



2021-2022 RGV LEAD Excellence Awards

Categories: Counseling, Teaching, and Administration

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

RGV LEAD wishes to honor outstanding individuals in the following category: Teacher of the Year, Counselor of the Year, and Administrator of the Year. These individuals play a vital role in education:

Teachers: While being among the hardest-working, teachers are often the most under-recognized group in the field of education. Besides teaching daily lessons, teachers wear many hats: as counselors, nurses, moms, and dads, monitors for hall duty, bus duty, and extracurricular activities. Even though the tasks seem daunting and exhausting at times, teachers continue to have smiles on their faces and strive to make sure that every child's needs are met.

Counselors: Counselors are often some of the hardest-working members of any team of educators. Besides helping students through personal crises and ever-changing schedules while shuffling piles of paperwork, they often become part-time teachers, part-time administrators, and part-time professional development specialists. In some cases, they may also have the privilege of "pulling lunch duty" upon request.

Administrators: Administrators play a vital role in any team of educators. Administrators are responsible for systems that will achieve the outcomes for identified goals and objectives. They are responsible for the activities in which teachers, counselors, and other staff will engage to help students achieve in a variety of areas. For RGV LEAD's purposes, it is administrators who determine the roles individual staff members will play in creating and implementing systems that will empower students to set, pursue, and achieve college-and-career-focused goals.

RGV LEAD's awards are presented as tokens of appreciation for exemplary teachers, counselors, and administrators from the Valley in any of these four possible categories: **Elementary, Middle School, High School, and Postsecondary**. RGV LEAD is appealing to community leaders, educators, students, and parents to submit a nomination. Those who recommend a deserving individual should consider the following criteria in choosing nominees.

- An outstanding performance in teaching real-life applications.
- A best practice in encouraging students to set and achieve college-and-career-focused goals, such as providing career-awareness activities, providing career-exploration activities, supporting students' choice of college-and-career-focused programs of study, and/or providing effective transition counseling to support students' success in transitioning from high school into postsecondary education and the world of work.
- An outstanding act of sincere compassion for student achievement or an individual act of service during the past year.

- A teacher who works collaboratively with administrators and colleagues, and/or promotes RGV LEAD and college-and-career-focused programs of study at the school and within the community
- Making a major contribution in helping bridge the gap between groups. *(For example, between career counselors and academic counselors, teachers and counselors, administrators and counselors, students and parents, etc.)*

Individuals may nominate candidates citing other reasons, and RGV LEAD will consider those nominations.

RGV LEAD will accept nominations for any candidate serving in public schools or institutions of higher education that are members of RGV LEAD. **Nominations can be emailed to rgvlead@rgvlead.org no later than Friday, January 7, 2022.**

All nominations will be sent to an independent group for consideration. This group will choose the winner(s). RGV LEAD will announce the winners of the 2021-2022 RGV LEAD Teacher/Counselor/Administrator of the Year Awards on **January 20, 2022**, during the virtual 2022 RGV LEAD Regional Conference. RGV LEAD encourages its partners to take a moment to consider individuals worthy of being honored and to submit nominations for those individuals.

(Optional, but encouraged)

If the nominee would like to pay tribute to someone who influenced his or her decision to become a teacher, the individual submitting the nomination should include that information with the recommendation and include the contact information for the individual who is being honored as an inspiration. If the nominee is chosen as the winner, RGV LEAD will attempt to contact that person who influenced the teacher and have that individual present to see the award presented.

NOMINATION FORM

Select One (one category per nomination form):

- 2021-2022 RGV LEAD **Teaching** Excellence Award
- 2021-2022 RGV LEAD **Counseling** Excellence Award
- 2021-2022 RGV LEAD Excellence in **Administration** Award

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Nominations may be submitted by superintendents, principals, counselors, career and technical education directors, teachers, students, family members, or community partners.
2. Nominations submitted must include the information below, including a narrative explaining the reason the nominee deserves the award. **The nomination must address part or all of the criteria in the Call for Nominations.**
3. Nominations emailed should be no later than Friday, January 7, 2022 to rgvlead@rgvlead.org.
4. Additional information is available from RGV LEAD at 956.405.3091.

I, the undersigned, hereby nominate the individual named below for the 2021-2022 Excellence of Year Award:

Name of Nominee: _____
Job Title: _____
Place of Employment: _____
Nominee's Mailing Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

I nominate this individual for the following category:

Select Level:

- Elementary School Level
- Middle School Level
- High School Level
- Postsecondary School Level

Submitted by the undersigned:

Name of Nominator: _____
Job Title: _____
Place of Employment: _____
E-mail: _____ Phone: _____



STAFF USE ONLY:

Date and Time Received: _____
Received By: _____
Nomination No.: _____

