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Albert B. Craig, Jr. Award for Innovation in Behavioral Health

Albert B. Craig, Jr., MD served as the President of the Staunton Farm Foundation until 1991. During his years on the Board of Trustees, he gave from a boundless reservoir of creativity, kindness, and generosity of spirit, challenging trustees and staff to search for the best ideas to improve behavioral health in Southwestern Pennsylvania. Dr. Craig brought to the Foundation the same concern for people and love of inquiry that were apparent in his career as a Professor of Physiology and Pharmacology at the University of Rochester Medical School. He led the Staunton Farm Foundation in its work to improve the lives of people with behavioral health issues by supporting programs of proven merit as well as those that test new approaches to advancing behavioral health.

The purpose of the Albert B. Craig, Jr. Award is to recognize people who have challenged society to think in fresh ways about problems and solutions in behavioral health; to forge new paths, whether through uncommon partnerships or new ways of serving people with behavioral health issues; or who have invented a product or process that has alleviated mental illness/addiction. Recipients of the award need not reside in Southwestern Pennsylvania, but their contributions must have impact on individuals in this region.

This document describes the conditions under which the Annual Albert B. Craig, Jr. Award is offered. Questions? Please contact us: office@stauntonfarm.org

Application Process

A complete application must contain:

1. A letter of nomination, not to exceed three pages. The letter should convey:
 - a. The nominee and their qualifications
 - b. Their achievements and impact in the area of behavioral health
 - c. How the nominee's work and approach are innovative
 - d. Any actions this person has taken that are outside the usual scope of work and that benefit behavioral health
2. A letter of support from a person other than the individual who submitted the nomination. This letter should address the nominee's impact on the community or the individual writing the letter. A one-page letter is sufficient.
3. The nominee's biography or resume

The deadline for nominations is April 15, 2023. Please submit nominations by email: office@stauntonfarm.org. You will receive an email confirmation upon submittal. The winner will be announced on June 15, 2023.



Eligibility and Selection Criteria

- This award is for individuals.
- Self-nominations are allowed.
- No Staunton Farm Foundation Board member or staff person may be nominated.
- The Staunton Farm Foundation Board of Trustees has named a panel of individuals to select the recipient of the award. The panel will review each nominee using objective and nondiscriminatory criteria. The panel shall not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, religion, ethnicity, or gender. The panel only considers the information presented to it in the applications. The panel will use the following criteria to select the recipient:
 - *How the nominee shows innovation in improving mental health. This may be through improved processes, treatments, systems, or services.*
 - *How the nominee's work shows a positive impact on behavioral health.*
 - *How the nominee reflects Dr. Craig's values of concern for others, independent thought, and respect for results.*

Use of the Award

The winner will receive a monetary gift of \$5,000. There are no restrictions on the use of the award by the recipient. Staunton Farm Foundation does not require any information from the nominee or from the recipient on the use of the award. Any tax liabilities associated with the award must be assessed and borne by the recipient.