ALUMNI 11/16/2016 M. CLARK

Officials at UW-River Falls are looking for nominations for the Distinguished Alumnus Award as well as two other awards. Falcon News Service Reporter Matt Clark has the story.

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MATTHEW CLARK: OFFICIALS WITH U-W-R-F EXTERNAL RELATIONS AND THE U-W-R-F ALUMNI ADVISORY BOARD ARE ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO SUBMIT NOMINATIONS FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR’S DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS, OUTSTANDING ALUMNI AND LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS. THE AWARDS ARE DESIGNED TO RECOGNIZE SUCCESSFUL ALUMNI WHO STAND ABOVE THE REST. ALUMNI RELATIONS DIRECTOR DAN MCGINTY (mick-GINT-ee) SAYS RECOGNIZING EXCELLENT ALUMNI IS IMPORTANT.

DAN MCGINTY: WE ARE AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, AND WE’RE PUTTING STUDENTS OUT THERE INTO THE FIELD, AND FOR US AS AN INSTITUTION TO COME BACK AND RECOGNIZE AN INDIVIDUAL WHO'S DONE SOME EXEMPLARY WORK, IT CERTAINLY SEEMS TO BE VERY REWARDING AND BENEFICIAL FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE AS WELL.

MATTHEW CLARK: NOMINATIONS ARE REVIEWED BY SELECTION COMMITTEES THAT DETERMINE THE ELIGIBILITY OF EACH CANDIDATE. THE DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD IS THE MOST PRESTIGIOUS AWARD AND REQUIRES APPROVAL FROM THE U-W-R-F CHANCELLOR. MCGINTY SAYS THE AWARDS MAY BE DIFFERENT BUT THEY REQUIRE MANY OF THE SAME QUALIFICATIONS.

DAN MCGINTY: SOMEONE WITH HIGH INTEGRITY IS A VERY HIGH VALUE THAT WE TAKE A LOOK AT. OBVIOUSLY, RECOGNITION FROM THEIR PEERS IS ALSO A VERY IMPORTANT CREDENTIAL TOO.

MATTHEW CLARK: THE UNIVERSITY ALSO USES THE AWARDS AS A WAY TO STAY CONNECTED WITH ALUMNI AND HELPS TO ENGAGE IN WAYS TO GIVE BACK TO THE INSTITUTION. U-W-R-F FOUNDATION PRESIDENT CHRIS MUELLER:

CHRIS MUELLER: THE QUALITY OF THE UNIVERSITY IS DIRECTLY CORRELATED TO THE LEVEL AT WHICH ALUMNI ARE WILLING TO SUPPORT IT.

MATTHEW CLARK: THERE HAVE BEEN 86 RECIPIENTS OF THE DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD. FOR THE FALCON NEWS SERVICE, I’M MATTHEW CLARK.

Nominations are due to the U-W-R-F Alumni Relations office by November 23

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