

# Shawnee State University

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Every organization begins with a vision by an individual or group of individuals. Shawnee State University was established through the vision of Ohio House of Representatives Speaker Vernal G. Riffe, Jr. Speaker Riffe, at great political risk, was the prime sponsor of Amended House Bill 739 which created Shawnee State University - a new, baccalaureate-granting university in southern Ohio. There is little doubt that without his guidance, energy, enthusiasm, and political prowess, Shawnee State University would not exist to serve the people of southern Ohio. For this fact, we honor Speaker Riffe by recognizing individuals who provide extraordinary service to Shawnee State University with the Vernal G. Riffe, Jr. Founder's Medal.

## 2.0 NAME OF THE FOUNDER'S MEDAL

In recognition of the important role Speaker Riffe played in the creation of Shawnee State University, the medal shall be known as the Vernal G. Riffe, Jr. Founder's Medal.

## 3.0 AWARD CRITERIA

The Vernal G. Riffe, Jr. Founder's Medal shall be awarded by action of the Board of Trustees to individuals who provide extraordinary service or contributions significant to the advancement of Shawnee State University.

## 4.0 AWARD PROCESS

Nominations should be made in writing to the President of the University by members or friends of the Shawnee State University community. The President will review nominations and consider them for recommendation to the Board of Trustees. Recommendations by the President will be submitted to the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees for consideration. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to nominate candidates directly through its Executive Committee. All awards shall be approved by affirmative vote of the Board of Trustees.

## 5.0 PRESENTATION OF AWARD

The Vernal G. Riffe, Jr. Founder's Medal shall be presented at an appropriate public event as determined by the President and/or Board of Trustees.

### History

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