PURPOSE: For the College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences (CAFLS) at Clemson University to recognize no more than two alumni annually for outstanding service and dedication in their professional responsibilities and accomplishments along with their service to Clemson and the College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences.

ELIGIBILITY: Nominees must: fulfill purpose of award; be an alumnus of Clemson University; not have been an undergraduate student at Clemson University in the past five years; not be a candidate for public office; not be receiving monetary compensation from Clemson University or its affiliates during nominations process; not be an elected member of the CAFLS Agriculture Alumni Board of Directors at time of selection.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Nominees will be considered for this award based on the significance of their contributions as indicated below, and with the following weightings applied to each category:
- Significant professional achievements and accomplishments – 60%
- Participation and leadership within career related or general professional associations/organizations, professional development activities and civic/community engagement – 25%
- Dedication and service to Clemson and the College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences – 15%

WAIVERS: These requirements are guidelines for the selection of nominees and may be waived by the CAFLS Agriculture Alumni Board of Directors in cases where extenuating circumstances exist. Such a waiver requires the support of a two-thirds majority of the CAFLS Agriculture Alumni Board membership.

NOMINATIONS: The Policy, Process and Awards Committee of the CAFLS Agriculture Alumni Board will accept nominations of individuals prior to December 1 annually. Each nomination must utilize the official nomination form, and contain a minimum of three letters of support, with one being authored by the nominator. The total length of a nomination – inclusive of the requisite official nomination form and letters of support – must not exceed eight one-sided pages. Self-nominations will not be accepted. Nominations should convey to the selection committee the merits of each nominee, assuming that no prior knowledge of the candidate exists and that committee members are unfamiliar with the candidate.

If a candidate is not selected within three years of the date of the original nomination, the nomination will be disregarded and a new nomination must be submitted if the nominee is to receive further consideration. In no case should a nominee be informed of the nomination. The nominator should seek information and supporting materials in a confidential way.