2010 Call for Nominations

**Women of Distinction and 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 2009, 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 the lives of other women.

TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE AWARDS THE NOMINEE MUST BE:

- A woman who has distinguished herself 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](http://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 24, 2010, 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 5 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.
2010 Nomination Form

Women of Distinction and Woman of the Year

Due Date: Monday, March 1, 2010

Awards will be presented at the Women’s Recognition Luncheon on March 24, 2010.

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 _____ or undergraduate _____)

(C) Current WSU Employee (faculty _____  or staff _____)     (D) Woman outside WSU

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

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

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

Return this form and all attachments to:
Attention: Jill Griffin, School for Global Animal Health
ADBF 4001, PO Box 647040, Pullman, WA 99164-7040.

Please call 335-5861 or e-mail griffinj@vetmed.wsu.edu if you have any questions.

Name of Nominator: ________________________________________________________________

Address: ________________________________________________________________________

Phone: (___) ___________________________ E-mail: ____________________________

PLEASE FILL OUT COMPLETELY

You may nominate someone online at www.go.wsu.edu/women.

Washington State University President's Commission on the Status of Women