



## **Call for Nominations, 2009 Conversations on Diversity Achievement Awards**

**Nomination Guidelines:** Nominations can originate from any CSU, Chico faculty, staff member, student, alumni or community member. Please provide a brief rationale for your nomination, such as relevant activities that promote diversity.

**Selection Process:** Recipients will be selected by the Conversations on Diversity committee based on his/her/their commitment to diversity.

**Presentation of Awards:** Awards will be presented at the Conversations on Diversity Achievement Awards and Reception on Wednesday, April 29, 2009 at 12:00 pm in BMU 210.

**Deadline:** Nominations must be submitted no later than Wednesday, April 15, 2009 to Tray Robinson - Office of Diversity - zip 125 - Kendall Hall #110. If you have any questions, contact Tray Robinson at [trobinson@csuchico.edu](mailto:trobinson@csuchico.edu) or by phone at x4764.

### **Taking it to the Classroom**

Individuals who address diversity issues in the classroom often must deal with sensitive and challenging subjects, resistant or apathetic students, and/or professional scrutiny. It is a daunting task that many choose not to address. The Taking It to the Classroom award recognizes an outstanding faculty member who possesses the courage and creativity required to successfully engage diversity issues in the classroom.

### **Behind the Scenes Award**

Just as in a movie or in theatre, much of the diversity efforts, the real work, is conducted and maintained behind the scenes, out of public view. This award honors the individual behind the scenes, working diligently and often without recognition to ensure that the show goes on seamlessly and successfully.

### **Promising Newcomer Award**

This award is presented to an individual whose fresh perspective and energy galvanize campus diversity work and facilitate new approaches to old problems. The award honors the newcomer's vision and invites a sustained commitment to its realization.

### **Lifetime Achievement Award**

Understanding diversity is the work of a lifetime. Helping others to understand it is the work of an extraordinary lifetime. This award is presented to an individual who has brought the campus closer to its vision of inclusiveness through her or his cumulative daily efforts to promote understanding and collaboration across lines of gender, race, culture, class, and sexuality.

### **The After Chico Award**

The After Chico Award recognizes that the proof of a good education is what you do with what you've learned. In this award we honor Chico alum's outstanding contributions in the field of diversity activism, service, education, and/or celebration.

### **Pulling us Together Award**

This award is presented to the organizer(s) of an event that was noteworthy for drawing people together to take a bold step towards social change. The event may involve teaching the campus community eye-opening lessons about diversity issues, galvanizing a response to a particular social justice issue, or representing those who are often marginalized in U.S. society.

### **Taking it to the Streets**

This award highlights a group's or individual's timely response to an event or issue of local, national, or global significance. We particularly want to honor students, staff, or faculty who has provided a direct service to communities or individuals impacted by the topic.

### **Walk the Line Award**

The Walk the Line award recognizes that the work to achieve social justice is both demanding and risky. Risks include excessive scrutiny and burn out from juggling multiple roles (e.g., mentor, teacher, advocate). This award recognizes

one who takes such risk without the protection of privilege and safety nets such as tenure or secure fulltime employment.

### **The Teaching Back Award**

The Teaching Back Award recognizes the fact that while students most often learn from their professors, they also teach their instructors and peers. With this award we honor one of our students who has consistently been active either inside or outside of the classroom and contributed to diversity education on campus.

### **Last Year's Award Recipients:**

#### **Promising Newcomer Award**

*Cross Cultural Leadership Center*

#### **Pulling us Together Award**

*Dr. Chris Coughlin, Professor of Child Development*

#### **Taking it to the Classroom Award**

*Dr. Janja Lalich, Professor of Sociology*

#### **Teaching Back Award**

*Yun Jin Carson, Student in MCGS*

#### **Behind the Scenes Award**

*Gary McMahon, Assistant Dean for the College of Business*

#### **Walk the Line Award**

*Dr. Jerry Maneker, Professor of Sociology & Social Science*

#### **Taking it to the Streets Award**

*Larry Bassow, Program Coordinator for Greek Life*

*Courri Brady, Coordinator for Residential Life Programming*

#### **The After Chico Award**

*Dr. Glen Toney, Member of the CSU Board of Trustees*

#### **Lifetime Achievement Award**

*Ajamu Lamumba, MESA Outreach Coordinator*