his area of practice
- Develops creative approaches to her/his practice that contribute to the holistic care of the client as well as family members
- Demonstrates leadership
• Serves as a mentor/preceptor that inspires peers’ professional practice
• Enhances the image of the profession through her/his practice
• Advances the scope and practice of her/his profession
• Participates in community affairs, legislation, or organizations that affect professional practice
• Serves as a client advocate
• Demonstrates a devotion to healthcare through the elimination of pain and suffering

**Educator Award**

Explain, including examples, how your candidate displays some or all of the following:
• Facilitates change and growth resulting in positive impact on healthcare delivery
• Participates in research, publishes or makes presentations on healthcare topics
• Has made contributions to education at the local, state, national, or international level
• Participates in community affairs, legislation, or organizations that affect professional practice
• Promotes the development, dissemination and utilization of healthcare education
• Inspires others through service as a mentor/preceptor
• Demonstrates excellence in teaching or promoting education
• Influences professional practice and the public’s image of healthcare through excellence in teaching
• Significantly influences healthcare education by creating innovative and holistic approaches
• Has influenced the present and future healthcare practice through education
• Is recognized by students and alumni for excellence and compassion as a teacher
• Instills in students a passion for the discipline of healthcare and a desire to continue learning
• Demonstrates a commitment to her/his life-long learning

**Humanitarian**

Explain, including examples, how your candidate displays some or all of the following:
• Demonstrates unselfish and effective contributions to changing lives at a community, national and/or international level
• Distinguishes herself/himself through humanitarian service and humanistic values
• Facilitates understanding among people of different religious faiths, ethnic groups and/or racial groups
• Recognized for contributions to under-served populations or provides services in challenging situations.
• Promotes social reform
• Demonstrates a devotion to human welfare especially through the elimination of pain and suffering

**Volunteerism**

Explain, including examples, how your candidate displays some or all of the following:
• Freely gives her/his talent, time and efforts to an organization or group without financial gain
• Demonstrates outstanding volunteer efforts in her/his community, including religious, civic and/or charitable organizations or programs, either local or national in scope and structure
• Distinguishes herself/himself for contributions which enhance the wellbeing of the community
• Demonstrates a passion for and dedication to a cause
• Committed to excellence, no matter what the volunteer activity
• Exemplifies the best of volunteerism, a sense of caring and responsibility for others that connects citizens and solves community problems
• Has received recognition for exemplary volunteer efforts
• Demonstrates exemplary leadership, creativity, cooperation and hard work
• Changes lives as a result of her/his volunteer efforts
• Serves as a model and inspiration to other volunteers

The recipient(s) will be notified and invited to attend the annual Reunion Dinner to receive the award. Submit nominations to Angela.HeesackerSmith@methodistcollege.edu or send hard copy to Alumni Center, ATTN: Angela Heesacker Smith.