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Dear Fellow SURA Board of Trustees Members,

By now, you have seen the announcement that U.S. Senator Lamar Alexander of Tennessee will be presented the SURA Distinguished Friend of Science Award on November 9. As chair of the Development Committee, which solicited and screened the nominees for this honor, I am very pleased with our selection and believe we will have a wonderful event to make this presentation. While you will be receiving more details soon, I hope you will plan to attend the reception honoring the Senator as well as participate in the Board of Trustees and Committee meetings on November 9 and 10.

My purpose in writing today, however, is to announce the opening of nominations for the Distinguished Scientist Award – the second of the two SURA Distinguished Service Awards approved by the Board of Trustees. This award's specifications are:

- It is to be presented to “a research scientist from a SURA member institution whose extraordinary work fulfills the SURA mission of fostering ‘excellence in scientific research’.”
- Preference will be given to a scientist who has performed his/her research at a SURA member institution.
- No person may be eligible for the Distinguished Scientist Award who is/or has been a Board of Trustees member within the past two years.
- The award comes with a \$20,000 cash honorarium.

The nomination process is quite simple:

- (1) Only Board of Trustees and Council of Presidents members are eligible to submit a nomination (limited to one nomination per SURA member institution.)
- (2) All nomination materials must be submitted in electronic form to award@sura.org.
- (3) The deadline for nominations will be **December 1, 2006** at 5:00 p.m. EST.
- (4) Nominations should include: a concise letter of nomination on the qualifications of the nominee from the trustee or president, (which includes contact information for the nominee); and, a curriculum vitae or biographical sketch of the nominee.

I encourage you to consider this award opportunity and invite you to find more information on it at: www.sura.org/programs/awards.html. The presentation of the Distinguished Scientist Award will be at the Spring 2007 Board of Trustees meeting planned at the University of Miami. Thanks for your interest.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James N. Siedow". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

James N. Siedow
Vice Provost for Research, Duke University
Chair, SURA Development Committee