On Friday, May 8, 2020, twenty (20) students will be honored and publicly recognized for their outstanding achievement at the Students of Distinction Awards Ceremony, sponsored by Student Life and Leadership. Each student who is selected to receive this prestigious award will receive a scholarship sponsored by Associated Students, Dr. Janet and Henry Emoto, various donors from Fullerton College, and the Fullerton College Foundation (funds may vary from year-to-year, depending on the availability of donations collected).

Each nomination category will have a selection committee of five individuals from Fullerton College campus constituent groups such as Faculty Senate, District Management Association, Classified Senate, and Associated Students. A selection committee will choose five (5) deserving students who will each be designated as a Student of Distinction in each of following categories:

(1) ACADEMIC Achievement
(2) COMPETITIVE Achievement
(3) PERSONAL Achievement
(4) SERVICE Achievement

Students with the highest scores overall from each category will be forwarded to a final selection committee, which will choose the final top two students who will each be awarded the “Distinguished Student of the Year” and will receive an additional scholarship. Additionally, Students of Distinctions awardees will be given the opportunity to audition to be a student speaker for the annual Fullerton College Commencement ceremony.

NOMINATION CATEGORIES

Students at Fullerton College who display qualities of leadership, individuality, distinctiveness, integrity, honor, and excellence may apply for the prestigious Students of Distinction scholarship award in any of the following categories. Student scholarship applicant must submit two (2) letters of recommendation from Fullerton College faculty, staff, and/or administrators to be forwarded to the selection process. The student may compete in only ONE category and the student shall choose which category to compete in.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

The student who receives this nomination must have demonstrated outstanding academic performance and meet the following criteria:

a. Minimum 3.75 Cumulative GPA (High Honors in accordance to FC Graduation Requirements)
b. 27 units completed at Fullerton College at the time of nomination and shall be graduating and/or transferring by the end of Summer Session 2020 or completed a Certificate Program by the end of Summer Session 2020
c. Currently enrolled in credit classes at Fullerton College during Fall 2019 and/or Spring 2020
d. Not a previous Student of Distinction recipient

Selection Committee: 2 Faculty (appointed by Faculty Senate), 1 Classified (recommended by Classified Senate), 1 Manager (appointed and/or recommended by District Management Association), and 1 Student Senator or Student Representative (appointed by Associated Students).

Please note: FC managers, faculty and staff who serve on the Students of Distinction Selection Committee will not be eligible to provide letters of recommendations for students competing in any of the categories.
COMPETITIVE ACHIEVEMENT

The student who receives this nomination must have shown and performed outstanding individual performance through competitions representing a team and/or group at Fullerton College and on behalf of the College, and meet the following criteria:

a. Minimum 2.75 Cumulative GPA
b. 27 units completed at Fullerton College at the time of nomination and shall be graduating and/or transferring by the end of Summer Session 2020 or completed a Certificate Program by the end of Summer Session 2020
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PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT

The student who receives this nomination must have persevered and successfully overcome severe hardships and challenges as a student at Fullerton College, and meet the following criteria:

a. Minimum 2.75 Cumulative GPA
b. 27 units completed at Fullerton College at the time of nomination and shall be graduating and/or transferring by the end of Summer Session 2020 or completed a Certificate Program by the end of Summer Session 2020
c. Currently enrolled in credit classes at Fullerton College during Fall 2019 and/or Spring 2020
d. Not a previous Student of Distinction recipient

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SERVICE ACHIEVEMENT

The student who receives this nomination must have performed significant service to the College and/or community through leadership activities and/or service work related to a recognized Fullerton College club and/or organization and meet the following criteria:

a. Minimum 3.0 Cumulative GPA
b. 27 units completed at Fullerton College at the time of nomination and shall be graduating and/or transferring by the end of Summer Session 2020 or completed a Certificate Program by the end of Summer Session 2020
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DISTINGUISHED STUDENT OF THE YEAR

A final selection committee will select the top two “Distinguished Student of the Year” recipients for special scholarships.

a. Committees from each of the categories will forward their top two students to this committee, for consideration of the final scholarship awards: Distinguished Student of the Year

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This form must be completed and submitted by Fullerton College students only. This form is also available on studentlife.fullcoll.edu as a fillable PDF.

Please type or print legibly in BLACK INK ONLY.

