The Distinguished Alumnus/a award is the highest recognition annually bestowed by the Alumni Association, recognizing the exemplary contributions and accomplishments achieved by our alumni.

1. Selection Criteria

   a. Received a degree from CSULB; or in special circumstances, an alum who completed a significant amount of coursework at CSULB.
   
   b. Recognized and accomplished in his/her field of expertise with an exemplary record of leadership. Has made a significant impact regionally, statewide, and/or nationally.
   
   c. A proven exemplary record of leadership in service to his/her community and society at-large.
   
   d. Demonstrated interest, pride, and support of CSULB: has served as a volunteer, contributes as a donor, attends events, and/or stays connected with faculty or staff.

2. Selection Process

   Nominations are solicited from alumni, faculty, staff, students and the community at-large. The candidate’s packet is submitted to the Alumni Relations Office. Each nomination is assigned to one of the seven academic colleges, based on the alum’s major where it is currently housed.

   The nominations are then forwarded to the Nominations Committee. This committee is comprised of representatives from campus stakeholders: Alumni Association, Academic Senate, Associated Students, Staff Council, and Administration.

   The Nominations Committee will review all applications and select three nominations per award. From these nominations, the Alumni Association Awards Committee will select the final recipients for each award.

   The Alumni Association will contact the recipients of this distinction. The award is predicated upon that the recipient can accept the award in person by attending the Alumni Awards Banquet on May 4, 2017. The chosen recipient will also agree to submit materials including personal photographs that will be used for the recognition and are strongly encouraged to attend the respective college’s commencement ceremony.
3. Deadline

Nomination forms, resumes (or biographical sketches) and other supporting materials (i.e. press articles, recommendation letters, etc.) must be submitted by Monday, November 7, 2016.

Please mail, e-mail, or FAX packets to:
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1250 Bellflower Boulevard
Long Beach, CA 90840-8101
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Personal delivery to: CSULB campus, Barrett Athletic Administration Center (BAAC), 2nd floor

For questions, please call Gay at 562.985.5252.

4. Recognition

a. Award recipients will be honored at the Alumni Awards Banquet gala on Thursday, May 4, 2017. The Alumni Association provides complimentary tickets to the recipient and one guest.

b. They will be recognized in various ways that may include The Beach Connection, the Alumni Association’s members’ print and web magazine; and the Alumni Association’s Distinguished Alumni website.

c. The names of the Distinguished Alumni may be listed in the respective college’s commencement program booklet.