

Dear Colleague:

The Thomas Jefferson Awards Committee has issued the call for nominations for its two annual awards, the highest honors given to members of our University community.

The first award, created in 1955 by the McConnell Foundation, is intended to recognize excellence in service to the University. The second, established in 2009 by the Alumni Board of Trustees of the University of Virginia Endowment Fund, Inc., is intended to recognize excellence in scholarship.

Nominees for these awards should be members of the faculty who exemplify in character, work, and influence Jefferson's principles and ideals -- and who have worked hard to advance his aspirations in today's world.

I encourage you to nominate colleagues who are deserving of this important recognition.

Nominees must be currently working at the University and have served on the faculty for at least 15 years. Nominations with supporting data (e.g., resume/curriculum vita, letters) should be sent to the Thomas Jefferson Awards Committee, Leake Cottage, P.O. Box 400139, by noon on Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2011.

I will have the honor of presenting these awards at Fall Convocation, Friday, Oct. 28, 2011, at 2 p.m., in the John Paul Jones Arena. I look forward to seeing you there.

Very truly yours,



Teresa A. Sullivan
President