



MVP diversity champions

The 17th Annual National Aboriginal Achievement Awards were handed out recently to the following recipients; Kananginak Pootoogook (Arts), Ellen Melcosky (Business & Commerce), Tom Crane Bear (Culture, Heritage & Spirituality), Dr. Raoul J. McKay (Education), Danny Beaton (Environment & Natural Resources), Madeleine Kētēskwew (Health), Donald Worme (Law & Justice), William Commanda (Lifetime), Kenneth Atsenhainton Deer (Media & Communications), Edith Cloutier (Public Service), Eric William Robinson (Politics), Monica Pinette (Sports), Doug Henry (Technology & Trades) and Shawenniio Barnes (Special Youth). For the complete details, <http://www.naaf.ca/program/92>.

The 3rd Annual Diversity in Governance Awards have been presented to United Way Toronto and Women's College Hospital. The awards, presented by DiverseCity onBoard, recognized these organizations for embracing diversity in board governance and making it a priority to seek out board members from diverse backgrounds.

Nashville CABLE, a network of diverse professionals committed to connecting women and opportunity, hosted its first Board Walk of Fame to celebrate and recognize women on 11 Tennessee corporate boards. The companies were: International Paper Company, FedEx Corporation, Tractor Supply Company, AmSurg, First Farmers & Merchants Bank, Buckeye Technologies, Unum Groups, Healthways Inc., Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Pinnacle Financial Partners, and National Bancshares.

Five faculty and staff members have been recognized with a Michigan State University Excellence in Diversity Award "for their exemplary work to promote an inclusive campus community." For the complete list, <http://www.inclusion.msu.edu/eida>.

The Women's Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC) has announced its annual listing of America's Top Corporations for Women's Business Enterprises, the only national award honoring corporations for world-class programs that create level playing fields for women's business enterprises (WBEs) to compete for corporate contracts. Linda Denny, WBENC president and CEO, said in a statement, "This year, we reached a record high of 21 top corporations selected for outstanding, enterprise-wide supplier diversity programs and measurable results." For the 2009 Top Corporations for WBEs, go to www.wbenc.org.

Professor Rebecca Lawson has become the first recipient of the Francis Marion University African-American Faculty and Staff Coalition Diversity Award in recognition of her significant contributions to enhance campus diversity and inclusiveness. Lawson is FMU'S director of psychology.

BestJobsUSA.com has unveiled its 10th Annual Select 50 Diversity Employers of Choice, chosen from a list of employers who are committed to an inclusive hiring strategy "not because they want to comply with some law, but because they understand the power of varied perspectives." To see which employers made the list, <http://www.bestjobsusa/select50div/>.

The City of Beaverton (Oregon) Human Rights Advisory Commission has announced the winners of its Seventh Annual Diversity Award. This year's recipients are Stefanie Hilker, a chef at Normandy Woods Retirement Centre (individual) and the Beaverton City Library (organization). For more details about the awards, www.beavertonoregon.gov/hrac.

The Routes Princess Margriet Awards for Cultural Diversity have been presented to Borka Pavicevic and Stefan Kaegi. Pavicevic is founder of the Centre for Cultural Decontamination (Centar Za Kulturnu Dekontaminaciju) in Belgrade. Kaegi is an international theatre producer. The awards, organized by the European Cultural Foundation (ECF), reflect the ECF's 50-year commitment to creating and reinforcing a coherent, inclusive cultural space across Europe. Pavicevic and Kaegi each received a prize of €25,000 to support their future endeavours. For more information, <http://routesaward.eurocult.org>.

The American Institute of Architecture (AIA) recently selected 4 honorees as part of its Diversity Recognition Program (DRP). The honorees for 2010 are: AIA Kansas City Women in Design Committee: Outreach 2009-2010, AIA Seattle Diversity Roundtable, Studio Red Collaborative, and the Boston Architectural College: Implementing an Institutional Commitment to Diversity. Now in its 2nd year, the DRP recognizes architects working in firms and schools that are actively committed to increasing diversity and inclusion within the architecture profession. 