

The 2006 AU Academic Award Presentations*

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Abstract

The philosophy of the AU Academic Awards is based on the idea of the President Emeritus, Rev. Bro. Martin P. Komolmas to recognize, promote, and reward those who sacrificed their lives and time by their loyalty and positive contributions to the institution. The six awards offered since 1997 are: (i) St. Montfort's - 'Illustrious Service Award', (ii) St. Michael's - 'Public Service Award' (1st, 2nd, and 3rd Class), (iii) St. Hilaire's - 'Distinction in Writing Award' (1st, 2nd, and 3rd Class), (iv) St. Martin de Tours's - 'Excellence in Performance Award' (1st, 2nd, and 3rd Class), (v) St. Bernard's - 'Special Merit Award' (1st, 2nd, and 3rd Class), and (vi) St. Thomas Aquinas's - 'Research Award' (1st, 2nd, and 3rd Class). The presentation ceremony for the year 2006 was held on 24 December 2006 when two members of the faculties in the field of science and technology of Assumption University received their awards. They are: Mr. Tapanan Yeophantong of the Faculty of Science and Technology and Dr. Siriporn Poonruksa of the Faculty of Nursing Science, both of whom received St. Thomas Aquinas Research Award (Third Class).

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The Philosophy and Objectives

“Those who have sacrificed their lives and time by their creative loyalty; and positive contributions to the institution must be recognized, promoted and rewarded.”, so wrote Rev. Bro. Martin P. Komolmas, the Emeritus President, in the *Faculty and Staff Development Policies*, given on 22 July 1993.

The philosophical underpinnings of the AU Academic Awards were simple, that good deeds and achievements must be recognized and rewarded. The President had often expressed his wish to establish academic awards as incentives for the academic community. Evaluation of job performance for this purpose was undertaken. After a considerable length of time, the administrators decided to introduce the awards. These awards

are aimed at both rewarding those for past performances and to encourage future efforts.

As a reward, it demonstrates that those selected have met and surpassed the standards of excellence for the award given. The awards are also meant to encourage future efforts of not only those present recipients, but also others that take notice that they too, will be recognized for their superior performance. The AU Academic Awards are granted periodically to the selected few that meet the criteria for selection.

The Six AU Academic Awards

There are altogether six AU Academic Awards. Each award was named after an illustrious person found in Catholic Church history and also in memory of our predecessors who had worked long and hard to carry out their teaching mission. The AU Academic Awards Committee laid down the general policies governing each award in 1997. These policies are subject to review, re-interpretation

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