

MEA

Michigan Education Association

Awards for Human Rights & Excellence 2010

As we commit ourselves as never before to improving public education in Michigan, our focus must continue to be students—to support their development and empowerment as productive, successful and continually learning citizens. With this purpose, public education in Michigan is at center stage.

The Association welcomes the public spotlight and views this as an opportunity to focus upon **MEA members, instructional or noninstructional**, whose dedication and commitment to educational excellence are clearly reflected in their work. These members epitomize the best resources in the public schools. It is with intense pride that MEA recognizes their exemplary services. In giving these Awards for Human Rights & Excellence pre-K–16 both to instructional and to noninstructional members, the Association expresses its recognition of a job well done.

The awards described in this brochure will be presented at the MEA Human Rights & Excellence Awards Banquet.

The award nominations and accompanying documentation **must be received** by the Professional Development/Human Rights Department of MEA **by February 1, 2010**. ***Nominations must be accompanied by the required documentation and all information requested on the form must be provided.***

If a nominating person/group wishes to submit nominations for more than one award, a photocopy of the attached nominating form is acceptable.

This form is also available on the web at:
www.mea.org or www.mymea.org

1. Herman W. Coleman Human Rights Award

This award recognizes a program, a special event or a person that has demonstrably served to improve the quality of human relationships. Special consideration is given to those programs/persons that address the betterment of human relationships within the Association. According to Herman W. Coleman, executive director of MEA for seven years, the professional opportunities that he experienced were a direct result of personal sacrifices made by other minorities. As they paved a way for him, he chose to pave a way for other minorities and women.

Screening

Screening and final selection is done by the Human Relations Commission.

2. Connie Jackson Human Rights Award

This award recognizes MEA leaders who have championed the cause of ethnic minority members of the profession and demonstrated a commitment to the enhanced involvement of ethnic minority members of the MEA. Subsequent to her election as a Michigan NEA director, Connie Jackson earned the respect of the MEA leadership and was known as the “conscience” of the MEA in matters affecting ethnic minority members of the Association.

Screening

Screening and final selection is done by the Minority Concerns Committee.

3. David McMahon Human Rights Award

This award recognizes groups or individuals outside of the MEA that distinguish themselves by courageously accepting the challenge of moral and ethical leadership in the field of human and civil rights. David McMahon, as a teacher-leader, an MEA Board member and an MEA president, acted on his beliefs by initiating policies that resulted in an organizational commitment to protecting and enhancing the human and civil rights of all MEA members.

Screening

Screening and final selection is done by the Human Rights Banquet Planning Committee.

4. Elizabeth Siddall Human Rights *A*ward

The purpose of this award is to recognize MEA members who have developed and implemented programs that have enhanced international or intercultural awareness among educators and their students. As a classroom teacher, Elizabeth Siddall's professional and personal commitment will long be an inspiration to both students and colleagues. She dedicated her energies to the development of greater understanding between persons of all races, cultures, creeds and nations. Her life demonstrated a commitment to international understanding.

Screening

Screening and final selection is done by the International Understanding Commission.

5. Maurine Wyatt Feminist *A*ward

This award was created to honor educators, female or male, who exhibit a high degree of commitment in their professional and personal lives to feminism and human and civil rights for all people. This award honors Maurine Wyatt and her assertive, quiet—yet tough—and level-headed way of approaching tasks.

Screening

Screening and final selection is done by the Women's Issues Committee.

6. *E*xcellence Awards

The MEA established Excellence Awards to stress its commitment to outstanding programs, performance and service for the many kinds of students and student needs that MEA members serve. Excellence Awards may be given for outstanding performance and service in any one or more of these categories:

- A. Educational Excellence**—the nominee should have a demonstrated commitment to educational excellence and a concern for the improvement of education focusing on the student.
- B. Bilingual Education**—the nominee should have demonstrated significant contributions to bilingual education in the spirit of MEA member Irma Ramos – a commitment to and an ardent pride in bilingualism and multiculturalism.
- C. Gender Equity**—the nominee should have a demonstrated commitment toward the development of a project, program or study that promotes the value and talents of women. The work must show a contribution to gender equity in education and must be adaptable to the classroom.
- D. Multicultural Education** (can be an individual or a program)—individuals nominated should have a demonstrated commitment to multiculturalism in instruction and the art of teaching. Programs nominated can be developed by classroom teachers, instructional

teams, support professionals, curriculum councils, school districts and/or higher education institutions.

- E. Education and Support of Persons with Disabilities**—the nominee should have a demonstrated commitment, both professionally and personally, to the education and support of persons with disabilities and to the promotion of their human and civil rights, exemplifying the spirit of MEA member Anne Sullivan.
 - F. Migrant Education**—the nominee should have a demonstrated commitment to migrant education, particularly in the assurance of equal educational opportunity for migrant students.
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Nominating Form

Please supply all requested information. Incomplete nominations will not be considered.
All required supportive documentation must be included with this form.



Must be received by February 1, 2010.

Mail: Attn: Human Rights & Excellence Awards
Professional Development/Human Rights Department
Michigan Education Association
PO Box 2573
East Lansing, MI 48826-2573

Fax: 517-336-4013

Nomination is for the:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Herman W. Coleman Human Rights Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Excellence Awards: | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Connie Jackson Human Rights Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Educational Excellence | <input type="checkbox"/> Education and Support of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> David McMahon Human Rights Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Bilingual Education | Persons with Disabilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elizabeth Siddall Human Rights Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Gender Equity | <input type="checkbox"/> Migrant Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Maurine Wyatt Feminist Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Multicultural Education | |

Nominee Information

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone () _____ Fax () _____ E-mail _____

Work-site/school district _____

Job category _____

Supervisor/principal _____

Local association _____

Local association president _____

UniServ director _____

Check one: Instructional Noninstructional

Does this individual know he/she is being nominated? Yes No

Brief biographical sketch _____

Project/Program Information

All nominating forms **must contain** complete information as required on the form, **plus** supporting documentation as specified for each award. Supporting data **must not** include more than three letters of recommendation and 10 double-spaced pages of other information. Incomplete or excessive information will automatically disqualify the nomination. **All nominees and nominating individuals or groups must be MEA members.**

Title and description of project/program, including grade levels or subject areas targeted

Record of success

Outstanding program or service characteristic(s), if any

Submitted by

Name _____

Job Title _____

Address _____

Phone () _____ Fax () _____

E-mail _____

Local association _____

Local association president _____

Uniserv director _____