



NAZARETH UNIVERSITY

STUDENT SUCCESS AND TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Life's Work Champion Award

Nazareth University places special value on student success. These awards recognize the outstanding work done to promote student success through innovation, advising, support, and mentorship. Award recipients will receive \$300 in recognition of their contributions to student success.

Nomination Process This award is open to all current faculty and staff. Nominations from faculty, staff, and students must be received by February 2 through the [online form](#). No self-nominations will be accepted. Nominees will be notified by the Provost's office by February 9.

Submission Process: Once notified of a nomination, all materials below must be sent to Laura Putnam (lputnam4@naz.edu) by Monday, March 2nd.

- The nominee's personal statement addressing the award criteria (no longer than 2 pages)
- A letter of support from their supervisor, chairperson, or colleague (faculty or staff) addressing the award criteria (sent by the supervisor or chairperson under separate cover)
- Nominees should provide Laura Putnam the names of at least four students or colleagues familiar with their work by February 23rd. The Provost Office will invite these students/colleagues to provide a recommendation through the student recommendation form. (Recommended students may not currently be enrolled in a class with the nominee).

Review Committee: The review committee will be composed of representatives of the career coaching team, the Internship Program, the Weider Community Engagement office, and last year's recipient of the Life's Work Champion Award.

Review Process

Review Process: The committee will receive the submission packet by March 6, 2026. The committee will select one winner. The awardee will be notified by March 31, 2026 and will be honored at the Teaching Excellence – Student Success Awards Ceremony on April 9, 2026.

Life's Work Champion Award Criteria

This award is given to one faculty member and one staff member **OUTSIDE of the Center for Life's Work team** (this award is given BY the Center for Life's Work team to ANOTHER member of our campus).

The Center for Life's Work recognizes that the entire Nazareth community plays a role in preparing students for their life's work. This award (one faculty member, one staff member) celebrates individuals beyond the Center for Life's Work team who actively and enthusiastically partner with students to design and pursue their unique paths to careers and lives of meaning. Successful nominees should exemplify support, partnership, and/or education of Nazareth students in **two or more** of the following pillars of the life's work model:

- Realize Potential: Helping students identify, clarify, and reflect on values, interests, and skills - discerning what matters most to them as they design a life of meaning
- Build Relationships: Actively reinforcing, sharing, and developing a wider community of champions and connectors through which students can explore and advance their life's work.
- Pursue Meaningful Experiences: Encouraging, bridging, and building experiences to develop the knowledge and skills to positively impact individuals, organizations, systems and communities.
- Tell Your Story: Educating and preparing students on how best to share their achievements, skills, knowledge and purpose with authenticity and confidence.

While support, partnership, and education will take a variety of forms, some examples might include: offering personalized career preparation and exploration; collaborating on interprofessional practice initiatives to provide opportunities to connect and address pressing societal and global challenges; actively engaging and supporting a variety of CFLW initiatives; fostering involvement in meaningful community service opportunities; playing an extraordinary role in supporting transformative internships, field work, and professional hands-on learning experiences; carefully mentoring students through the process of crafting personal statements and other application materials; and connecting students with employers, alumni and community organizations...just to name a few examples!