**2024 VCASE Mary Lou Wall Award of Excellence**

**For Early Career Special Education Leaders**

**Nomination Form**

*The Mary Lou Wall Award of Excellence is awarded to a special education director who has demonstrated outstanding and innovative performance within the first three years of service. Nominees must be members of VCASE, CASE, and CEC and should exemplify the following values:*

* *The nominee is passionate and committed to the field of special education.*
* *The nominee leads by example. The nominee should have integrity and are willing to pitch in, volunteer, and assist whenever possible. They focus on doing what’s right, even if it’s not popular at the time.*
* *The nominee is known to be honest in their work with staff, students, parents and*

*colleagues.*

* *The nominee is willing to forgo traditional approaches to be more effective, use alternative methods, and try new strategies. The nominee is known to be creative and imaginative.*
* *The nominee promotes and fosters authentic collaboration. The nominee is known to listen first before reaching conclusions. The nominee seeks to fully understand alternative opinions and perspectives, then partner in developing and agreeing on solutions. The nominee strives to clarify concerns and expectations; respect other people’s differences and utilize each other's strengths and expertise; and seek out alternative ideas or perspectives. The nominee models the collaborative approach in working together to find the best possible solution.*

**Nomination should include a minimum of three (3) comprehensive letters of recommendation that specifically address the above areas. A resume/vita should be included, if available. The more detail, the better!**

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**RETURN FORM AND ATTACHMENTS TO:**

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**The deadline for submission is March 11, 2024. The award recipient will be recognized at the 2024 VCASE Spring Conference and nominated by VCASE for the CASE National Early Career Award of Excellence.**