TO: The Rensselaer Community
FROM: The Pillars of Rensselaer
DATE: April 2019
RE: 2019 Pillars of Rensselaer Award

In 1993, Carl Westerdahl provided funding to establish the “Pillars of Rensselaer Award” to honor a long-term staff member. This is the highest and most prestigious award presented by Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute to a member of the staff.

Criteria for the Pillars of Rensselaer Award
Those who are nominated shall have:
- Been employed at Rensselaer in a staff (non-faculty) role for at least 10 years
- Demonstrated an understanding of Rensselaer’s mission and history
- Served as a role model for other employees
- Not been named the recipient of this award for at least 10 years
- Show concern for students and their welfare
- Added to the human dimension of Rensselaer
- Played an active role in his/her community

Any members of the Rensselaer community may nominate individuals for this award. Nominations for the Pillars Award will be accepted until June 14, 2019. Nominations should be sent to the Pillars Selection Committee, c/o the Office of the Secretary of the Institute, Third Floor, Troy Building or emailed to pillarsnomination@rpi.edu.

The nomination form http://hr.rpi.edu/files/2019-Pillar-Memo-and-Nomination-Form.pdf and the list of employees eligible for the 2019 Pillars of Rensselaer Award http://hr.rpi.edu/files/2019-Pillar-Eligible-Staff.pdf is available on the Human Resources website. There is no limit to the number of times an individual may be nominated. However, each nomination must include the nomination form and no more than 3 additional letters of support. Letters of support may not exceed 400 words each and should be current. Those that do not meet these criteria will not be considered. Questions can be directed to pillarsnomination@rpi.edu.

The 2019 recipient of the Pillar Award will be announced at the annual Service Recognition and Retirement Dinner.

Nominations remain under consideration for two years upon submission. Updates to a previously submitted form are welcome.
Pillars of Rensselaer Award
2019 Nomination Form

Name of Nominee: ___________________________________ Department: ________________

Your Name: ______________________________ Phone: ______________________

Describe how your nominee meets each of the award’s criteria

- Demonstrated an understanding of Rensselaer’s mission and history.

- Served as a role model for other employees.

- Other pertinent information – to demonstrate how the nominee has shown concern for students and their welfare, added to the human dimension of Rensselaer, and has engaged in community service.

Return this form and no more than 3 additional letters of support, not exceeding 400 words each, to Pillars Selection Committee, c/o the Office of the Secretary of the Institute, Third Floor, Troy Building by June 14, 2019. Alternatively, submissions may be emailed to pillarsnomination@rpi.edu. Nominations remain under consideration for two years upon submission. Updates to a previously submitted form are welcome.