Founders’ Day Awards
Descriptions and Criteria
All Awards are presented annually at the University of the District of Columbia’s Founders’ Day Convocation.

**Distinguished Leadership Award** (Named for The Honorable Ronald H. Brown.)

The Distinguished Leadership Award is awarded to that individual who has demonstrated outstanding leadership in his/her profession and whose work has contributed to the betterment of one’s community and its citizens on a local, national, or international level. (*The list of nominees for the Distinguished Leadership Award are submitted to and approved by the University’s President.*)

**Selection Criteria**

1. Nomination required.
2. Nominee must be living at the time of his/her nomination.
3. Nominee must be an individual whose life’s work has exemplified outstanding leadership.
4. Nominee must be an individual who, in deed and action, reflects and recognizes the importance of an education at the University of the District of Columbia.
5. Current members of the University of the District of Columbia Board of Trustees, the Board of Directors of the University of the District of Columbia National Alumni Society, and employers or employees of the University are not eligible for consideration.
6. The award may not be conferred in absentia; however, it may be granted posthumously.

**Distinguished Service Award** (Named for former president of the Washington Technical Institute Dr. Cleveland L. Dennard.)

The Distinguished Service Award is awarded to that individual who has demonstrated a long-term commitment of outstanding service to the University. (*The list of nominees for the Distinguished Service Award are submitted to and approved by the University President.*)

**Selection Criteria**

1. Nomination required.
2. Nominee must be living at the time of his/her nomination.
3. Nominee must be an individual who had demonstrated the highest level of commitment and service to the University of the District of Columbia and its ideals.
4. Previous recipients are not eligible for consideration.
5. Current members of the University of the District of Columbia Board of Trustees, the Board of Directors of the University of the District of Columbia National Alumni Society, and employers or employees of the University are not eligible for consideration.
6. The award may not be conferred in absentia; however, it may be granted posthumously.

**Distinguished Educator’s Award** (Named for the Honorable Marjorie Holloman Parker ’36).

The Distinguished Educator’s Award is awarded to that individual whose laudable contributions as an educator have made a discernible difference in the city or nation’s schools, colleges, universities, or private institutions of learning. *(The list of nominees for the Distinguished Educator’s Award in presented to and approved by the University President.)*

**Selection Criteria**

1. Nomination required.
2. Nominee must be living at the time of his/her nomination.
3. Nominee must be an individual whose accomplishments in the field of education are widely known.
4. Nominee must be an individual who, in deed and action, reflects and recognizes the importance of an education at the University of the District of Columbia.
5. Nominee must be an individual who demonstrates innovation in teaching.
6. Nominee must be an individual who encourages student participation and involvement in learning.
7. Nominee must be an individual who demonstrates mentoring of peers in their teaching.
8. Previous recipients are not eligible for consideration again.
9. The award may not be conferred in absentia; however, it may be granted posthumously.

**Paul Phillips Cooke Lifetime Achievement Award** (Named for the distinguished educator and former District of Columbia Teachers College president Paul Phillips Cooke ’37.)

The Paul Phillips Cooke Lifetime Achievement Award is presented to that University of the District of Columbia faculty or staff member who has consistently demonstrated exceptional loyalty and extraordinary commitment, dedication, and service to the advancement of the University and its goals and objectives. *(The list of nominees for the Paul Phillips Cooke Lifetime Achievement Award is presented to and approved by the University President.)*
Lifetime Achievement Award are submitted to and approved by the University President.)

Selection Criteria

1. Nomination required.
2. Nominee must be living at the time of his/her nomination.
3. Nominee must be an individual whose work has unfailingly reflected the high ideals and mission of the University of the District of Columbia in a way that has had a positive impact on the University community.
4. Previous recipients are not eligible for consideration again.
5. Current members of the University of the District of Columbia Board of Trustees and the Board of Directors of the University of the District of Columbia National Alumni Society are not eligible for consideration.
6. The award may not be conferred in absentia; however, it may be granted posthumously.