Nominations, Please

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Nominations are due today (Feb. 19) for the annual Tulane teaching awards. Winning faculty members will be announced at the University Commencement Ceremony on May 15.

The deadline is 5 p.m. today for nominations to be delivered to the Office of Academic Affairs and Provost, 200 Gibson Hall, for two sets of <u>awards</u>? the Weiss Presidential Fellowships that honor undergraduate teaching, and the President's Award for Excellence in Graduate and Professional School Teaching.

Undergraduate students can participate by nominating a favorite teacher for the Weiss awards, which are presented to two faculty members. The website for the Office of Academic Affairs and Provost encourages students to nominate "the teacher who changed my life ? you know the one; smart, sure, but quick-witted, engaging, even inspiring. The one who pulled you through the door to see things you've never seen before."

According to the requirements, Weiss fellows must demonstrate effective, inspiring and distinguished undergraduate teaching including the use of innovative approaches to course materials, availability to students outside of class and influencing students beyond the formal role of teacher, such as in advising or mentoring.

Nominees for the graduate and professional school teaching awards must have "a compelling record of excellence in teaching and learning and an ongoing commitment to educational excellence."

Nomination forms and supporting documents for both types of awards must be turned in at the provost's office, located in 200 Gibson Hall on the uptown campus. Additional information and the nomination forms are posted online for the <u>Weiss</u> <u>awards</u> and the <u>graduate and professional teaching award</u>. For further information, e-mail <u>Ana Lopez</u> or call 504-865-5261.