

September 13, 2005

Dr. Dale Whittaker
Associate Dean
AGAD

Dear Dr. Whittaker:

The Graduate School has been invited to nominate one Purdue master's graduate in any discipline for the 2006 Distinguished Thesis Awards. Sponsored by the Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools, three awards will be presented at this organization's annual meeting in Chicago next spring. Note that nominees must have completed their degree during the span from October 1, 2004, to September 30, 2005. For additional information, please see the enclosure.

We invite each GEA assistant/associate dean to nominate one outstanding master's graduate. To make your nomination, send an abstract of the student's thesis and a letter of recommendation from the major professor to me. (We will obtain the thesis, if needed.) The Graduate School must have these materials by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 21. If needed, Dean Contreni will name a review committee and nominate Purdue's representative.

This is Purdue's fourth year to participate in this annual MAGS competition. The following students have been nominated the past three years:

- 2003 – Amanda Agnes Lathrop, Department of Food Science
- 2004 – Shankar Sundararaman, School of Mechanical Engineering
- 2005 – Waleska Pèrez-Segarra, Department of Chemistry

Thank you very much for your help in identifying this year's Purdue nominee.

Sincerely,

Tom Atkinson

Thomas W. Atkinson
Associate Dean

c: John J. Contreni

Enclosure