The Alumni Association Building A Better Wyoming Award is designed to recognize alumni of the University of Wyoming who have made a difference in the lives of people in Wyoming and are a source of UW strength and pride. The award is given to an alumni for success in their particular field of endeavor and personal contribution to their respective communities. Recognizing excellence in our community and sharing examples of success and triumph in so many worthy endeavors, we hope all will be inspired to reach a little higher, to try a little harder, and to work a little smarter for our dreams and goals.

Who’s eligible to be nominated?

- Spent the majority of career/community involvement in support of the state of Wyoming and UW and excelled in their endeavors using innovative approaches or methods.
- Made a positive impact on public welfare or benefit to Wyoming citizens and the University of Wyoming, contributing to a better quality of life in Wyoming.

Nominee must be living and able to participate in person at the Awards Recognition Ceremony (no posthumous nominations).

NOTE: Award winners will be asked to submit a number of photos for a video presentation during the Awards Recognition Ceremony/Reception during Membership Appreciation Weekend in September. The nominee must be willing and able to submit these photos within two weeks after notification of having been chosen for the award and must be able to attend the Awards Recognition Ceremony.

Who’s not eligible to be nominated?

- Alumni cannot currently be employees of the University, voting members of the Board of Trustees, or current members of the Alumni Board.

What’s being recognized?

The goal is to recognize impactful work performed benefiting the state of Wyoming and its citizens.

What’s “impactful work”?

Impactful work over a period of time or even an entire career – embodies achievement or achievements by which the nominee helped others through actions described and documented in the nomination, and which made a difference in the lives of people in the state of Wyoming and/or the UW community.

The nominations receiving the strongest consideration by the Selection Committee will include the following:

- Specific examples of how the nominee has been engaged in improving the state of Wyoming.
- Specific examples of how the nominee has been personally engaged in support of the University of Wyoming.

Nomination Process:

Anyone may submit nominations for consideration. In addition, the Distinguished Alumni Selection Committee may refer nominees to the Selection Committee.

A maximum of five pages of supporting documentation will be considered for each nominee, including the alumni award nomination form, and may be presented in bullet or narrative form and include materials as
follows: Bio/Vitae, Letters of Support, Nominee's year(s) of graduation, Nominee's major(s), Other awards or recognition and/or profile information (highlight current professional affiliations).

Nominations are accepted between November 1st and February 28th each year. Completed nomination forms should be sent to: UW Alumni Association, Marian H. Rochelle Gateway Center, 222 S. 22nd St., Laramie, WY 82070 Attention. Marisa Reilly. Email submissions can be sent to: uwalumni@uwyo.edu.
BUILDING A BETTER WYOMING AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Date: __________________________

Name of person nominated _____________________________________________

Address _____________________________________________________________

City, State, Zip _______________________________________________________

Office phone ( ) ___________________ Home/Cell ( ) ________________________

Email _____________________________

Type of business _______________________________________________________

Present position and title _______________________________________________ 

Please include the following to support your nomination to provide the selection committee with as much information as possible:

1) An explanation of how your candidate fulfills the criteria for the award category for which he/she has been nominated;

2) The nominee’s bio, vitae, resume, letters of support, nominee’s year(s) of graduation, nominee’s majors(s), other awards or recognition and/or profile information, current professional affiliations, volunteerism, community service, professional organization and affiliations, publications, other awards of recognition and/or profile information, etc.;

3) A maximum of five pages of supporting documentation will be considered for each nominee, (including the award nomination form, letter of nomination detailing personal knowledge of the candidates and his/her achievements which may be presented in bullet or narrative form and include information listed in #2);

4) Other supporting documentation, such as copies of magazine and newspaper articles. These are included in the maximum five pages of supporting documentation count.

*NOTE: All categories may not be awarded each year.

Name of person submitting nomination ____________________________________

Address _______________________________________________________________

City, State, Zip _______________________________________________________

Office phone ( ) ___________________ Home/Cell ( ) ________________________

Email _____________________________