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The Four Presidents Distinguished Public Service Award

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Purpose of Award

- The Four Presidents Distinguished Public Service Award Fund was created by Alfred L. Davis on the occasion of the 65th year of his association with RIT, to commemorate the dedication of each of the four RIT presidents with whom he worked, in their service to the Rochester community. The purpose of this award is:
 - ◆ To honor the four presidents, Mark Ellingson, Paul Miller, Richard Rose and Albert Simone, who were an important part of Mr. Davis' 70 years of association with RIT, and
 - ◆ To recognize a member of the faculty or staff who, through their public service, mirrors the lives of the four presidents, who were not only outstanding professionals, but also caring members of the community.

The Award

- An endowment in the amount of \$50,000 has been established to fund this award. The award recipient will receive an appropriately designed citation describing the recipient's area(s) of Public Service.
- In addition, the award recipient will have the privilege of designating the beneficiary of the endowment income (up to \$2,500) for that year. The award recipient will have the choice of designating the funds to:
 - A not-for-profit of his or her choice in the Rochester community or beyond.
 - A purpose or program within the campus community, such as:
 - A student with financial need,
 - A contribution to the Barbara Letvin Emergency fund for International Students,
 - A religious community within the Killian J. and Caroline S. Schmitt Interfaith Center,
 - Financial aid for a student with a child at Margaret's House,
 - A designated gift to the RIT Capital Campaign,
 - Or any other program or need as the award recipient may choose.

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It is expected that the recipient will present this gift at the time the Four Presidents Award is conferred. The award will be announced at a recognition event at RIT in the spring of the given year.

Award Criteria

The award recognizes service over and above an individual's regular institutional responsibilities, which provides a benefit beyond the university and has a significant impact on the Rochester community, as evidenced by some, or all, of the following:

- **Evidence of extensive and diverse public service;**
- **Evidence that the individual is an important and participating member of the organization(s) served;**
- **Service as a board member or in a leadership role (e.g. president, etc.)* and/or extensive service at the grassroots level*;**
- **A sustained commitment and service to one or more organizations over an extended period of time.**

*NOTE: The Selection Committee will give equal consideration to grassroots service and leadership service.