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MEMO TO: Deans, Chairs and Directors of Graduate Studies
        Doctoral Programs

FROM: Susan M. Ford
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SUBJECT: Richard and Donna Falvo Outstanding Dissertation Award

The Graduate School is pleased to announce the competition for the twenty-seventh annual Outstanding Dissertation Award and to issue this request for nominations. The award, originally funded by Richard and Donna Falvo through the SIU Foundation and approved by the Graduate Council in September 1987, was awarded for the first time at the May 1988 commencement.

As outlined in the attachment, the following rules apply:

1. Only one dissertation from your doctoral program may be nominated.

2. The nominated dissertation must have led to graduation during the 2012-2013 academic year (December 2012, May 2013 and August 2013 graduations).

3. The attached nomination form is to be completed, with the student’s approval, by the dissertation adviser. This form can be downloaded from our website at http://gradschool.siu.edu/_common/documents/ODA_nomination.pdf.

Please submit one copy of the completed dissertation, along with the nomination form, including the abstract to Susan M. Ford, Graduate School, Student Services Building room 335. This copy will be returned to the department.

If you do not have a dissertation from your program that you deem is truly outstanding, please do not feel compelled to make a nomination. The deadline for completed nominations is Friday, January 24, 2014. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Attachments