



TO: Faculty and Staff of the University Community

FROM: Jerold S. Goldberg, Interim Provost and University Vice President

DATE: February 25, 2008

SUBJECT: The Frank and Dorothy Humel Hovorka Prize

The Frank and Dorothy Humel Hovorka Prize was established in 1994 to recognize exceptional achievement by an active or emeritus member of the faculty. Mrs. Hovorka's intention in creating this award is captured in the following statement:

Among the factors that determine the stature of a university's contributions to society, none exerts so great a force as the strength of its faculty. For this reason, Case Western Reserve University annually awards the Frank and Dorothy Humel Hovorka Prize to recognize a faculty member whose exceptional achievements in teaching, research, and scholarly service have benefited the community, the nation, and the world. A committee chaired by the Provost recommends a recipient to the President from nominations submitted by members of the University community.

Mrs. Hovorka is an honorary member of the Board of Trustees and a leader in the arts and community affairs. Her late husband, Frank Hovorka, was for many years a distinguished member of the faculty in the Department of Chemistry. The Hovorka Prize is conferred at the University's annual commencement convocation, and includes a monetary award of \$5,000.

Previous recipients of the Hovorka Prize are:

Frederick C. Robbins  
Marie R. Haug  
Eric Baer  
Cynthia M. Beall  
Herman D. Stein  
May L. Wykle  
Amasa B. Ford  
Nathan A. Berger

Ernest B. Yeager  
David D. Van Tassel  
Arthur Steinberg  
Richard Hanson  
Simon Ostrach  
Mihajlo D. Mesarovic  
John H. Kennell

I write to you to solicit nominations of persons who should be considered by the committee for recommendation to the President to be named the 2008 recipient of this award.

Nominees must hold a current appointment to the faculty of Case Western Reserve University as a member of university voting faculty (formerly referred to as regular faculty), emeriti faculty, or the adjunct or clinical faculty. Previous nominees will be reconsidered for up to two years if they remain eligible; however, I welcome an update of their achievements.

Any member of the University community may submit one or more nominations in letter form, each not to exceed two pages in length. Only one nomination letter is required; additional external letters of support are not necessary. Correspondence should be e-mailed to Lois Langell ([lois.langell@case.edu](mailto:lois.langell@case.edu)), no later than March 31, 2007. Nominations will be handled in confidence.