



Dan W. Poling Service Award

Sponsored by the OSU Alumni Association | **Nominations due May 1, 2026**

Every outstanding university depends greatly upon the loyal service of its alumni and friends. Dan W. Poling, a 1928 graduate of Oregon State, joined the faculty of his alma mater in 1937 and has served as a shining example to thousands of Oregon Staters as dean of men, mentor, teacher and friend. His abiding love for Oregon State University, his strong commitment to maintaining OSU traditions and ideals, and his loyal and tireless support of the University deserve special recognition. This award is given in his honor.

Eligibility Considerations:

1. Open to any alumnus, friend, or member of the OSU family who has volunteered time and service to Oregon State University.
2. Significance of service will be considered.
3. Integrity of recipient and demonstrated service to the university must be of such high quality as to inspire others to emulate the standards Dan Poling represents.
4. In addition, please highlight how your nominees' service and accomplishments relate to one or more of the following areas:
 - Supported and/or activated change within industry, local community and/or OSU community in respect to diversity, equity, inclusion and social justice.
 - Supported governmental and community advocacy efforts for Oregon State University, OSU Alumni Association and/or OSU Foundation's education efforts, research and programs.
 - Supported students and graduates with career advice and connections to alumni, donors and friends and/or providing their career expertise to university leadership, faculty and staff to guide outreach and educational efforts of the OSU community.
 - Supported engagement activities designed to cultivate stewardship and donations, and/or help strengthen the OSU community.

Those Ineligible for Nominations:

- A candidate or an elected official for any public office.
- Anyone currently serving as a member of the OSU Board of Trustees, OSU Alumni Board of Directors or OSU Foundation Board of Trustees; and/or an OSU Alumni Association, OSU Foundation, INTO OSU or Oregon State University employee.

Nominations:

- Nominations for the award are encouraged from any source.
- All nominations shall be kept confidential.
- Nominations may be made at any time. If a nominee is not selected in the first year, their file will remain active for two years following their nomination pending they currently meet the eligibility considerations.



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DEADLINE: May 1, 2026

Who would you like to nominate for this award:

Name: _____

Email address: _____

Home address: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Alternative Phone: _____

LinkedIn: _____

Who is making this nomination:

Name: _____

OSU Dept: _____

Email address: _____

Primary/

Work Phone: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

Please include with your nomination:

- This nomination cover page
- Letter of nomination which includes the reason for the nomination and how this individual exemplifies the qualities of the Dan Poling Award and meets all the award criteria.
- Current resume, vitae, and/or LinkedIn profile
- Other supporting documentation such as newspaper articles, links to videos and/or presentations with a short summary describing the content for each link, letters of reference, etc.

Email documents in one message to osualum@osualum.com with subject line: Black and Orange Awards or send paper files to: OSU Alumni Association, 204 CH2M HILL Alumni Center, Corvallis, OR 97331.