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## **Nominations being sought for CLAS Golden Anniversary Faculty/Staff Awards**

During the 2009-2010 academic year the College is celebrating its 50th anniversary with a series of special events developed both to acknowledge this significant milestone and to focus on the important role our college has played, and continues to play, in advancing the university's mission. The college's 17 departments, 2 divisions, and 7 centers, our faculty and staff, current students and alumni, are invited to participate in numerous ways and all are encouraged to share our 50 years.

As part of its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, in spring 2010 the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences will recognize, with CLAS Golden Anniversary awards, outstanding CLAS faculty and staff. The focus will be on the faculty and staff who, during the last fifty years, have made a strong, positive difference in the College, having done so by contributing to the past development, present stature, and future potential of the College. The "difference" may be in any areas that demonstrate superior service to the College: in teaching, research, service, administration, program development, etc.

We extend to all an invitation to consider what person(s) are among our most accomplished faculty and staff, and to nominate them for this important recognition. Chairs and directors are asked to distribute this invitation electronically or by hardcopy to your faculty and staff, emeriti, students and alumni.

All CLAS faculty (at ranks of instructor through professor) throughout the college's fifty years, and all CLAS supportive professional staff and Civil Service/operating staff throughout the history of the College, those who currently serve the College, those who have retired from the College, those who served the College but are now deceased, and those who served the College but have left for service elsewhere, are eligible for nomination.

The nomination form, which includes the criteria, is available online at <http://www.niu.edu50>. All nomination materials must be received by Tuesday, December 15, 2009. You may submit by email to [clas50@niu.edu](mailto:clas50@niu.edu), by mail (postmarked by December 15, 2009) or Fax. See nomination form for more details.

We look forward to our continued year-long celebration, and particularly look forward to recognizing a group of faculty and staff that best exemplify the mission of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Yours,

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