

Jefferson Award Nomination Form & Sample Answer Submission

Nominators Name:

E-mail:

Address:

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Nominees Name:

Community Partner:

E-mail:

Mailing address:

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Application Question:

Please describe this individual's engagement. Does the work involve reciprocal, collaborative, and mutually beneficial working relationships with community stakeholders?

Actual Submission:

An example of Dr. San Miguel's excellence in engagement is the This is How We "Role" program she created above and beyond her normal job responsibilities. This initiative was in cooperation with Purdue's Evaluation Learning Research Center and College of Education. She established This is How We "Role" to inspire children to pursue scientific education and careers that will impact animal and human health and to address the needs of students who are disadvantaged due to socioeconomic status, race or ethnicity. She was awarded a grant by the National Institutes of Health to expand the program nationwide. Dr. San Miguel has a passion for addressing the lack of diversity in the veterinary workforce by producing educational programs for K-12 students, parents, teachers and the public about the science of health.

Another example of the how Dr. San Miguel's leadership has positively impacted our community and its residents involves an initiative she began in 2013, when she partnered with the Hanna Community Center to provide after-school and summer camp programs to students in grades K-4. The program continues today. Each week, Dr. San Miguel takes student role models from Purdue Veterinary Medicine to the Hanna Center to help children with their homework and reading. Over time this program evolved into specialized lessons that today are utilized in the This is How We "Role" program. Her well-researched lessons involve fun and interactive science and math experiences for students. The culturally responsive curriculum and activities are designed with diversity in mind and includes a series of illustrated children's books printed in both English and Spanish.

Application Question:

How does this person's work support the spirit of a Jefferson Award? Describe how they demonstrated outstanding personal acts of courage, vision, dedication, and tenacity.

Actual Nomination Submission:

Dr. San Miguel serves as Associate Dean for Engagement and also holds a faculty position in the Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences. Additionally I have known Dr. San Miguel as a professional colleague and alumna of our college, as well as an effective and valued volunteer leader in the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges (AAVMC), which is the national organization for academic veterinary medicine. She is one of the hardest working, most dedicated, fun-loving individuals I have ever met. Her professionalism and dedication to excellence is exceeded only by her genuine passion for bettering the lives of others and truly diversifying the profession of veterinary medicine.

Application Question:

What sets this individual apart? Do they have a compelling story? Have they overcome personal obstacles and executed a project, which meets a big need in the community?

Actual Nomination Submission:

Dr. San Miguel is an amazing role model to youth who participate in her programs. She has a genuine passion for science as well as animal and human health and well-being. Her interaction with children is enthusiastic and fun. Likewise, she is a leader to the PVM student role models who assist with her engagement programs, encouraging them to share their love of veterinary medicine. A key element of the programs is teaching college students how to be role models and engage in the community. Through their experiences in her engagement initiatives, students build confidence in themselves and their own studies at Purdue, and learn the value of volunteering in their community. And now with the national expansion of This is How We "Role," she will be able to influence additional educators delivering the program. All of her mentorship and education of future educators through this program also instills cultural sensitivity. The values of diversity and inclusion are a pillar of her programs.

Application Question:

Please describe the impact this individual has had. Comment on how this work has impacted community stakeholders. Has this work been studied understood, and reported? Please provide key statistics in the fields below about this individual's impact (# of lives impacted, dollars raised, # of volunteers mobilized, etc.)

Actual Nomination Submission:

Dr. San Miguel's efforts impact our community by making science approachable and meaningful to students who might otherwise not consider pursuing secondary education or careers in science and health. This is How We "Role" is an illustration of her passionate work to creatively spark in children a flame of interest and enthusiasm for the field of veterinary medicine. She knows many of these youth might not encounter and learn about veterinary medicine, and yet have great potential to find rewarding careers in the field and to significantly impact animal and human health. Her integrated courses also promote math, science and reading literacy and give youth self-awareness of the body and how it works, while encouraging healthy habits. Since 2013, the program has impacted nearly 300 people, not including many others who have been influenced by reading the companion series of books. All of these endeavors have a direct impact on the future of our community and world.

Youth reached: 175; Student Role Models Inspired and Mentored: 120; Expansion Sites Currently Active: 12 (not including our community); Grants Earned: \$1M

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