

9th Annual ASACCU Best Practices Awards

ASACCU seeks to recognize Best Practices in student affairs area in relation to Catholic mission and identity. The recipient of this year's awards (2020) shall receive the following:

- Complimentary 2020 ASACCU Annual Conference registration to no more than two people involved in the award-winning best practice;
- Recognition at the ASACCU 2020 Annual Conference; and
- Presentation of the practice/program in a session at the 2020 ASACCU Annual Conference.

ASACCU Best Practice Awards will be submitted and judged within one of the following three categories:

- Residence Life, Housing, and related (e.g., student conduct and community standards, residence hall programming, learning communities, RA/staff training, etc.)
- Student Activities, Leadership, Orientation and related (e.g., student programming, leadership development, clubs and organizations, orientation and new student programs, etc.)
- Diversity and Inclusion, and related (e.g., multicultural programming, interfaith initiatives, LGBT support services and programs, etc.)

The theme for the conference in 2020 is *Gathering Around the Table: Nourishment for Restless Hearts*. Submissions should relate to the conference theme in some way.

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS Entrants in the Best Practices Award must provide evidence of a program or practice that has contributed significantly to their area and integrate Catholic identity and mission. Institutions may submit programs in each category and multiple entries in an individual category. However, each entry must identify which category the submission is to be considered under. These awards seek to recognize innovative and effective approaches in mission integration using ASACCU's *Principles of Good Practice*.

ASACCU highly encourages practitioners who have submitted in the past and were not selected to reapply as many of the winning selections were only narrowly separated from winning submissions.

Please adhere to the submission guidelines.

Entrants must submit the following items *electronically*:

1. Name and contact information (email and phone number) of submitter(s)
2. Program title and designated submission category
3. Executive Summary (500 words or less)
4. Description and/or outline (1,500 words or less)
5. Assessment Data - (1,000 words or less). Assessment data should be utilized (if possible) to demonstrate the program's effectiveness at addressing ASACCU's *Principles of Good Practice*.
6. Other supporting documents detailing the creation and implementation of the program – *optional* (Not to exceed three pages)

Please note: Do not exceed the word limits/page limits listed above or the judges will not consider your entire submission.

If the submission relates to a program that relies on use of multimedia technology, a link to those materials should be included in the submission.

JUDGING PROCESS The panel of judges will include practicing student affairs professionals in respective categories.

- There will be a panel of judges for each category.
- The judges will use standard rating criteria. The criteria includes, but is not limited to:
 - Positive impact on student learning;
 - Successful demonstration in addressing student needs and/or campus needs;
 - Originality and creativity;
 - Demonstration of at least one of ASACCU's *Principles of Good Practice*;
 - Evidence of Catholic identity and/or mission elements; and
 - Practical use of research and/or assessment.
- The winners will be recognized during the 2020 ASACCU Annual Conference which takes place July 21-24, at Villanova University.
- The decision of the judges will be final.

SUBMISSIONS All required application materials must be **submitted** by **March 13, 2020**. Please submit application materials to Karla Ward, Executive Assistant to the Vice President for Student Life at Manhattan College at: karla.ward@manhattan.edu