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Wagner College readies laurels for Staten Island educators

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. — Wagner College is seeking nominations to honor Staten Island educators with its first “Distinguished Educator” awards program.

The initiative is being sponsored by the campus organization New Educators at Wagner (N.E.W.), a program developed through the college’s education department that seeks to support teachers in their first year on the job.

Another goal of N.E.W. is to inspire educational leadership within the school community. In this spirit, N.E.W. has chosen to honor exemplary teachers and leaders within the Wagner and/or Staten Island community.

This year, N.E.W. will recognize three educational leaders at an awards ceremony to be held in June. The college is inviting the public to assist in the selection process by recommending a favorite teacher and/or principal or professor for the N.E.W. Distinguished Educators Awards.

N.E.W. has set four requirements for the award. Nominees must be one (or more) of the following: A Wagner College graduate, or an educator living or working on Staten Island; must have five or more years’ experience in instructional or educational leadership positions; must be a teacher or principal; must be an educator whose reach extends well beyond the school walls, either in the community or in education, and an educator who inspires his or her students to make a difference in themselves and/or the lives of others.

Letters of nomination should include the name, position, school, phone and e-mail address of the person being nominated, as well as the name of the person submitting the nomination and relation to the nominee, and address, phone number and e-mail to be contacted, if necessary.

Nominations should address the issue of what makes the person a distinguished educator, and reference the four requirements for the award.

Nominations can be e-mailed to newseducatorsawards@wagner.edu, or can be sent by mail to the Wagner College Education Department, New Educators Awards, One Campus Rd., Staten Island, NY 10301.

Nominations are due no later than Dec. 15.

For more information about the N.E.W. Distinguished Educator awards, contact Suzanne D’Amato, Wagner College education department, at neweducatorsawards@wagner.edu, or call 718-390-3464.