ALUMNA & ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR AWARDS
GUIDELINES

Purpose of the Awards
Originally established in 1998 as the Outstanding Alumni Award, the Alumna and Alumnus of the Year Awards are to recognise alumni of Avondale College of Higher Education for exceptional professional, academic or research achievement and contribution to the community at the local, state, national or international levels. As an initiative of the Avondale Alumni Association Committee, these awards are given out annually to graduates, past and present staff, past and present Council members and other qualified members.

Eligibility for Nomination
Australian and overseas alumni of Avondale College of Higher Education are eligible candidates. Alumni who have displayed an on-going high level of achievement in their field and in service to the community are most likely to have a minimum of ten years of career experience.

Award Criteria
1. The Awardee must have made a notable contribution to a humanitarian cause, the outreach of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, or in their special field of endeavour. This may be either in relation to their vocation or in fields of voluntary service and not necessarily to the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

2. Nominations for consideration may be made by any member of the Avondale Alumni Association Committee by the end of May each year. Nominations include a description of the person being nominated and the reasons why the nominee should be honoured. The Avondale Alumni Association Committee may choose not to grant an award if in its judgement in any year a worthy person has not been found.

3. Names not selected in any year may be considered again in some future year.

4. The criteria for measuring the achievement may include:
   (a) outstanding achievement - fame alone is not suitable criteria;
   (b) acknowledgement of their achievements for their contribution to the benefit of mankind and society in general;
   (c) accomplishments should generally be of a continuing nature - for example their vocational position, their ongoing service to a humanitarian cause and their contribution to the Seventh-day Adventist Church outreach. If a single event is to be considered, it must be outstanding;
   (d) significant personal qualities may include self-denial, self-sacrifice, loyalty, trustworthiness, honesty, liberality, consideration of others above themselves, humility; and
   (e) preference will be given to nominees where the achievements are not based entirely on academic success, publication of writings or other accomplishments where the nominee is the sole or main consideration.

Exclusions - famous persons involved in occupations avoided by the principles of the church and/or persons whose actions have or may bring disrepute to the church.

5. It is preferable for the Awardee to be willing to attend Homecoming to receive their award.