

NCDA COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2025-26

AWARDS COMMITTEE

August 7, 2026

Leadership Information

- Delasia Rice, Chair, drice13@fordham.edu, Graduate School Specialist, Fordham University
- Emily Gomez, Co-Chair. Employee Experience Manager, Hire Heroes USA, egomez@hireheroesusa.org
- 2026-2027 Chair and Co-Chair unconfirmed
- List Committee Members (no contact information required)
 - Jessica Ayub
 - Soonhoon Ahn
 - Sujata Ives
 - Amanda Cox
 - Natalie Kauffman
 - Scott Fisher
 - Elvis Sio
 - Julie Higgs
 - Ellen Goodman

Committee Activities to Date

- Started and completed the 2025 – 2026 Award Nomination season; application review meetings were completed in March and April to select the 2026 Award winners
- Completed process of expanding the Outstanding Career Practitioner Award to include a winner from each of the 4 constituencies: co-chairs have met with each of the constituency trustees to gather their ideas for the award.
- Updated criteria was presented and approved by the Board and will be included in the 2026-2027 Award season
- Began the process of developing a new and approved rubric to make award selection process simpler smoother – member Julie has developed a draft of a new rubric
- Developed process to make nomination and applications easier for NCDA members
- Developed FAQ and Nomination application tips to display on website in hopes of smoother process and receiving an increased number of applications
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Projected Plan/Work Completed through September 30

- Will be selecting new co – chairs to start for the 2026 – 2027 year
- Will be working on drafts of all new rubrics to present in a future board meeting