MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 22, 2014

TO: Deans, Directors and Department Heads

FROM: Andrew C. Comrie, Ph.D.
Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

RE: University Awards for Outstanding Achievement in Teaching and Student Impact
Call for Nominations

It is my pleasure to invite the academic community to nominate colleagues for the University of Arizona annual awards recognizing excellence in teaching and impact on student lives. These awards are offered through the Office of the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost and the University of Arizona Foundation. Nominations for all of the awards are due at the close of business on Friday, January 9, 2015.

University Distinguished Professors
The University Distinguished Professor awards were created in 1995 by then-President Manuel Pacheco to recognize faculty who demonstrated throughout their careers that they have made a difference in student lives. Through their personal commitment, these award-winning faculty members mentored a broad range of undergraduate students. These outstanding role models led by example, using the integration and application of innovative concepts in both their teaching and their research endeavors, thereby fostering an attitude of critical inquiry. Their students embraced the fundamentals of learning: questioning assumptions, challenging conventional wisdom, and scrutinizing evidence carefully. Eligibility is open to all ranks and I especially encourage nominations for mid-career faculty.

Henry and Phyllis Koffler Prizes
The Koffler Prize recognizes outstanding accomplishments and honor individuals who have made major contributions in their fields with an emphasis on originality.

One Koffler Prize is given each year on a rotating basis in one of three categories: Research/Scholarship/Creative Activity, Public Service/Outreach or Teaching. This year, nominations will be reviewed for a prize in the category of Research/Scholarship/Creative Activity. Award recipients are honored at the Awards of Distinction ceremony in April 2015.

The University of Arizona Foundation
Leicester and Kathryn Sherrill Creative Teaching Award
The Sherrill Creative Teaching Award recognizes excellence in the art of teaching at all levels, with emphasis on teaching at the undergraduate level. Award recipients are honored at the Awards of Distinction ceremony in April 2015.

The criteria and nomination process for the three awards described above are available at: http://provost.arizona.edu/honors_and_awards