

# MENTOR AWARD

## **Mentor: An experienced and trusted counselor.**

(Oxford English Dictionary)

Mentoring is a structured and trusting relationship that brings younger professionals or students in contact with caring, more experienced faculty or professionals who offer guidance, support, and encouragement aimed at developing the knowledge, professional skills, competencies, and character of the younger person. SEPA recognizes the importance of the mentoring relationship as a vital one in the development of psychology graduates and students at all levels. In 2004, SEPA established a Mentor Award with the support of the Education Directorate of APA and presented the cash award for the first time. The Mentor Award Committee is comprised of the President of SEPA, the President-Elect of SEPA, and the previous recipient.

2004 – Mike Rulon of Covenant College, Lookout Mountain, Georgia.

2005 - Wallace Kennedy of Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida.

2006 - Christopher Leone of University of North Florida, Jacksonville, Florida.

2007 – Stephen Nowicki of Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia.

SEPA is seeking nominations for the 2008 Mentor Award. Please nominate a SEPA member who has demonstrated exceptional mentoring through some or all of the following:

- a. Involving large numbers of students in the annual SEPA meeting.
- b. Shepherding the careers of various members of SEPA.
- c. Supervising and teaching various members of SEPA.
- d. Contributing to the professional development of members of SEPA.

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**To nominate a SEPA member for this award:**

- **Write a brief nomination letter summarizing the person's mentoring, addressing the criteria above.**
- **Mail to:**

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