2011 CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Women of Distinction & Woman of the Year Awards

MARCH IS NATIONAL WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH

The rich tradition of women’s contributions to Washington State University encompasses teachers and scholars, staff and advisors, students and alumni, administrators and regents, volunteers and friends. To recognize the achievements and contributions of women to the academic and local community, and to our society, the WSU Women of Distinction and Woman of the Year Awards are presented annually for National Women’s History Month.

Women of Distinction Awardees usually include an alumna, an employee (faculty or staff), a student (undergraduate or graduate), and a woman from outside WSU. All nominees for Women of Distinction Awards are eligible for the Woman of the Year Award, and nominations from all WSU campuses and locations are encouraged.

HISTORY AND THEME

Through a resolution passed by Congress in 1987, the month of March was designated National Women’s History Month. Each year, this time is set aside to recognize and celebrate women of all races, ages, cultures, ethnic traditions, and ways of life.

The National Women’s History Project (NWHP) is a nonprofit educational corporation dedicated to promoting gender equality through public recognition of women’s diverse lives and accomplishments. The NWHP mission will be encompassed and extended at WSU as we honor and recognize the role women have in creating social change, increasing equality for all, and building community in countless ways. During Women’s History Month 2011, we honor these women, past, present, and future, by acknowledging that women represent a special vision, continuously influencing society toward positive change.

QUALIFICATIONS

These prestigious awards recognize women for their accomplishments and contributions to society and lives of other women.

TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE AWARDS THE NOMINEE MUST BE:

- A woman who is distinguished in academic work, career, leadership, public service, or any combination thereof.
- A woman who has contributed to the personal growth and success of others, especially women, through education, research, or public or volunteer service above and beyond her expected job responsibilities.
- A woman whose achievements have created positive social change, increased equality for all, and helped build community through service.
- A woman not honored with this award in the last five years. For information on previous recipients, see www.women.wsu.edu/history/recipients.html.

TIME AND PLACE OF AWARD PRESENTATION

The awards will be presented at the Women’s Recognition Luncheon on March 22, 2011, in the CUB Ballroom. The Women of Distinction and Woman of the Year awardees will be announced in WSU Today, and news releases will be made to regional newspapers approximately five days in advance of the event.

The President’s Commission on the Status of Women at WSU coordinates the award selection process. The awards are presented through the auspices of the President’s Office, the President’s Commission on the Status of Women, the Women’s Resource Center, the Women’s Studies Department, the Association for Faculty Women, and the Coalition for Women Students.

Washington State University
President’s Commission on the Status of Women
Women of Distinction & Woman of the Year

*Due by Wednesday, March 2, 2011*

Awards will be presented at the Women’s Recognition Luncheon on March 22, 2011.

Reserve tickets for this event through the Women’s Resource Center, 509-335-6849.

See reverse side of this form for purpose and qualifications for these awards.

Name of Nominee: ________________________________

Home Address: ___________________________________

Business/Work Address: __________________________

Daytime Phone: (____) ____________________________

E-mail: _________________________________________

You may indicate a category or categories in which the nominee could be considered:

(A) WSU Alumna          (B) WSU Student ( ___ graduate ___ undergraduate)
(C) Current WSU Employee ( ___ faculty ___ staff)            (D) Woman outside WSU

1. With the listed qualifications in mind (see reverse side of form), attach a typed or clearly printed statement stating why you believe the nominee should receive this award (500 words or fewer).

2. In addition to the 500-word statement, attach any supporting documents that might assist the committee in making this decision.

3. Please include the names, addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail of three (3) references for the nominee (letters of recommendation from references are optional).

Return this form and all attachments to:

Attention: Kathy Dorgan, Biological Systems Engineering
LJ Smith 103s, Pullman, WA 99164-6120

Please call 335-7204 or e-mail kdorgan@wsu.edu if you have any questions.

Name of Nominator: ______________________________

Address: _______________________________________

Phone: (____) __________________________

E-mail: _______________________________________

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