Outstanding School of Sustainability Alumni Award Criteria

1) Eligibility
   a) To be eligible for a School of Sustainability alumni award nomination, candidates must meet the following requirements.
      i) Must have graduated Arizona State University and earned a degree from the School of Sustainability.
      ii) Alumni cannot currently be employees of the School of Sustainability, voting members of the GIOS Board of Trustees, or a current voting member of the Alumni Board of Directors. (Above and beyond general work duties)
      iii) Must make every effort possible to be able to participate in person at the Homecoming Reception.
      iv) Cannot have previously received an award in the category for which the nomination is submitted. However, previous award winners may be nominated for a different category. It is recommended to allow five years to pass before nominating a candidate again for another category.

2) Category of Outstanding Alumni Awards
   a) Outstanding School of Sustainability Alumni – Service to the School
      i) Recognizes the achievements of individuals working on behalf of the School through service in alumni programs, on advisory committees, and through efforts made to ensure the welfare of the school. Nominations should answer the following questions:
         (1) In what ways has the candidate served the School of Sustainability and its alumni?
         (2) How has this service benefited the School and/or students?
         (3) How has the candidate's volunteer service advanced the mission of the School of Sustainability?
         (4) Has this service been sustained over an extended period of time, and if so how long?
         (5) How was the service strikingly innovative or substantially beneficial?
            (a) How do these contributions exemplify the spirit of the School demonstrated through the University Design Aspirations?
      ii) A strong nomination includes letters of support from fellow alumni. Two are recommended.
Outstanding School of Sustainability Alumni – Professional Achievement

i) Recognizes outstanding achievement in any professional field. The awards honor those alumni whose achievements have brought distinction to themselves, credit to the University or the School, and real sustainability benefit to their communities and workplaces. Nominations should answer the following questions:

1) What are the unique achievements that brought distinction to the candidate and to the School of Sustainability?

2) What are the recognized contributions made by this candidate, throughout their career, that demonstrate a benefit to the larger community?

3) How has the alumnus made significant, long-lasting sustainability contributions to the School of Sustainability, their chosen career field, and the community?

(a) How do these contributions exemplify the spirit of the School through demonstrated through the University Design Aspirations?

ii) There are three subcategories of Professional Achievement Awards:

(a) Business, entrepreneurship, innovation:

(i) How has the candidate contributed to his or her vocational field or industry?

(ii) How has the candidate acted as a pioneer or leader?

(b) Public service, philanthropy, nonprofit leadership:

(i) How has the candidate contributed to building a better society?

(ii) How has the candidate engaged and empowered others, through leadership as well as service?

(c) Scholarship, research, academia:

(i) How has the candidate continued to promote “Sustainability” through teaching and/or research?

(ii) What academic achievements has the candidate led or contributed to?

iii) A strong nomination includes letters of support. Two are recommended, ideally from peers or individuals who can speak to the nominee’s impact on his or her profession. Please describe and interpret your candidate’s accomplishments in terms that a lay reader can understand.