

Diversity Affairs Awards

The University of New Orleans

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Outstanding Student for Commitment to Diversity: This award recognizes a current undergraduate or graduate student of the University of New Orleans who has demonstrated leadership in assisting the University in responding to its commitment to diversity. This student has worked to develop a university community that appreciates and respects all facets of diversity. In addition, this student's leadership initiatives are in the forefront of exploring issues regarding diversity and he or she is actively working to expand his/her knowledge in one or more of the following areas: cultural exchange, gender identity, sexual orientation, race relations, religion, disability rights, global awareness, and human rights issues.

Outstanding Faculty or Staff Member for Commitment to Diversity: This award recognizes a faculty member who has demonstrated a commitment to student development and has gone beyond his or her administrative role to address the needs and concerns of underrepresented students. This individual provides students with the opportunities to explore issues regarding diversity, identity development, multicultural education, social justice, and leadership initiatives while promoting an inclusive and diverse environment through his or her daily actions. This ultimately enhances the retention, matriculation and success of historically underrepresented students, while also creating a diverse and inclusive educational environment. Nominees for this award include full-time and part-time staff members as well as graduate assistants.

Outstanding Student Organization for Commitment to Diversity: This award recognizes an active registered student organization that has shown exemplary commitment to the university community and has made a great effort to provide underrepresented students with a supplemental source of support. This organization embraces diversity in all its facets and is a role model for any group working with and serving underrepresented students.

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Nomination Form

Criteria for Selection:

Nominees should be current faculty, staff, students or other functional teams of the University. Nominations can be submitted by individual employees (including supervisors, direct reports and peers of the nominees), students, University organizations, and employee networks. Please note that members of the UNO Diversity Cabinet are not eligible to receive Diversity Affairs Awards. Applications will be judged on the following criteria.

- Demonstration of emerging or sustained commitment to the values of diversity, inclusion, and multiculturalism by documented efforts that are above and beyond the routine expectations of the job or project.
- Evidence of exceptional efforts to promote a University environment that is free from bias and discrimination.
- Substantiation of the contribution that the individual, team, or unit has made towards advancing diversity and inclusion.

Name of Nominee (Organization/Faculty/Staff/Student): _____

UNO ID# (If applicable): _____ Telephone (President's # if nominee is an organization): _____

Campus Email (Or President's email if nominee is an organization): _____@uno.edu

To be completed if nominee is a Faculty of Staff Member:

Department: _____ Office Phone Number: _____

To be completed if nominee is a Student:

Major: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____ Graduation Year: _____

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Name of Nominator: _____ Date: _____

Relationship to Nominee: _____ Nominator's Department: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Please complete the below questions and attach them to the nomination form. Please keep response for all three questions to 750 words or less.

- 1.) Give an example of programs or initiatives that this individual/organization was a part of that helped promote diversity at the University of New Orleans.
- 2.) In what ways has this individual/organization gone above and beyond the call of duty to serve our diverse campus community?
- 3.) Why should this individual/organization be chosen to receive a University of New Orleans Diversity Award over any other candidates?

Please complete this application and return it to Peggy Gaffney, Director of the Diversity Affairs, mjgaffne@uno.edu or KH 308

Award recipients will be recognized during UNO's Cultural Café events