

**University of Nebraska at Omaha
Chancellor's Commission on Multicultural Affairs**

DIVERSITY AWARDS

The UNO Chancellor's Commission on Multicultural Affairs (CCMA) strives to recognize individuals, departments, colleges, or organizations that exemplify a commitment to diversity and to meeting the Diversity Action Plan goals. The University is committed to becoming a leader within the higher education community regarding diversity and the creation of a campus culture of inclusion. Steps to be taken include recruiting and retaining diverse faculty, staff, and students and creating a supportive environment in which they can succeed and reach their fullest potential. In addition, diversity goals are incorporated throughout UNO's Strategic Plan. The three overarching goals for the campus are: student focus, academic excellence, and community engagement. Please take a moment to reflect on individuals, departments, colleges, or organizations whom you know and appraise their merits as CCMA Diversity Award nominees. Please submit your nomination to the Diversity and Equal Opportunity Office, EAB 117, by Wednesday, March 7, 2007. Thank you for your nomination!

CCMA Awards Committee

Criteria

- 1) Nominations will be accepted, and awards presented, in each of three categories: students, faculty, and staff.
- 2) Nominees must be current UNO students, full-or-part-time or adjunct faculty, or staff members in good standing.
- 3) Nominations will be reviewed for the current year ONLY; they will not be carried forward to the next year. Award recipients are not eligible to receive it again for two subsequent years.
- 4) Recipients will have demonstrated a commitment to diversity on the University campus or in the community through mentoring, outreach initiatives, or other activities which advance the institution's goal of inclusion.
- 5) Recipients will have demonstrated a thorough understanding of, appreciation for, and advocacy toward promoting diversity issues. By example, recipients instill in their colleagues these same values and inspire similar commitment to inclusion.

Procedure

- 1) Any member of the university community may recommend current UNO students, full-or-part-time or adjunct faculty members, or staff members in good standing.
- 2) Nominations may be submitted to the CCMA Awards Committee via the attached nomination form, (feel free to duplicate); extra nomination forms will be in the Diversity and Equal Opportunity Office, EAB 117.
- 3) Recommendations of the Awards Committee will be approved by a majority of the CCMA and forwarded to the Chancellor.

The awards will be presented at the Chancellor's Commission on Multicultural Affairs Awards Reception in April.

Previous Award Winners

2006

Faculty: College of Education

Staff: Judith Monarrez Diaz-Kelsey, Information Science and Technology

Student: Shereece Dendy, Student Organization and Leadership Programs & President African American Organization

2005

Faculty: Carolyn Fiscus, Native American Studies

Staff: Helen Fountain, Office of Multicultural Affairs

Student: Lizabet Arellano, President, National Council of Negro Women

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DIVERSITY AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

In recognition of a commitment to diversity and furthering the Diversity Action Plan goals at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, I nominate the following individual (s) for the Chancellor's Commission on Multicultural Affairs Diversity Award:

DATE: _____ **CATEGORY:** ___ Student ___ Faculty ___ Staff

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name: _____
(please provide correct spelling of name)

Department: _____

Current Position/Major: _____

Campus Address: _____ Phone: _____

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Name: _____

Department: _____ Position: _____

Campus Address: _____ Phone: _____

IN A SEPARATE LETTER, PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR SPECIFIC REASONS FOR NOMINATING THIS INDIVIDUAL(S):

