



Call for Nominations, 2008 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, May 7 at 12:00 pm in BMU 210.

Deadline: Nominations must be submitted no later than Friday, April 25, 2008 to Tray Robinson - Office of Diversity - zip 125 - Kendall Hall #110.
If you have any questions, contact Tray Robinson at 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 have 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.

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Last Year's Award Recipients:

Promising Newcomer Award

Dr. Vincent Ornelas, Assistant Professor of Social Work

Pulling us Together Award

Uraci Matthews, EOP Advisor

Taking it to the Classroom Award

Dr. Sherrow Pinder, Assistant Professor of Political Science & CMGS

Teaching Back Award

Mario Carey, Graduating Senior in Finance

Behind the Scenes Award

Dave Waddell, Lecturer of Journalism & Advisor to the Orion

Walk the Line Award

Dr. Tracy Butts, Assistant Professor of English

Taking it to the Streets Award

Educational Talent Search

The After Chico Award

Megan Seely, Chico Alumni, International Relations major and Women's Studies minor

Lifetime Achievement Award

Paul Persons, Professor of Political Science

Nominees

Drew Calandrella - Promising Newcomer Award

CAVE - Taking it to the Streets Award

Women's Center - Pulling us Together Award

Sean Cummings - Teaching Back Award