Third Annual

School Improvement Dissertation of the Year Award

Call for Nominations

The School Improvement Dissertation of the Year Award will be presented as a part of the COE Academic Assembly on April 20, 2017. The author of the winning dissertation will be provided a plaque and be recognized on our website. The student does not have to be present to win. Dissertations must have been successfully defended by February 1, 2017. Students who have graduated or are on track to graduate are eligible.

Nomination Deadline:

February 15, 2017

Nomination Requirements:

• Summary of the dissertation with the author’s name removed. This summary should not exceed 10 typed, double spaced pages and should include purpose statement, rationale, research question(s), method, results, and relevance to school improvement. Title page, abstract page, and references should also be included but do not count towards the 10 page limit. Submissions over 10 pages will not be reviewed.

• Letter of support from the dissertation chair.

Nomination Ratings:

Summaries will be rated on:

1. Clarity of research questions
2. Adequate population and sample
3. Appropriate methodological approach
4. Presentation of results
5. Relevance to school improvement research or practice
6. Overall clarity of proposal (grammar, APA, etc.)

Nomination Submission Instructions:

Documents can be submitted online at the School Improvement Dissertation of the Year Award 2017 submission site. Finalists may be asked to submit complete copies of the dissertation for review. Partial submissions will not be reviewed. Dissertation chairs or authors can submit materials.

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