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Call for Nominations 2024 Elizabeth Hurlock Beckman Award

Since 2010, Beckman Award has distributed more than \$3.6 million in cash awards to 140 professors who have inspired a student to make a significant contribution to society.

ATLANTA, GA – March 30, 2024 – Former college, university, and technical students are invited to nominate current or former academic faculty members who have inspired them “to create an organization which has demonstrably conferred a benefit on the community at large” or inspired a former student(s) “to establish on a lasting basis a concept, procedure, or movement of comparable benefit to the community at large” for **Elizabeth Hurlock Beckman Award** consideration. Since 2010, the Elizabeth Hurlock Beckman Award Trust has distributed more than \$3.6 million in cash awards to 140 professors who inspired former students to make a significant contribution to society. The annual discretionary cash award is at least \$25,000 per winner, with eight to 10 winners each year.

The 2024 nomination deadline is June 15. For more information and to how submit a nomination package, visit [Elizabeth Hurlock Beckman Award Trust – Foundation Grants – Wells Fargo](#). The nomination package includes an application and support materials including a Cover Letter (optional), Former Student Personal Narrative, and Letter of Support.

About the Elizabeth Hurlock Beckman Award Trust

Founded in 2010 in honor of Dr. Elizabeth Hurlock Beckman, an educator and pioneer in the field of psychology, the Elizabeth Hurlock Beckman Award (Beckman Award) recognizes the influence of extraordinary professors in the future of their students. Award winners are typically nominated by their former student. Through 2023, the Beckman Award has distributed more than \$3.6 million in cash awards to 140 professors who inspired a former student to make a significant contribution to society.

The Beckman Award was established through the Elizabeth Hurlock Beckman Award Trust in 2008 under the will of Dr. Beckman’s daughter Gail McKnight Beckman. Ms. McKnight Beckman founded the Beckman Award to honor the memory of her mother Dr. Elizabeth Hurlock



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Beckman to honor individual member or members of academic faculty who have, as teachers, inspired their students to create an organization which has demonstrably conferred a benefit on the community at large, or established on a lasting basis a concept, procedure, or movement of comparable benefit to the community at large. Preference for Beckman Award nominations is given to professors in the fields of psychology, medicine, and law, however all disciplines are considered. According to Ms. McKnight Beckman, the motivation behind this award is her mother's role to inspire the creation of Alcoholics Anonymous.

About Elizabeth Hurlock Beckman

Born July 4, 1898, in Harrisburg, PA, Dr. Elizabeth Hurlock Beckman was an educator, a renowned author, and a pioneer in child psychology. She was the first woman in the Psychology Department of Columbia University, serving as Associate Professor until 1946. Dr. Beckman also taught at the University of Pennsylvania and authored nine books and textbooks about child and adolescent psychology. She was a champion of gender equality and an advocate for the advancement of women in academia. At one time Dr. Beckman was one of McGraw-Hill Publishing Company's best-selling authors. She died on November 19, 1988 in Atlanta, GA where she and her husband had moved to be near their daughter Gail McKnight Beckman.

2023 Beckman Award winners

Marie A. Chisholm-Burns, PharmD, PhD, MPH, MBA

Oregon Health & Science University

Discipline: Medicine

Dr. Chisholm-Burns' nominator is former student Susan E. Smith, Pharm.D., BCPS, BCCP, founder of the University of Georgia's [Critical Care Collaborative \(UGAC3\)-College of Pharmacy UGA](#) and PHRM 5010 Personal Financial Management for Pharmacists. About her mentor, Susan Smith says: *"Dr. Chisholm-Burns' invitation to join a team she had assembled for a research project related to economic modeling of pharmacy careers led to my career as a College of Pharmacy faculty member and establishing the UGA Critical Care Collaborative – where to this day I follow Dr. Chisholm-Burns' example of effective communication and leadership."*

Jennifer Propp, PhD, MSW

Westfield University

Discipline: Social Work

Dr. Propp's nominator is former student Marjorie Rodriguez, founder of [FACES- Fostering a Culture Of Empowerment and Success](#) a student-led group providing peer support and promoting connections to resources for current and former foster youth, homeless, and disconnected students. About her mentor, Marjorie Rodriguez says: *"Dr. Propp took me out of invisibility and showed me how to use my voice. She guided me through my long journey to success and walked with me. As my mentor, Dr. Propp helped me to navigate support systems on campus and to develop the skills I was lacking. She introduced me to community stakeholders and helped me expand my network in unimaginable ways. FACES is my way of paying it forward."*

