The EX[L] Center seeks to encourage, support, and promote hands-on, team-based, interdisciplinary learning at the University of Akron that engages meaningfully with the greater Akron Community. We are pleased to open nominations for the following EX[L] Awards that recognize initiatives aligned with this mission in 2017-18. These awards are intended to recognize exemplary work across the university; nominees do not need to have previous or current association with the EX[L] Center.

**EX[L] Experiential Learning Recognitions and Spirit of Experiential Learning Award** – recognition will be given to all nominated projects, events or activities that align with EX[L]’s mission and engaged students, faculty and community in hands-on learning to shared benefit. One of these will be singled out as an outstanding exemplar for the Spirit of Experiential Learning Award.

**Faculty/Community Partnership Award** – this award recognizes a collaboration between UA faculty and a community partner that strengthened UA/Community connections and enriched both education and the fabric of the Akron community. It goes to both the faculty (individual or team) and partner (individual, team, or organization)

**Student/Community Partnership Award** – this award recognizes a collaboration, outside the framework of a course, between UA student(s) and a community partner that strengthened UA/Community connections and enriched both education and the fabric of the Akron community. It goes to both the student (individual or team) and partner (individual, team, or organization)

**EX[L] Community Champion** – this award recognizes a community partner who has worked with UA to champion the values expressed in EX[L]’s mission

**EX[L] Faculty Champion** – this award recognizes a faculty member who has worked to champion the values expressed in EX[L]’s mission

**EX[L] Student Champion** – this award recognizes a student who has worked to champion the values expressed in EX[L]’s mission

**EX[L] Administrator Champion** – this award recognizes an administrator at UA who has worked to champion the values expressed in EX[L]’s mission

**EX[L] Staff Champion** – this award recognizes member of the UA staff who has worked lent significant support and thereby championed the values expressed in EX[L]’s mission
Nomination Process


- Nominations may be made in writing to the Co-Directors of the EX[L] Center Carolyn Behrman behrman@uakron.edu and Anoo Vyas annal.vyas@uakron.edu. Self-nominations will not be accepted.

- The nomination should include:
  1) name(s) and contact information for nominator and nominee(s),
  2) 1-2 page descriptive explanation for the nomination, and
  3) supporting documents (photos, testimonials, letters) if appropriate and available.

- EX[L] Co-Directors and a subcommittee of the EX[L] Faculty Steering Committee will determine the recipients.

- Awards will be announced and awardees celebrated in April 2018.

- Highlights of recipients’ work will be shared with the UA and Akron community.

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EX[L]’s mission is to help students emerge as civically-engaged, adaptable leaders, ready to join in the enterprise of building strong and sustainable communities by promoting hands-on, community-based, problem-centered learning.

We seek to accomplish this by

- supporting, expanding, and creating new experiential learning programs
- assisting faculty with barriers to innovative, interdisciplinary, experiential teaching
- providing opportunities for students to explore interdisciplinary and other innovative pathways
- sustaining existing, and developing new community partnerships that bring UA students and local business and non-profit change-makers together