

Welcome to the 2009

Student Affairs

Staff and Program Awards

Outstanding



Celebratory Reception

Friday, May 8, 2009

Presented by

The Office of the

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs



The 2009
Outstanding
Staff and Program Awards

Purpose: To celebrate our outstanding staff and programs! Each year the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs recognizes three individuals and one program for their exemplary commitment to professional integrity and excellence. Each recipient is recognized with a \$600 award and a plaque of appreciation. \$1,000 is awarded to the program's home department to continue or expand the program.

Eligibility: All Academic Professional, Open Range, and Civil Service staff members within the units that comprise Student Affairs are eligible except the Vice Chancellor, Associate and Assistant Vice Chancellors, and Department Heads. Employees who have previously received the award are also not eligible. All programs within the Student Affairs departments are eligible.

Nomination Process: Individuals were nominated by Student Affairs Staff members and/or students through letters of recommendation during the Spring semester. Nominations were reviewed and selected by the Outstanding Staff and Program Awards Committee.

Please refer to the website for more information:

<http://studentaffairs.illinois.edu/facstaff/awards.html>



**2009 Outstanding Staff
and Program Awards
Selection Committee**

Brandy Meid, Chair
Doug Boyer
Andi Cailles
Grace Casillas
Belinda De La Rosa
Angela Ennis
Katie Kennealy
Rene Monteagudo
Leslie Morrow
Penny Plummer
Andrew Revis, Student
Kimberly Rice
Laurel Rosch
Amir Toumaj, Student
Sonia Rodriguez, Turner
Fellow



Program

Welcome

Sonia A. Rodriguez, Fred H. Turner Fellow

Opening Remarks

C. Renée Romano, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

Presentation of Awards

C. Renée Romano, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

Outstanding New Professional Award

Outstanding Staff Awards

Outstanding Program Award

Closing Remarks

C. Renée Romano, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

Door Prizes- Must Be Present to Win!

Performances by the Latin Jazz Band

Thank you for celebrating with us!!

2009 Award

Recipients

Outstanding New Professional Award



Kirstin Phelps

Illinois Leadership Center

Kirstin Phelps is a Program Director at the Illinois Leadership Center. In this role she is responsible for overseeing the Imprint i-programs, helping with curriculum design and development, and coordinating the technology and database improvements. Kirstin also serves as the liaison for various campus collaborations with La Casa Cultural Latina, Engineering Career Services, the

College of Business, and Division of Campus Recreation. Kirstin graduated from the University of Illinois with a M.S. in Agricultural Education and a B.S. in Communications and Advertising. Prior to serving as Program Director, she worked as an advertising representative for the Daily Illini, program coordinator and conference planner for the Physics Department, and assistant editor and marketing consultant for ACTIMAX Learning, a small start-up company. When not at the Leadership Center, Kirstin enjoys cooking, reading, running, and traveling.

“Kirstin’s character is what sets her apart from those around her. She is compassionate, driven to do what is right and will put in the effort to ensure the outcome is exceptional. There are many examples of the ways that Kirstin contributes to the Illinois Leadership Center and the University of Illinois campus in outcomes large and small; however, in each of these, she is exceptional.”

– Sara Thompson, Acting Director Illinois Leadership Center

2009 Award

Recipients

Outstanding Staff Award



Adele Lozano

La Casa Cultural Latina

Adele began her position as Director of La Casa Cultural Latina in January 2006. She received an M.A. in student affairs from the University of Northern Iowa and is currently pursuing an Ed.D. in Higher Education at UI. Her research interests include Latina/o college student retention and ethnic cultural centers at predominantly white institutions. While at La Casa Cultural Latina, Adele has

supported programs like the Latina/o Youth Conference, Proyecto Children for Higher Education, the Pen Pal Program, FIESTA, and the Latina/o Congratulatory. Adele currently serves on the board of directors of the University of Illinois YWCA and the University Extension Office. She is originally from southeast Iowa where her grandparents migrated from Mexico.

“Adele is most deserving of this award because she goes beyond the tasks and responsibilities in her job description without want for additional credit or rewards. Despite her already full plate with her current position, Adele will collaborate with other units and serve on committees because of her commitment to serve a broad range of students beyond those who enter La Casa’s doors.”

– Anna K. Gonzalez, Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Director of the Office of Inclusion and Intercultural Relations.

2009 Award

Recipients

Outstanding Staff Award



Betoel Escobar

Office of Minority Student Affairs

Betoel was born in El Salvador in where he worked in a farm for the majority of his life until he left for school at the age of 18. He completed his undergrad education at the North Carolina School of Arts. He received his Master's at the State University of New York at Stony Brook and his EED from the University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign. Betoel will be celebrating 16 years of

dedication to the Office of Minority Student Affairs in May. He is the Coordinator for Student Support Services which target low income first generation students. He has served on various committees, such as the Latino/a Family Day Visit, and has chaired the Mom's Day Scholastic Awards Ceremony for 14 years. Betoel establishes professional relationships with students on a daily basis. He enjoys seeing his students grow and develop.

