**PROGRAM SUMMARY**
The *Celebrate Teachers and Teaching (CT&T)* award event is supported by the Education Deans of Greater Milwaukee (EDGM) (i.e., Alverno College, Cardinal Stritch University, Carroll University, Concordia University, Marquette University, Milwaukee Area Technical College, Mount Mary University, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and Wisconsin Lutheran College) to shine a bright spotlight on the women and men who are devoting their professional lives to fostering the learning and development of individuals with special needs in the Milwaukee metropolitan area. Winners and finalists will be recognized at the 2018 *Celebrate Teachers and Teaching* event on October 10, 2018.

**COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS**
The EDGM has partnered with various foundations (Faye McBeath Foundation, Herzfeld Foundation, Kelben Foundation, etc.) to provide $1000 cash awards for the recipients in the Advanced-Career and Early-Career Teacher categories.

**AWARD FOCUS/ ELIGIBILITY**
The *CT&T* event recognizes one Early-Career educator (less than three years of experience) and one Advanced-Career educator (three or more years of experience) who have demonstrated exemplary performance in working with students with special needs.

**CRITERIA FOR JUDGING**
An independent panel of judges will review nomination packets and select one winner from each category (i.e., Early Career and Advanced Career). Those selected will demonstrate expertise in working with students with special needs as defined in the above award-focus section.

Submissions will be reviewed using the following elements:
- Evidence supporting positive impact on students with special needs,
- Completeness and quality of support materials, and
- Meeting eligibility requirements.

**NOMINATIONS**
Initial nominations should be made [online on or before Friday, April 27, 2018](#). Once a nomination has been submitted, the nominee will receive additional instructions on how to complete/send supporting documentation required for award consideration.
**FINAL SUBMISSION GUIDELINES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR NOMINEES**

**Early Career Teacher Award** application packets from nominees must be submitted electronically via email to Marna Boyle at meboyle@stritch.edu on or before Friday, June 1, 2018.

**Advanced Career Teacher Award** application packets from nominees must be submitted electronically via email to Marian Graeven Peter at mgraevenpeter@stritch.edu on or before Friday, June 1, 2018.

**ELECTRONIC PORTFOLIO FORMAT**
- All supporting documents should be included as attachments.
- Title the subject line of your email: [Your Name] CT&T 2018
- All supporting documents should be named in the following way:
  - [Your Name] CT&T 2018 Submission: Nomination Letter from a Principal or Supervisor;
  - [Your Name] CT&T 2018 Submission: Evidence of Student Learning Results; and
  - [Your Name] CT&T 2018 Submission: Student, Parent, or School Community Member Letter.

The maximum number of pages for written submissions is 10, using Arial 12-point font.

**Submission Requirements A** (Include all of these):
- A letter from the nominee’s principal or supervisor in support of the educator’s ability to provide high quality special education services to his/her students. Please describe how the teacher demonstrates innovative approaches that develop inclusive education opportunities for students pre-school through grade 12 to grow academically, emotionally, and socially; be school ready; and engage in the broader school community meaningfully.
- Evidence of student growth in targeted areas due to the educator’s innovative approaches that develop equitable education opportunities for students pre-school through grade 12 to grow, such as:
  - Samples of evidence and student work that showcase key academic and non-academic results for students that can be attributed to the nominee’s efforts. (i.e. research based intervention process with progress monitoring data that demonstrates positive outcomes)
  - Samples of student learning experiences and academic, social or emotional growth with the educator. In some cases these may be written responses, but they may also include project samples, videos, mixed media, and other projects or activities that showcase student accomplishments growth in key/targeted areas.

**Submission Requirements B** (Include one choice from the Written Category):

**Written Category:**
- A handwritten or typed one-page letter from a student or parent telling the impact the teacher’s innovative approaches that develop inclusive education opportunities and outcomes for students pre-school through grade 12 to grow academically, emotionally, and socially; be school ready; and engage in the broader school community meaningfully. Also add a brief description of how the teacher’s approaches have impacted the child’s life, school and community performance, and attitude. OR

- A handwritten or typed one-page letter from a member of the school’s community describing how the educator’s innovative approaches directly developed inclusive education opportunities and
impacted outcomes for students pre-school through grade 12 to grow academically, emotionally, and socially; be school read; and engage in the broader school community meaningfully. Also add a brief description of how the teacher’s approaches have impacted the child’s life, school and community performance, and attitude.

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