



November 15-16, 2017 in Syracuse, NY

Thank you very much for your interest in the State of the Art Conference **Leadership Award**.

Please use the following form to nominate a person for this award. We will need to see **three examples of leadership in the field** of postsecondary education for individuals with intellectual disabilities, and **two letters of recommendation**.

Please save this document and email it with the letters of recommendation to Rachel Korpan Lee at rkorpant@gmu.edu, for Executive Committee review. All nominations are due by **September 1, 2017** and we will only be accepting the first **ten** (10) nominations in each category.

Your name: _____

Your organization: _____

Your contact email: _____

Nominee name: _____

Nominee organization: _____

Nominee contact email: _____

Please indicate which category you are nominating for:

___ **The George Jesien National Leadership Award** (*One who reflects significant work either at the federal level or across state lines, in terms of advocacy, technical assistance and/or research*)

___ **Institute of Higher Education Leadership Award** (*Administrator, program director, or staff member within an institution of Higher Education who epitomizes leadership in the PSE field*)

___ **The Laura Lee Self-Advocate Leadership Award** (*A trailblazer who currently attends or has graduated within the last five years from a PSE program for persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities*)

Please provide three examples of leadership (including 1-2 paragraphs giving history and description)

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Please attach two letters of reference from those who observed the above examples first-hand (professors, program staff, etc.)

The George Jesien National Leadership Award is named in honor of George Jesien, PhD, a long-time national leader in the disabilities field. In 2013 he retired from the position of executive director of the Association of University Centers on Disabilities. AUCD continues to be a guiding force that advances policy and practice for individuals with developmental and other disabilities as well as their families.

The Laura Lee Self-Advocate Leadership Award is named in memory of Laura Lee, daughter of Gen and Stephanie Smith Lee, who was a pioneer in inclusive education at the national level. She passed away unexpectedly in 2016.