



Tech Prep of the Rio Grande Valley, Inc.

2009 Award of Counseling Excellence

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Counselors are often some of the hardest-working members of any team of educators. Besides helping students through personal crises and ever-changing schedules while shuffling piles of paperwork, they often become part-time teachers, part-time administrators, and part-time professional development specialists. It seems that we are happy to let them do all of this as long as they still pull lunch duty whenever asked.

This is the tenth year that Tech Prep of the Rio Grande Valley, Inc., has offered counseling excellence awards. These awards have been designed by the Lower Rio Grande Valley Counselors' Network as tokens of appreciation for exemplary counselors from the Valley in four categories: Elementary, Middle School, High School, and Postsecondary. We are appealing to educators across the Valley to nominate counselors with whom they are acquainted for the Tech Prep Award of Counseling Excellence. Consider any or all of the following criteria as you choose a nominee.

- ★ A best practice in career awareness, career exploration, career preparation and/or Tech Prep student success at the level appropriate for the award.
- ★ An outstanding individual act of service during the past year.
- ★ An outstanding cumulative record of service to a specific school or district.
- ★ A counselor who has made a major contribution in helping bridge the gap between groups. (*Ex. between career counselors and academic counselors, teachers and counselors, administrators and counselors, students and parents, etc.*)

If you have someone whom you feel should be recognized for another reason, please write that in and the committee will consider it.

Tech Prep will accept nominations for any counselor serving in a public or private institution. **Nominations must be hand-delivered or postmarked no later than Wednesday, January 7, 2009.**

All nominations will be sent to an independent group for review. This group will choose the winners. Tech Prep will announce the winner of the 2009 Tech Prep Award of Counseling Excellence during Dinner with the Keynote Speaker of the 15th Annual Counselors Institute which will be held on Thursday, January 22, 2009, at the Isla Grand Beach Resort, South Padre Island. Please take a moment to consider whom you might give a big token of appreciation to by nominating him or her for this honor.



NOMINATION FORM: TECH PREP 2009 AWARD OF COUNSELING EXCELLENCE

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Nominations may be submitted by Superintendents, Principals, Counselors, Directors of Counseling and Guidance, Career and Technology Directors, Teachers, or Community Partners.
2. To submit a nomination, complete the information below, and on page 2, provide a narrative explaining the reason you believe the Nominee deserves this award. **Your nomination must address part or all of the criteria in the Call for Nominations.**
3. Mailed nominations must be postmarked no later than Wednesday, January 7, 2009, addressed to Tech Prep at its office in the TSTC-Tech Prep Building, 1902 North Loop 499, Harlingen, Texas 78550-3697.
4. Hand-delivered nominations must be **received** in Tech Prep's Harlingen office no later than 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 7, 2009. **Faxed nominations will not be accepted.**
5. Call Tech Prep at 956.364.4509 or 956.364.4516 for additional information.

I, the undersigned, hereby nominate the individual named below for the 2009 Award of Counseling Excellence:

Name of Nominee: _____
Job Title: _____
Place of Employment: _____
Nominee's Mailing Address: _____
City/State/ZIP: _____
Phone: _____ Fax: _____

I nominate this individual for the following award:

- Tech Prep Award of Counseling Excellence—Elementary Level*
 Tech Prep Award of Counseling Excellence—Middle School Level
 Tech Prep Award of Counseling Excellence—High School Level
 Tech Prep Award of Counseling Excellence—Postsecondary Level

Submitted by the undersigned:

Signature
Printed Name: _____
Job Title: _____
Place of Employment: _____
Address: _____
City/State/ZIP: _____
Phone: _____ Fax: _____

TECH PREP STAFF USE ONLY:

Date and Time Received: _____
Received by: _____
Application No.: _____

NARRATIVE EXPLAINING BASIS FOR NOMINATION