"Truly Betoel's most important contributions to the campus are the interactions he has with the students themselves. He understands students, their niches and their potentials and directs opportunities and consejos that are tailored made for each."

- Veronica Kann, Assistant Director for La Casa Cultural Latina

2009 Award

Recipients

Outstanding Program Award

Food For Thought

Asian American Cultural Center



**ASIAN AMERICAN
CULTURAL CENTER**
OFFICE OF EDUCATION AND INTERCULTURAL RELATIONS
FRESHMAN ACADEMY UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Food for Thought is a weekly noontime discussion series that is focused on topics relevant to the Asian American community.

Past discussions included topics such as nutrition, mental health, sexual health, and issues of queer Asian Americans. The series has always served to either introduce new and meaningful issues or to engage critically with and inform the audience about issues important to the campus community, Asian American community, Champaign-Urbana community or a plethora of other identities welcomed at the Asian American Cultural Center. Topics have included, "The Loving Decision: Implications for Asian American Interracial Dating," "Exploring Mixed Raced Identity," "Appreciating Chinese Art." The Food for Thought series has continued, semester after semester, to serve the student, staff, faculty and community population around the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign as a well-organized, researched and supported program.
http://studentaffairs.illinois.edu/diversity/aacc/programs_fft.html

"When I attended as a freshman in 2006, these lunch series were pretty small, averaging around 20 people per week. Now as a junior, it has been averaging 50-60 people per week. I am pleased to see that the attendance rate at this lunch series has more than doubled within the last three years. The atmosphere of the lunch series has always been diverse. It appeals to students who are interested in Asian American culture, and the Asian American community on campus...It is great to see the significant impact the Food for Thought lunch series has had on this University."

-Justin Winfield, Junior in LAS

We would like to acknowledge all the programs nominated for the Outstanding Program Award and recognize their accomplishments as well.

Career Consultant on Call

The Career Center

The CCOC program assists students with a variety of options in regards to their career goals and exploration. The services provided include, but are not limited to, cover letter and resume critiques, quick career conversations, information on interviews, majors, graduate school, summer jobs, and internships. The program extends beyond itself to ensure that counselor's are kept abreast of the needs of students by directing students who need further assistance to schedule an appointment.
<http://www.careercenter.uiuc.edu/default.asp>

Interlink

The Counseling Center

The program helps international students/staff better acculturate into the campus community while giving others the opportunity to learn about another culture and to have a mentor experience. Interlink has an application process used to match mentees with appropriate mentors by assessing the mentees current level of acculturation, needs and wants with mentor areas of expertise and personal history.
http://www.counselingcenter.illinois.edu/?page_id=212

LEADS

University Housing

The LEADS living learning community has offered an outstanding 3 credit hour leadership and social change course focused on a critical examination of the leadership and social justice implications of both a natural and man-made disaster- Hurricane Katrina. This course attempts to both connect and learn about leadership development and social change utilizing a rich and complicated real world example. The course's development, curriculum, learning activities, service

learning trip and additional community engagement events are all completely developed and implemented by University Housing staff and our LEADS students. This program brings together the best of academic and student affairs in an environment that incorporates traditional classroom learning, experiential education, undergraduate research and community engagement.

<http://www.housing.uiuc.edu/living/leads/staff.htm>

New International Student Welcome Week

Illini Union

The goal of the program is to attract international students to the Illini Union and provide a fun, entertaining night for them to mingle and enjoy themselves while also getting some information on the University and the U.S. The Rec Room provides free bowling and billiards. Several other activities were set up in the Illini Union Food Court such as miniature golf, “bags,” console video gaming, and carnival type games. This program assisted with easing the transition of new international students to the university, the country, and enhanced the information they are expected to absorb during their first week in the country. The program also gives them an outlet for future stressors by exposing them to the many resources the Union offers its students.

<http://www.union.uiuc.edu/>

Residence Hall Wellness Competition

University Housing

This is a 7-week program in which participants must track their steps, fruit/vegetable intake, exercise, and finances weekly online. Focus areas for the program include physical activity, nutrition, stress management, sexual health, sleep, and finances. This program is a collaboration among University Housing, McKinley Health Center, the Counseling Center, Campus Recreation, and UI Extension. Collaborators provide weekly outreach programs that will provide information to participants pertinent to the focus areas. Weekly programming topics have included, “Nutrition-Res Hall Style Eating,” “Sexual Health-What’s Hot, What’s Not,” and a “Stress Less Party.” For more information contact Melanie Pridemore at pridemo@illinois.edu

Orchard Downs' Pre-School Program

University Housing

Founded in 1965 as a cooperative for Orchard Downs' parents and residents, the program has evolved under Family & Graduate Housing into a stimulating educational environment for children ages three to five. Not only does the pre-school service the residents of our apartments but extends to the Champaign-Urbana community as well. A blending of social and cultural backgrounds provides a setting rich in its uniqueness and diversity. The program lends opportunity for student workers and volunteers to gain learning experience in a professional pre-school classroom environment. Students bring with them their own wide ranges of backgrounds and cultures creating another dimension in this very special program. For more information contact Connie Bryan at bryan1@illinois.edu

