



Vashti Muse Award for Outstanding Alumnus of a Developmental Education Program

Purpose of award

This award recognizes an alumnus of a developmental education program who has distinguished himself/herself in an educational career and other areas of life.

Criteria for evaluation

Completion of two developmental courses or participation in at least two of the following developmental program activities:

- TRIO Upward Bound
- TRIO Student Support Services
- high school-to-college bridge program
- special admissions program
- outstanding accomplishments outside the classroom in an educational or career setting
- enrollment in developmental classes (e.g., mathematics, reading, study skills, writing)

Special features

- \$500 stipend
- one night's accommodation provided by NADE at the conference hotel the year award is presented
- fee waiver for the NADE basic conference registration for conference the year award is presented
- 3–5 minutes to speak at a conference plenary session

Directions for application

- Letter of nomination that explains specific developmental classes taken, and/or developmental programs in which the nominee participated, and the nominee's further educational and/or career accomplishments (1–2 pages)
- One or two letters of endorsement from developmental and other college faculty (1 page each)
- One or two letters of reference from current work supervisor, post-graduate faculty member, and/or community leader (1 page each)
- Nominee's resume
- See the Awards page on the NADE website for specific requirements for submission of application packet to the Awards Committee chair.

Award honoree

Vashti Muse, Ed.S., a 50-plus years veteran educator, was devoted to developmental students not only in the classroom but outside as well, investing much of her own time and resources to helping student overcome personal challenges to stay in school. She was a NADE president, NADE award winner, NADE conference chair and a devoted NADE Emeritus Cabinet member.