**Department of Public Policy and Administration**

**Public Service Distinguished Alumni Award**

This award is to celebrate alumni of the Department of Public Policy and Administration who have demonstrated excellence and leadership in public service and have made significant societal contributions to residents, communities, and the public service profession. Award honoree(s) will be selected every year and an award ceremony and reception will be held annually in the Fall preceded by the Department’s New Student Orientation.

Nominations are solicited from faculty, staff, students, alumni, advisory board members, and community stakeholders for the Public Service Distinguished Alumni Award. Self-nominations are welcome and will be accepted. The annual deadline for nominations is June 30. Please submit nominations and supporting documents to Mr. Dirk Hart, [dhart@fiu.edu](mailto:dhart@fiu.edu).

**Eligibility and Criteria:**

* Must be a graduate of the Bachelor, Master, or Ph.D. program of the Department of Public Policy and Administration or its predecessor academic units. The Department of Public Policy and Administration was named as the School of Public Administration and the Department of Public Administration at different points of time. All graduates are eligible.
* An up-to-date resume demonstrating a record of distinguished professional achievements, outstanding scholarship, and/or exceptional leadership in local, state, national or international governance.
* A nomination letter signifying exceptional community services in support of advancement and continued excellence of FIU and the Department.
* Must demonstrate a commitment to maintaining a lifelong relationship with FIU and the Department through active involvement of outreach, community engagement, and alumni activities.

**Previous Winners of the Public Service Distinguished Alumni Award**

2019 (Inaugural) Mr. Alfredo Riverol, MPA’00

Chief Financial Officer, City of South Miami

2020 Ms. Mary Lou Pasternac, MPA’03

General Services Manager for Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties, State of Florida Department of Children and Families

Dr. Agatha Caraballo, Ph.D.’12

Associate Teaching Professor, Department of Public Policy and Administration

Director, Maurice A. Ferré Institute for Civic Leadership

2021 Ms. Tara Smith, Director of Internal Services Department, Miami-Dade County

Dr. Pan Suk Kim, Professor of Public Administration, Yonsei University, South Korea