Sleeman Leadership Institute

Illinois Leadership Center

The Institute is provided to underclassmen in the College of Business to help them recognize the importance of developing leadership skills for success in a business setting. Resounding messages of the Sleeman Leadership Institute were that all participants, even though undergraduates, can have an immediate and lasting impact on campus and can help make a positive contribution for their peers, their community, and the campus at large. The institute was offered for the first time this year and will continue to be an annual program. <http://www.illinoisleadership.uiuc.edu/>

In recognition for

University of Illinois

Years of Service

5 Years

Kaamilyah Abdullah-Span
Sharon Jean Becker
Claire Brady
Rodney G. Campbell
Diana L. Carroll
Erin Ciciora
Jeannie K. Covert
Larry Wayne Dalton
Dale R. Farlow
Julie Ann Followell
Charlene Denise Haynes
Ann Marie Jackson
Herbert Jones
Thomas E. Licht
John Marquardt
Cheryl J. Mayer
Scott McCartney
Willie G. McGee
Lawrence McMillion
Lynda Minor
John Earl Morris
Megan Mustafoff
Elizabeth Nelson
Karilyn J. Newnam
Timothy S. Oberg
Judy Ann Pelmore
Janise Phillips
Donald M. Powell
Caroline Princehouse
Carol Hank Raney
Kathy J. Schnepfer
Andy Sean Sprague
Dwayne Robinson
Gail Rooney
Mary Russell
Tiffany M. White
David L. Wingate
Richard A. Witt

10 Years

Linda L. Allhands
Martenia Appleby
Cathy J. Armetta
Reggie C. Arnett
Wilma Elaine Bailey
Corey Betka
Barbara Ann Brown
Peggy Jo Burke
Harriet Bursztyn
David Chih
John R. Clark
John Collins
Kendra Courson
Larry L. Cross
Joseph Donald Dixon
Carolyn L. Edens
Brent P. Endsley
Lisa Fay
Anthony John Fearon
Keith E. Garrett
Pushpa Giri
Wayne D. Goddard
Leigha Lynette Gulyash
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William Dean Morrison
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Toni Jo Olinger
Angela M. Oliveira
Elizabeth Ann Partenheimer
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Viveca R. Phipps
Joyce K. Rose
Anna Colleen Schwartz
Kevin Earl Shipley
Celeste Renee Smith
Scott Alan Temples
Troy Eugene Tiffin
Anna Tsai
Kathryn Waldyke
Takesha Dionne Williams
Tammy Jo Wininger
Cheryl A. York
Tom Zhang

15 Years

Patricia Anton
David Bagger
Marilyn Sue Caldwell
Karen A. Chumbley
Juliet B. Dorn
Dana T. Ehrhart
Urias Escobar
Barry Grodsky
Marguerith Louise Hamilton
Neal Horner
Theresa Ann Kresin
Ann K. Longfellow
Jennifer J. Loy
Joel T. McArthur
Nancy G. McWherter
Mary M. Mire
Alan F. Mohn
Katherine J. Nicol-Smith
Benita Ortiz
Penny Plummer
Kevin Lee Roberts
Diane Smith
Regena L. Toney

20 Years

Kenton E. Baxter
David P. E. Buck
Geraldine Carter
Cathy I. Christensen
Glenda Darsham
Robby C. Eastham
Kelly L. Foster
Cherri A. Gray
Justin Mitchell Henderson
Charles A. Hinners
Rosalind A. Lane
Anita A. Lewis
Michael R. Martin
Katherine Mock Shepherd
Michael W. Moore
Carl E. Moose
Amanda L. Patton
Linda J. Pettigrew
Nancy Pettigrew
Ervin J. Pruitt
Douglas Lee Pugh
Mark A. Rice
Wesley D. Riggsby
Lori A. Roberts
Thomas Alan Schmidt
Donald E. Sharp
Mary L. Sherrill
Phillip S. Shipley

Curtis L. Terry
Edward Thorpe
Ellen L. Upton
Charles Tony Young

25 Years

Pamela Anderson
Mary Blair
Robyn R. Camp
Kay J. Ehler
Louis E. Fincham
Mark E. Fitzgerald
Priscilla Fortier
Jerry Ogbudimkpa
Linda M. Mumm
Craig Neil Rosson
June C. Savage
Otis Williams

30 Years

Donald Lee Carey
Kenneth D. Chery
Judy A. Costelic
Debbi M. Dietz
Ronald L. Mentock
Cynthia Marie Wassom
Dianna L. Wells

35 Years

Susan Herbert



Thank you

to all our dedicated Student Affairs staff. You lay the foundation for each and every Illinois student to connect, learn, and achieve their dreams of a quality education.

- C. Renée Romano



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Student Affairs at Illinois

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