**AWARDS COMMITTEE**

**September 16, 2025**

**Leadership Information**

* Chair, Delasia Rice, [drice13@forham.edu](mailto:drice13@forham.edu), (212) 903-2052, Graduate School Specialist
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* Chair and Co-Chair for 2026-27 no change
* Committee Members
  + Jessica Ayub
  + K Johnson
  + Leigh Oliveras
  + Nicole Anderson
  + Soonhoon Ahn
  + Sujata Ives
  + Zhaodi Wang
  + Amanda Cox
  + Kenyatta Johnson
  + Natalie Kauffman
  + Kelvin Ling
  + Scott Fisher
  + Elvis Sio
  + Julie Higgs
  + Ellen Goodman
  + Jeremiah Wong

**Committee Activities to Date**

* Update award packets and nomination forms, ensure website reflects changes
* Ensure submissions are accessible to all committee members for review
* Schedule 3 review meetings to discuss applications
* Compile scores and make recommendations to NCDA
* Notify winners and nominees
* Author article for newsletter highlighting award winners

**Projected Plan/Work Completed through September 30**

* Update website semi-annually to highlight award winner success stories, WINTER 2025
* Make recommendation to update wording on nomination process documents, TBD
* Schedule initial committee meeting FALL 2025

Save the document, titling it: (Committee Name) Annual Year Report 2025-26 and submit electronically as an attachment to [dpenn@ncda.org](mailto:dpenn@ncda.org) with a copy to your board liaison by **September 15, 2025**.