

## **Memorandum**

To: Robert Moore, Associate Dean  
From: Wanda Cooley, Paula Stephan and Theodore Poister  
Re: Alumni Award  
Date: October 20, 2010

The committee met October 12, 2010 to discuss details concerning the awarding of an Andrew Young School Distinguished Alumni Award. After discussion, we make the following recommendations:

### **Award**

Each year the Andrew Young School honors one or more outstanding alumni with the Andrew Young School Distinguished Alumni Award.

### **Criteria**

The award recognizes graduates who exemplify the AYS standards of excellence, who have contributed or are currently contributing in a significant way to the academy, the public sector, business or the nonprofit sector, or who have made or are making a significant contribution to their community. An important consideration will be the impact the nominee has had or is having or his or her domain, whether it be the community, university, state, or the national or global arena.

### **Eligibility**

All alumni of the Andrew Young School and its predecessor degree programs in economics, public administration and public policy, human resource development, and urban studies are eligible. This will be expanded in 2011 to include alumni of criminal justice and social work programs that will be joining the Andrew Young School next year.

### **Nomination and Selection**

The selection committee wishes to review the broadest possible range of qualified nominees. Thus nominations for the award will be solicited from current faculty and staff, faculty emeriti, and alumni of the School, and will be due by March 1 of each year.

Nominations will be reviewed by a committee appointed by the Dean, which will forward its recommendations to the Dean of the School, who will make the final selection(s). The number of awardees to be selected in a given year will not be fixed, but rather may vary from one to three, and may include international alumni as well as those working in the domestic sphere. The Dean may also elect to not make an award.

## **Presentation**

The award will be presented annually at an event, which will be scheduled toward the latter part of each spring semester. No monetary prize will be given in conjunction with the award. However, the School will provide travel money to awardees who must travel long distances to attend the event. The School will also present each awardee with an appropriate token representing the award, such as a framed certificate or an inscribed plaque or glass etched piece.