Student Name: ______________________________________________________

LAST NAME (all caps) First Name Middle Initial

Student Email Address: _____________________________________________

Student’s Major: _________________________________________________

Current Units: _______ Total Units Completed: _______ Cumulative GPA: _______ Graduated: □ Fall 2019

Graduating: □ Spring 2020 □ Summer 2020 Completing Certificate (date): __________________________________________

I will be receiving letters of recommendation from the following administrator/faculty/classified staff at FC:

(1) Recommender #1 Name: ______________________________________________________________________________________

(2) Recommender #2 Name: ______________________________________________________________________________________

1. Statement of Purpose: On a separate page attached to this application form, please provide a Statement of Purpose explaining why you are applying for the Students of Distinction Scholarship and which category you would like to compete in (Academic, Competitive, Personal or Service). Include any co-curricular activities, service projects, awards, and other accolades you would like to share with the committee. You may also include information you wish to share about your future plans such as educational, vocational, professional plans, and/or ambitions, extenuating circumstances, etc.*500 words maximum; 12 point font; double space; two pages

2. Letters of Recommendation: All applicants must provide two (2) letters of recommendation from a Fullerton College administrator, faculty, and/or classified employees who can write a strong endorsement on your behalf. Letters of recommendation must be sent directly to Student Life and Leadership in a sealed envelope. Detailed instructions are provided for all recommenders attached to the page of this application packet. Please give one form each to the two administrator/faculty/classified employee(s) from Fullerton College.

I certify that the content included in this scholarship application is true and accurate. I understand that should this information be found as false or incorrect, I will be disqualified as a finalist for Students of Distinction. I also understand that I must be completing a certificate, graduating, and/or transferring from Fullerton College by no later than the end of summer session 2020 to be eligible for this award.

I understand that I shall meet and maintain all eligibility requirements to be considered for this award. I hereby grant the Selection Committee permission to review my academic and conduct records as necessary for making their final decisions.

I further understand that I may lose this honor should I become involved in any student discipline issue or related incident/action as outlined in the North Orange County Community College District Standards of Student Conduct and Discipline Policy.

Student Signature: ___________________________________________ Date: __________________

Please return this completed nomination form to Student Life and Leadership (Room 214) or the Associated Students Office (Room 222) at College Center, Bldg. 200 by the date below.

*DEADLINE TO APPLY: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2020 by 12:00 NOON
LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FORM

Student Applicant Name: __________________________________________ Student I.D. # @ ___________________

Students of Distinction Achievement Category: ___________________________________________________________

The following student above is applying for the Students of Distinction Scholarship and has asked you to provide a letter of recommendation for him/her/them. Please send a letter of recommendation on behalf of the student and provide a strong endorsement of the above student (without mentioning the name of the student) in your letter. You may highlight and provide information on the following:

- Highlight of student’s achievements and qualities
- Insight on the outstanding skills/achievements that demonstrate why this person is deserving of the Students of Distinction Scholarship award
- Education and academic coursework at Fullerton College
- Significant co-curricular activities that the student has been involved in (i.e. clubs/organizations, teams at FC, student government, special programs, student employment, etc.)
- Personal and professional connection to the student

*Please do not use the student’s name in the content!* All application packets and letters of recommendation will be read “blind” by the selection committee.

INSTRUCTIONS TO SUBMIT LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

All letters of recommendation must be in the following format:

- 500 words maximum
- Double spaced
- 12 point font (Times Roman or Arial)
- 1" margins

Please send letter of recommendation attached with this form in a sealed envelope to Student Life and Leadership (Room 214) or Associated Students (Room 222) on or before Friday, February 28, 2020 at 12 noon

If the student is selected as a Student of Distinction, would you be able and willing to present this student at the Students of Distinction Awards Ceremony on Friday, May 8, 2020 from 6:00-9:00 pm at the College Center? *The presenter is chosen by each Student of Distinction. Student Life and Leadership will confirm with the selected presenter in April. Only one presenter is allowed per student.

☐ YES  ☐ NO  Note: ______________________________________________________________________________________

Recommender (Printed Name): __________________________________________ Dept/Division: ________________________

Please check one: ☐ Faculty  ☐ Classified  ☐ Manager  Phone Ext. _______  Email: ________________________________

Recommender Signature: __________________________________________ Today’s Date: ____________________________

Please return this completed recommender form and sealed letter of recommendation to Student Life and Leadership (Room 214) or Associated Students (Room 222) by:

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