

Dr. Dave Pariser Faculty Mentor Award Frequently Asked Questions

1. Question: *What is the Dr. Dave Pariser Faculty Mentor Award?*

Answer: An initiative launched in 2013 by the NCAA Division II national Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), the Dr. Dave Pariser Faculty Mentor Award is student-athlete driven and the first of its kind in the NCAA. Finding the award to be both noteworthy and unique, Dr. Mark Emmert, NCAA President, presented the inaugural award to the family of Dr. Dave Pariser during the 2013 FARA Convention in Baltimore, Maryland.

The Award honors an institutional faculty member who has demonstrated dedication, support, and guidance to student-athletes and the institution's athletics program. Division II sets forth a strong commitment to prepare student-athletes to excel in their endeavors after their athletics careers have ended. The nominee for this award should be an example of this philosophy. The nominee should demonstrate exemplary support to student-athletes both on and off the field/court of competition while representing the NCAA Division II core values of learning, passion, service, resourcefulness, sportsmanship and balance. This support can include, but is not limited to, athletics, academics, life skills, career development or other areas.

2. Question: *Who can be a candidate?*

Answer: Based on interest in developing faculty and student-athlete interaction throughout Division II campuses, applicants must be a faculty member at a Division II institution who has shown support to student-athletes both on and off the field/court of competition. This support could be provided through, but is not limited to, athletics, academics, life, career development or other areas.

3. Question: *Can the faculty member also serve as a coach?*

Answer: No. While the faculty member can be the faculty athletics representative, he or she should not be a member of the coaching or athletics administration staff, such as the director of athletics, senior woman administrator or compliance officer.

4. Question: *How are candidates evaluated?*

Answer: Candidates are evaluated based on the responses to the three questions in the Dr. Dave Pariser Faculty Mentor Award application form, which address the candidate's service to the institution's student-athletes.

5. Question: *How is the conference or independent institution nominee selected?*

Answer: Each conference or independent institution student-athlete advisory committee (SAAC) will review the candidates from their conference and vote for their top candidate.

6. Question: *When is the deadline for candidates to the conference's SAAC representative?*

Answer: There is no deadline set by the national SAAC to provide candidate applications to each conference's SAAC representative, but each conference's selected candidate is expected to be submitted annually to Division II SAAC by October 16. Please note the previous deadline for the award was September 1.

7. Question: *When does national SAAC select the winner?*

Answer: National SAAC will evaluate each conference's candidate and select the national winner during its fall meeting.

8. Question: *When is the winner announced?*

Answer: The finalists and national winner will be announced during the fall semester to allow for institutions and conferences opportunities to publicize and recognize the winner. The national winner is recognized in-person by Division II SAAC at the annual NCAA Convention.

9. Question: *Who is Dr. Dave Pariser?*

Answer: The Dr. Dave Pariser Faculty Mentor Award was posthumously named for the inaugural winner of the award in 2013, Dr. Dave Pariser, who passed away January 14, 2013. Dr. Pariser was a longtime faculty member at Bellarmine University who lived out the characteristics of the award through his work with Bellarmine student-athletes.