FACULTY CAREER CHAMPIONS

Transformative Direction 1: Students Learning and Leading in a Diverse and Global 21st Century Strategic Initiative 5: Preparing for Careers and Lives of Purpose

OVERVIEW
Growing student engagement in career development throughout their time at DU is critical to students achieving careers and lives of purpose. To ensure all students are equipped with the tools needed to launch successful careers, Advancement has set the aggressive goal of engaging 90% of students annually in career development activities. To achieve this goal requires tremendous support and the partnership of faculty who have deep relationships with learners on campus. Curricular integration will be key to ensuring that reluctant and time restricted students will be equipped with these educational tools.

CONCEPT AND HISTORY
• Each spring, all students are asked to identify their Faculty Career Champion
• In 2017, 185 distinct faculty received 366 nominations from students
• In 2018, 210 distinct faculty received over 300 nominations from students

CAREER CHAMPIONS BREAKFAST
• Faculty nominees are invited to the Faculty Career Champions Breakfast
• Nominees receive a letter with the quotes from students that nominated them
• Two faculty are awarded the “Faculty career Champion Award” each year.

“I just wanted to thank you very much…for the great, and humbling, honor I received. This truly is what makes it all worth it for me.”

CAREER CHAMPIONS NEWSLETTER
• Newsletter is sent out twice per quarter
• Upcoming career events, faculty profiles and articles
• 60% Open rate!
• Demonstrable growth through faculty partnerships on campus

CAREER CHAMPION ADVISORY GROUP FOR UNDERGRADUATES
Beginning in FY19, two faculty members from each undergraduate college will make up the body of the “Faculty Career Champions Advisory Group for Undergraduates” and will provide feedback on better ways to partner with faculty to grow student engagement in career development activities

“I got teary when I read the comments my students chose to share, and I think others did as well.”