SC AHEC Health Careers Program Gateway Award

Policy Statement:

The purpose of this award is to bring recognition to an outstanding supporter of opportunities to promote the development and preparation of high school and undergraduate pre-health students. Each year, individuals and organizations commit to the advocacy, creation, promotion, and enhancement of health career exploration and student development activities. It is this spirit of dedication to the education of the next generation of health professionals that we honor with this award.

Selection Policy and Process:

- 1. The selection committee will be composed of a non-AHEC representative, the SC AHEC Executive Director, and Associate Director for Education.
- 2. This award will be presented to an individual or organization that actively partners in the development, implementation, or sponsorship of a Health Careers Program activity.
- 3. Annually, the Program Office will solicit nominees from the members of the HCP Council.
- 4. Nominations must be received in the Program Office by February 1st.
- 5. The committee will review nominees and make their selection at least 30 days preceding the annual awards ceremony.
- 6. The award will be made at the SC AHEC Annual Meeting or locally.
- 7. The AHEC Executive Director and a representative from the AHEC entity from which the partner originates will present the award.

Nomination Guidelines:

- 1. The nomination:
 - a) Demonstrates an active engagement of the nominee as an HCP partner during the year of nomination.
 - b) Includes a minimum of two letters of support (one by the nominator and one by an HCP student participant).
 - c) Demonstrates exceptional support of the nominee for student matriculation into the health professions pipeline.
- 2. Documentation of the following criteria must be included with the nomination letter:
 - a) Describe how the partnership impacts student development
 - b) Provide an example of the impact
 - c) Describe the reach of the impact (population served, number served)
 - d) Describe how the impact can be sustained

Cover Sheet for Gateway Award Nomination

(*Must accompany nomination letters*)

Nominee Information

Name of Partner: Title/Credentials: Organization Affiliation (*if applicable*): Address:

Phone: Email:

Nominator Information

Name of Nominator: Phone: Email: AHEC Region:

Nomination Details

Start/End Dates of HCP Partnership:

Description of HCP Partnership:

Rating Sheet for Committee:

| 1. Actively involved in current HCP programming | 3. | | | | | YE | S | NO |
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| 2. At least two letters of support (one by the nominator and one by a student learner). | | | | | | | | |
| a. Strength of letter by nominator | Weak | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | | Strong |
| b. Strength of letter by student | Weak | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | | Strong |
| 4. Demonstration of partner impact | | | | | | | | |
| a. Level of impact in student development | | Low | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 H | ligh |
| b. Level of impact sustainability | | Low | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 H | Iigh |
| c. Level of impact reach | | Low | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 5 | 5 H | Iigh |
| e. Overall quality of impact | | Low | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 5 | 5 I | High |

Recommendation: