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PRESIDENT

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Campus Community
FROM: Neil Kerwin, President
SUBJECT: 2010 University Awards for Faculty, Staff, Students, and Alumni

I am pleased to announce the launch of the annual University Awards process. The continued dedication and hard work of our students, alumni, faculty, and staff make AU a better place to live, work, and study, and I encourage you to recognize those persons who have made exceptional contributions by nominating them for a university award.

Detailed information on the awards, selection criteria, and deadlines is on the University Awards Web site (www.american.edu/universityawards).

Awards are accompanied by cash prizes at the following levels:

- \$250 to \$1,000 for student awards
- \$750 for staff awards (not to exceed \$5,000 for a group award)
- \$2,000 to \$5,000 for faculty awards

The main changes this year are minor updates to the student awards:

- requiring that all student award winners be on track to graduate in May
- incorporating the vice provost of graduate studies and research and the vice provost of undergraduate studies into the review process for the outstanding scholarship awards
- changing the structure of the Outstanding Scholarship at the Graduate Level award—so that one recipient is a master's degree candidate and the other is a doctoral degree candidate

We continue to make important strides in every sector of campus. I invite you to help us to acknowledge those persons whose commitment to AU is worthy of recognition.