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Ref: George W. Curry: nomination for Jot D. Carpenter Medal

Dear Trustees:

I am honored to support Professor George W. Curry for the Jot D. Carpenter Medal.

I was George's student when I was at SUNY Syracuse from 1971-1976. Over the years, I have kept in touch with George; but I had not seen him in some time as I have been overseas for many years. I recently was honored with an award from SUNY and had the opportunity to catch up with George. I was reminded of the contributions he continues to make in launching careers of young professionals.

George has always taken a broad perspective of the profession of landscape architecture and in heightening awareness of the contributions the profession can make to society. He certainly influenced me in my career path to public service.

I recall how George always challenged his students by encouraging us to think independently, to collaborate with other professionals and to be innovative. Through George's lectures and example, he established firmly in our minds the role of landscape architects as team leaders and the ones in the best position to balance varying interests in achieving the optimal public good.

My recent opportunity to spend time with George, his students and colleagues at the Syracuse event demonstrated again to me that George continues to make important contributions to the profession and to society. What I heard from each and every individual reinforced in me the *uniqueness* of George Curry, the essence of professor, mentor and humanist.

If there is an individual deserving of such an honor, it is George W. Curry.

Sincerely,

Steven J. Anlian
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Re: Letter of support for George W. Curry for the Jot D. Carpenter Medal

Dear Trustees:

I was a student of Professor George Curry and have been his colleague for over 25 years. During that time, I have had the opportunity to observe him in every conceivable academic setting. In each case, he has exemplified the consummate teacher. His legacy at Syracuse spans 40 years, and includes teaching over 2000 students. During that time, he has been a role model to all of his colleagues and students, demonstrating what it means to be a dedicated and effective educator. He has taught some classes for more than 20 years, and yet each year he brings originality and renewed enthusiasm to the classroom. George continues to be a mentor to literally hundreds of alumni. At alumni functions, George is the first faculty member they ask about, and we have countless testimonials verifying how he has been a major influence in their careers.

When the college received its first endowed faculty chair, George was the unanimous selection and was appointed the William Munsey Kennedy Chair. He is also a SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor, the highest award SUNY grants faculty. The Syracuse program would be greatly diminished without the leadership, enthusiasm and commitment of Professor Curry.

In addition to teaching, George has produced a significant body of scholarship and public service projects. I knew Jot Carpenter and I think that he would be honored to know that George Curry received an award in his name.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, which appears to read 'Richard S. Hawks', is written over a vertical line that extends from the 'Sincerely,' text down to the typed name below.

Richard S. Hawks, FASLA
Chair
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28 February 2007

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Re: Jot D. Carpenter Teaching Medal Nomination

Dear ASLA Board of Trustees:

It is my pleasure to write in support of the nomination of George Curry for Jot D. Carpenter Teaching Medal of the American Society of Landscape Architects. As a professor and colleague Curry, has a record of leadership and inspiration of others that is at the root of teaching excellence.

I have known Curry for some 20 years as a respected and valued colleague with a particular expertise and interest in landscape preservation. My respect for his writing, speaking and teaching activities is founded in the many professional meetings, papers, and student works I have become familiar with over the years. He cherishes historic places and inspires others to take up the preservation cause. Curry is particularly recognized by his colleagues for acting on his principles and in that way inspiring others to not only learn but to act in alignment to that learning. In the two decades I have know him, his personal contributions and those of his students to the landscape architecture profession are extensive and worthy of recognition.

As Jot Carpenter did, Curry lives a life that shines forth with a holistic commitment to teaching and embodying the values he teaches in his actions. I fully support and endorse George Curry as an inspirational teacher and a highly appropriate recipient of the Jot D. Carpenter Teaching Medal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Patricia M. O'Donnell".

Patricia M. O'Donnell, FASLA, AICP, Principal
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Re: Nomination of George W. Curry for the Jot D. Carpenter Teaching Medal

Dear Trustees:

I take enormous pleasure in advocating for George W. Curry's recognition with the Carpenter Medal. I studied with George in the late 1970s, and he made me want to teach landscape architecture myself. For nearly thirty years now, I have been privileged to know him more as a colleague, and I can say without hesitation that he remains, remarkably, still, one of the best teachers I know.

Several areas of special contribution stand out. The first applies mostly to his students and his community, but I know of very few landscape architecture teachers who turn students into urbanists. George has been active over the years in political culture and economic culture in Syracuse, and has been a true catalyst in revitalizing an entire district in the city's downtown. He has continually introduced these aspects of complex, contemporary urban life into the studio with rigor and reality. Our programs need to draw their students toward a commitment to urbanism, because they don't on the whole come to this naturally. George Curry's example is unique and of very long duration.

Secondly, and indeed more broadly, his consistent drive to foreground the ethics and tactics of landscape preservation has helped change the way we work on historic sites. George's studious applied research, with real clients and with real communities, has had a notable impact on practice. Many of his students—I will be immodest here and count myself among them—have in turn made their own contributions to evolving preservation approaches for landscape architecture.

Finally, he has always encouraged involvement in the profession, and I am indebted to him for that. It was for these reasons that I was honored to have George as escort and sponsor upon my election to Fellow of ASLA. He deserves this recognition, and I will be very proud to congratulate him should he receive the honor.

Thanks for allowing me to comment.

Sincerely,

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Dear Trustees:

It is with great pleasure that I wholeheartedly recommend that George W. Curry be awarded the Jot D. Carpenter Teaching Medal.

In 1980, I met George as a Syracuse University sophomore majoring in architecture; I was seeking a program with a strong emphasis in urban design and will forever be grateful that I knocked on George's door at the State University of New York College of Environmental Science & Forestry (SUNY CESF). The undivided personal guidance that George gives to all of his students far exceeds any other professor I have encountered in my undergraduate and graduate studies. His attention to detail and standard of excellence motivates all who are fortunate to be enlightened by his lectures and/or collaborate in his studios. I often reflect on my final challenging urban studio experience which was a key lesson in working in a group environment with 15-20 students on a semester study; this skill is essential to professional success and has served me well.

My relationship with George did not end upon graduation; time and time again, George was always willing and eager to offer advice as I sought my career path. His perspective was always on target. When he did not feel that he had the answers, he always knew where to send you to get the needed guidance.

As a member of the SUNY CESF's Advisory Council, I was fortunate to see George annually. Through those visits, I was able to witness his tireless innovative efforts to establish Historic Landscapes as an independent component of the Historic Preservation movement.

As President of the Advisory Council, numerous initiatives were developed; George was a strong supporter, specifically, of Alumni Reunions. The program has grown to an average of 4 reunions annually in various cities, including at the New York City, Boston, Philadelphia, Saratoga, Washington, DC and the ASLA Annual Meetings. George is

always a key attraction, because he attracts alumni of all classes, far and near, past and present.

Most importantly, I will always treasure the encouragement and praise George has given me from the first day met. With each promotion or new career advancement in NYC government, at the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation or at the University of Pennsylvania, George has always cheered me on. In 2005, when I was awarded the SUNY CESF Alumni Association Graduate of Distinction Award, George was front and center with his entire class beaming with pride, right next to my mother.

His integrity, honor, commitment and energy as an educator and mentor have been my inspiration and that of countless others, certainly deserving of this honor.

Sincerely,

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