

## 2023 University Staff Awards

## Maria Bueno Lifetime Achievement Award

The Maria Bueno Lifetime Achievement Award was established in 2015 in honor of its namesake for her 45 years of exemplary service and dedication to the advancement of the university. This award serves as both a legacy of Ms. Bueno's achievements and an inspiration to others who work diligently behind the scenes to help the university thrive.

This award is presented to long-serving staff members who dedicate the majority of their professional careers to providing exemplary support or service to the AU community and make it a better institution. Awardees are individuals who are not in senior staff positions, but who provide, or have provided, direct support or service in an administrative, front line, or service position.

## Criteria

The individual is currently in an administrative support, front line, or service position (non-senior staff) and has been in similar staff positions for 25 or more years at AU.

A letter of nomination is required from a member of the university community and at least two additional supporting letters, one from a current or former supervisor. The nomination and supporting letters must attest to the quality of the awardee's performance over many years and provide examples of how the awardee has exceeded the expectations of their specific job duties.

## Monetary Award

- \$1,000 for the individual recipient.
- Monetary awards are considered taxable compensation to the recipient in accordance with the IRS code.