



Vashti Muse and Maxine Elmont Award for Outstanding Alumnus of a Student Success Program

Purpose of award

This award recognizes an alumnus of a student success program who has distinguished himself/herself in an educational career and other areas of life.

Criteria for evaluation

- Participation in at least two student success program activities. Examples of activities include (but is not limited to):
 - TRIO Upward Bound
 - TRIO Student Support Services
 - Developmental education courses
 - Student success programs or courses
 - high school-to-college bridge program
 - study skills course
 - enrollment in student support classes
- Completion of a two- or four- year degree

Special features

- Plaque
- 3–5 minutes to speak at a conference plenary session

Directions for application

- Letter of nomination that explains specific student success-related programs in which the nominee participated, and the nominee's educational and/or career accomplishments, as well as any future educational aspirations (1–2 pages)
- Copy of transcript showing degree earned
- Nominee's resume
- See the Awards page on the NOSS website for specific requirements for submission of application packet to the Awards Committee chair.

Award honorees

Vashti Muse, Ed.S., a 50-plus years veteran educator, was devoted to developmental students not only in the classroom but outside as well, investing much of her own time and resources to helping student overcome personal challenges to stay in school. She was a NOSS president, NOSS award winner, NOSS conference chair and a devoted NOSS Emeritus Cabinet member.

Maxine Elmont, Ed.D., was a veteran educator and longtime Chair of NOSS's Workforce Development Network. She was a Professor of Social Sciences and Professional Studies at Massachusetts Bay Community College. In addition, she was a NOSS award winner and a lifetime NOSS Chapter member of LAANE.