



Northeastern University
College of Arts, Media and Design
Department of Communication Studies

THE MICHAEL WOODNICK TEACHING FOR TOMORROW AWARD

ABOUT THE AWARD

The Michael Woodnick Teaching for Tomorrow Award honors a senior Communication Studies major (including combined majors) who shows exemplary achievement and demonstrated promise for a career in education (either as a teacher or professor). This award is open to students applying for teaching jobs (like Teach for America) or to graduate school in Communication and Media Studies or related disciplines. The award is based on the strength of an applicant's academic performance, teaching related activities (serving as a teaching or research assistant or an education related co-op), and a personal essay about the decision to pursue a career in education.

ELIGIBILITY

All senior Communication and/or or Media Studies majors are eligible to apply. To be considered, applicants should submit electronic versions of the following items to a.chin@northeastern.edu:

1. An *unofficial* transcript (available through myNortheastern).
2. A resume.
3. A letter of recommendation from an individual who can speak to the applicant's interest and aptitude for teaching.
4. A 500 to 750 word reflective essay that speaks to the following questions: *"Being an educator isn't easy, nor is it easy to become one. Why do you want to pursue a career in education? What experiences did you have at Northeastern that informed that decision?"*

The Woodnick Award Committee will base their decision on academic achievement, the recommendation, and the reflective essay. Incomplete and/or late applications will not be considered.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO A.CHIN@NORTHEASTERN.EDU
BY 4:30 P.M. ON MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2023



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ABOUT PROFESSOR WOODNICK

Michael Woodnick devoted forty-five years to helping his students come face-to-face with their authentic selves; walking them through the maze of life and helping them do the work of sifting out what really matters. He joined Northeastern University in 1964 as one of the founding members of the Speech Communication track in the Department of Drama, Music and Speech, teaching courses in Business & Professional Speaking, Voice and Articulation and Mass Media. Beginning in the 1970s, Professor Woodnick's interests began to focus on Interpersonal Communication, which became his major work for the rest of his tenure at Northeastern, including the addition of courses in Communication and the Quality of Life and Authentic Communication. In 1980, Communication Studies became a department of its own and Professor Woodnick served as its first Chair; soon after, he was the recipient of one of the University's first Excellence in Teaching Awards. In 2000, he was appointed the University's first Director of Spiritual Life, a position he held for three years until his return to the Communication Studies department from which he retired in 2009.

Professor Woodnick was a renowned teacher much beloved by his students. To celebrate his long and distinguished career, funds were raised to endow the Michael Woodnick Teaching for Tomorrow Award, an honor which recognizes a graduating senior who aspires to a career in education.

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APPLICATION**

Name:

Campus Address:

E-mail Address:

Phone Number:

Expected Graduation Date:

Grade Point Average:

Extracurricular Activities:

Application Checklist

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- Letter of recommendation
- Reflective essay

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