



Call for Nominations: 2026 Emily M. Haymes Mentoring Award

The Southeast American College of Sports Medicine's (SEACSM) Emily M. Haymes Mentoring Breakfast Committee is excited to announce the call for nominations for the annual Emily M. Haymes Mentoring Award. This award formally recognizes the exemplary mentorship of an active SEACSM member who has made impactful contributions to their profession and/or SEACSM. Designed to allow mentees and close colleagues to identify SEACSM members who embody both the letter and spirit of mentoring, this award contributes to SEACSM's continuing efforts to cultivate a rich, supportive environment through faculty-to-student and/or faculty-to-faculty mentoring. One member will be selected to receive this honor and will be officially recognized at the 2026 SEACSM Annual Meeting, February 26-28.

Criteria: Active SEACSM member representing academic and/or clinical settings who has displayed exemplary mentorship through contributions to their profession and/or SEACSM. Excellence in mentorship can be demonstrated in a variety of ways, such as:

- Offering information and counsel that helps to advance and develop a mentee's own path to academic and/or professional success
- Generously sharing time and expertise to guide a mentee's work and progress
- Involving students and trainees in publications, grants, and conference presentations, in addition to sharing knowledge of such opportunities
- Serving as a role model by maintaining high standards for ethics and excellence within their discipline and in the SEACSM community more widely

Process for nominating: Nomination letters can be sent forth by a mentee or close colleague. Nomination letters should be no more than two pages in length with 1" margins and 11-point font. Please submit letters as a PDF file to Audrey Collins, Ph.D., Mentoring Breakfast Committee Chair, at Audrey.Collins@AdventHealth.com.

What to include: Nomination letters should include 1) a description of the nature of your contact with the nominee and 2) explanations and examples of how the nominee is an exceptional mentor and the ways in which they have furthered your academic, research, or professional goals. Consider the following questions as example prompts for your nomination letter.

- How has the nominee demonstrated commitment to advancing the long-term academic and professional development of their mentees?
- How does the nominee create a supportive environment to foster mutual respect? Do they demonstrate a sincere and active interest in the well-being of their mentees?
- Are there ways in which the nominee connects mentees with resources necessary to take full advantage of academic and professional opportunities, enabling mentees to develop their own local, regional, and/or national networks?
- What lasting impression has the nominee made on your academic and professional journey?

Deadline: Wednesday, December 31st, 2025, by 5:00 PM E.S.T.

Process for selection: Nominations will be reviewed by the Emily M. Haymes Mentoring Breakfast Committee. The committee will conduct a vote to select the award recipient.