

Call for Nominations

Abraham L. Wolk Distinguished Service Award in Public Health

The Abraham L. Wolk Distinguished Service Award in Public Health recognizes the efforts of Southwestern Pennsylvania residents who, like Mr. Wolk, have dedicated their lives to the practice of public health or to the advancement of the field.

Individuals may be nominated from the Southwestern Pennsylvania community including government (state and local organizations), foundations, community agencies and organizations, citizen groups, institutions (universities, hospitals, medical centers) and health and human service organizations in the Southwestern Pennsylvania area. The contributions of these individuals must embody the principles that are embedded in the definition, mission and essential services of public health. Faculty, staff, students, and alumni of the Graduate School of Public Health, University of Pittsburgh, are not eligible for this award.

Definition of Public Health:

“Public health is the science and art of preventing diseases, prolonging life, and promoting health and efficiency through organized community effort for: the sanitation of the environment, the control of communicable infections, the education of the individual in personal hygiene, the organization of medical and nursing services for the prevention and treatment of diseases, and the development of social machinery to insure everyone a standard living adequate for the maintenance of health and so organizing these benefits as to enable every citizen to realize his birthright of health and longevity.”

(Winslow)

Please complete the attached nomination form and return to:

Delta Omega / Wolk Award Committee
Vincent Arena, Chairman
A661 Crabtree Hall
Graduate School of Public Health
University of Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh, PA 15261

Tel: 412-624-3023
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Nomination Form for 2008

Abraham L. Wolk Distinguished Service Award in Public Health

I wish to nominate _____

(Affiliation and
address if known) _____

Award Criteria

Please check the following box(es) to indicate the way in which the nominee has demonstrated outstanding leadership/innovation/commitment to improving the public health of the community of Southwestern Pennsylvania.

- Monitoring health status to identify community health problems.
- Diagnosing and investigating health problems and health hazards in the community.
- Informing, educating and empowering people regarding health issues.
- Mobilizing community partnerships to identify and solve health problems.
- Developing policies and plans that support individual and community health efforts.
- Enforcing laws and regulations that protect health and ensure safety.
- Linking people to needed personal health services to assure provision of health care when otherwise unavailable.
- Assuring competent public health and personal health care workforce.
- Evaluating effectiveness, accessibility and quality of personal and population-based health services.
- Researching new insights and innovative solutions to health problems.

Please check the following box(es) to indicate the broad general areas in which the nominee has exhibited leadership:

- Nutrition
- Community safety and security
- Education
- Promotion of individual and community health and well being
- Environmental quality of life
- Provision of care to individuals and/or groups

Please attach not more than two typewritten pages describing how the nominee has demonstrated leadership in the improvement of the public health of Southwestern Pennsylvania. Please give specific examples.

Please list three references that would be willing, if requested, to provide the Wolk Award Committee with more information regarding the nominee's commitment and leadership in the practice of public health.

Signature of Nominator _____

Nominator's Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel: _____

Email: _____