Norman B. Schmidt, PhD

Florida State University

Discipline: Psychology

Dr. Schmidt's nominator and former student is Julia Dawn Buckner, PhD., founder of the [LSU Anxiety & Addictive Behaviors Research Laboratory and Clinic](#), clinical research laboratory with the aim to understand the factors involved in the development and maintenance of anxiety disorders and/or substance use disorders. About her mentor, Julia Dawn Buckner says: *"Dr. Schmidt's mentorship provided me with a solid foundation for my clinic's work. He inspired me to build my own programs of research both related to the work we did together when I was in graduate school as well as venturing into my own line of research and clinical work with underserved populations. Dr. Schmidt's mentorship is the model I use in my clinic today."*

Judith A.M. Scully

Stetson University College of Law

Discipline: Law

Dr. Scully's nominator and former student is Taylor Sartor founder of [FosterPower](#), a movement to improve the lives and futures for youth in foster care by creating access to information on their benefits, protections, and legal rights. About her mentor, Taylor Sartor says: *"Without Professor's guidance and knowledge, this project would have never come to fruition nor grown into the movement it is today. I can say with confidence Professor Scully not only*

teaches law students how to be lawyers but teaches how to be a change-maker within the legal system. She helped turn my idea into a movement that is improving the lives and futures of youth in foster care throughout the state of Florida.”

William C. Turner, MD, FACP

Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons

Discipline: Medicine

Dr. Turner’s nominator is Christian Wilson, co-developer of [Columbia Black Men in Medicine](#), a program maximizing healthcare equity and community by addressing the declining presence of Black males in medicine in the United States through recruitment and retention in the medical field. About his mentor, Christian Wilson says: *“Through Dr. Turner’s support of Columbia Black Men in Medicine, I was provided a platform to identify black male educators and mentors that offer insight into the historical barriers to equitable access to healthcare. Passionate mentors like Dr. Turner fostered an environment where my life experience as a Black male physician has been and can be celebrated.”*

Steve G. Voguit, M.Ed

Flagler College

Discipline: History/Geography

Steve Voguit’s nominator is former student Jacob Harding, co-founder of [Sunrise Scholars Foundation](#), a public charity providing free, comprehensive college counseling support to high-achieving underrepresented students in Florida. About his mentor, Jacob Harding says: *“Professor Voguit embodies education in all its meaning. He is seeker of truth, a molder of character, a man who leads his students, and demands that we all ask ‘why.’ Professor Voguit helped to draw out my best ideas for serving others, teaching me what it means to be an educator, a volunteer, and a change agent. More than anything, he taught me that one person can indeed radically change the lives of others.”*

Susan Wiener, MA, MS

Hudson Link for Higher Education in Prison Sing Sing Correctional Facility

Discipline: Psychology

Susan Wiener’s nominator is former student [Jon-Adrian Velazquez](#), co-developer of C.H.O.I.C.E.S., a program to help children of incarcerated men navigate the treacherous terrain



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they faced on the way to adulthood. About his mentor, Jon-Adrian Velazquez says: *“Professor Weiner was a steadfast presence in the Hudson Link for Higher Education in Prison Program for the 23 years I spent incarcerated for a crime I did not commit. While in the Sing Sing Correctional Facility, higher education was my lifeline and equipped me to effectively parent from a distance. It was through Professor Weiner’s Criminology course that I learned about the theory of rational choice, the impetus for C.H.O.I.C.E.S.”*

Nancy Zucker, PhD

Duke University

Discipline: Psychology

Dr. Zucker’s nominator is former student Bruny Kenou, founder of The Lay Mental Health Advocates, a network of community-based volunteers with a passion for helping people navigate the world of Mental Health. About her Mentor, Bruny Kenou says: *“If I had to point to a single person throughout my college career who crafted me into the powerhouse for mental health advocacy that I am now, it would be Dr. Nancy Zucker. She taught me how to grow a tree of change out of the seeds of fear and uncertainty; how to use research to change policy; and most importantly, Dr. Zucker laid the foundation I needed to understand how to heal communities – not just one individual – through programming and organization.”*

Beckman Award Selection and Administration

Award winners are selected by a committee including Melissa Begg, Sc.D., Dean of the Columbia School of Social Work and Professor of Social Work and Biostatistics; Millicent Bond, J.D., Chief of Staff and Secretary of the College at Bryn Mawr College; Nadine Kaslow, PhD, Professor and Vice Chair for Faculty Development, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Emory University School of Medicine (EUSOM) Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences; Director of Wellness, Resilience, and Flourishing, Emory@Grady Dean’s Office; Chief Psychologist and Director of the Nia Project Grady Health System; and Director of Postdoctoral Residency Program in Health Services Psychology and Eminent Psychologist, EUSOM; and Debra Faulk, CAP®, Executive Director, Senior Philanthropic Trust Advisory Services, Wells Fargo Wealth & Investment Management. The Elizabeth Hurlock Beckman Award Trust is administered by [Philanthropic Services - The Private Bank | Wells Fargo](#).

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