



## AWARD DESCRIPTIONS

### **Outstanding Union Activist**

The strength of our union lies in its membership. This award will be granted to a UFT member currently employed in a New York City public high school. This candidate has demonstrated exemplary commitment to unionism by promoting social and educational justice, health and safety, community partnerships, and political action.

#### *Eligibility:*

- ALL UFT MEMBERS and members who hold union elected positions including teachers, paraprofessionals, school counselors, secretaries, social workers, and school psychologists are eligible for nomination.

#### *Guiding Questions:*

- Which of the candidate's activities and accomplishments have especially strengthened the chapter and/or the union at large?
- How have the contributions of the candidate positively affected the school?
- How have the candidate's actions supported the work of the union?
- How has the candidate worked with the community to benefit high school education?

### **Excellence in Education**

This award honors the tireless work of an exceptionally dedicated and skilled educator. The optimal candidate has demonstrated success with his or her students by expanding traditional notions of the New York City high school educator. Because of their unparalleled commitment and outstanding innovation, the winner helps students achieve academic as well as social progress.

#### *Eligibility:*

- ALL UFT MEMBERS including teachers of any high school academic area, paraprofessionals, school counselors, secretaries, social workers and school psychologists are eligible for nomination.

#### *Guiding Questions:*

- How does this educator inspire students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn?

- How does this educator foster an outstanding environment as evidenced by ongoing contributions to the improvement of student engagement?
- How does this educator demonstrate leadership in educational activities at the school, district, state and/or national levels?

### **Team High School Award**

This award is given to a HIGH SCHOOL that demonstrates excellence through collaboration, growth and an outstanding commitment to academic, extracurricular and community development. The winning high school is one where educators love to work and from which students graduate with a phenomenal public school experience.

#### *Eligibility:*

- All New York City academic high schools are eligible.
- Extra consideration will be given to schools that have demonstrated growth.

#### *Guiding Questions:*

- How has the staff of the school shown collaboration?
- What have been the positive results for the students and the school?