



University Women of Distinction Awards Program

Each year, University Women's Professional Advancement seeks nominations of outstanding women for University Women of Distinction Awards. These awards are presented annually to several exceptional women: faculty, administrative/professionals, and civil service staff.

The University Women of Distinction Awards recognize campus women who, during their time at SIUC, have demonstrated a sustained commitment to women and/or issues of diversity. Commitment is defined as demonstrated leadership, vision, and action in their profession, or area of expertise, as well as in service to the university or community.

Eligibility: Any woman employed for at least 10 years at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale is eligible for this award. Those who have previously received the award are exempt from consideration. (The list of past recipients is posted at www.success.siu.edu/uwpa/)

Nominations: Nominations are accepted from any individual or group within the University. A nomination packet must include: (1) a letter of nomination that provides a clear description of those activities and contributions for which the recognition is being recommended; (2) letters of support from two other individuals; (3) nominee's current resume; and (4) the completed UWPA nomination form. See <http://www.success.siu.edu/uwpa/awards.html> for the nomination form.

There will be three categories of awards: administrative/professional, faculty, and civil service. No more than one award will be made in any category each year. If there are no qualified candidates in one or all categories, the award need not be given that year. The awards will be presented at the UWPA Women of Distinction reception in April, 2008.

Nominations are due February 15, 2008. Please call 453-1366 or e-mail uwpa@siu.edu with any questions.

All questions, comments or corrections to: UWPA@siu.edu



University Women of Distinction Award Winners 2007

University Women of Distinction awards were presented at the "Celebrate Women" event on March 28, 2007. The names of all winners will appear on a recognition plaque in the River Room Hallway of the Student Center.



Frances J. Harackiewicz

Frances J. Harackiewicz, Ph.D., Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, came to SIUC in 1989. From the beginning of her tenure, she has distinguished herself as a scholar, excelling in teaching, research and service. In 2006, Dr. Harackiewicz became the first female ever promoted to full professor in the College of Engineering at SIUC. In addition to Dr. Harackiewicz' outstanding personal advancement, she has also sustained a dedicated effort to increasing the participation of women in science, mathematics and engineering. This latter effort is evidenced by her being one of the founders of a campus group, Women in Science and Engineering (WISE), by initiating and nurturing summer programs and special programs specific for expanding the interest and participation of women in science, mathematics and engineering, as well as by the extent of equity-focused proposals and resulting national grants which she has authored or co-authored. She extends her interests to young children by volunteering as a classroom reader and as one who conducts science experiments for their benefit.



Beverly Love

Beverly Love, Lecturer/Performer, Radio-Television, first held a teaching role at SIUC in conjunction with graduate assistant responsibilities from 1998 to 2000. She has continued teaching as a lecturer since 2003, and has combined this with research and publication as well as production of instructional and creative works. She often serves as on-air host for WSIU/WUSI TV and FM stations. She continuously engages in university and community service that includes organizing and mentoring young women and minority undergraduate students in media research design and writing. She speaks to children, teenagers and to mature groups. She is respected as a performer, highly esteemed by her colleagues and greatly admired in her community. In addition to her full time faculty role, Ms Love is a doctoral candidate in Instructional Technology at SIUC.



Connie Price-Smith

Connie Price-Smith, Head Coach, Women's and Men's Track and Field, Intercollegiate Athletics, initiated her collegiate studies at SIUC as a basketball Saluki. She adopted track in her senior year and from this involvement became a four time Olympian and achieved numerous honors, including being the first female in US history to be world-ranked in the shot put five years in a row. She was inducted into the Saluki Sports Hall of Fame in 1990 and received the Distinguished Alumni Award in 2001. She has recently been named as head coach of women's track and field for the 2007 Pan American Games and has been nominated for the track and field coaching staff for the Beijing Olympiad Team in 2008. As noteworthy as are her personal accomplishments, her colleagues do not feel that the level of these achievements exceed her commitment to mentoring and modeling outstanding values and ideals for young

people. She is especially noted for teaching life-values to her student-athletes.



Tracy Lake

Tracy Lake, Accountant II, University Programming, is a two degree graduate of SIUC, having earned a Bachelor of Science in 1997 and a Master of Science in 2001, with specializations in accountancy and auditing. She has been employed at the university since 1999, with her work concentrated in accountancy management and support. In addition to her regular, full-time duties, Tracy serves as advisor for a fraternity and teaches a part-time distance learning course. She is described as having an unwavering devotion to the mission of SIUC and integrates diversity into her daily effort. Tracy is named in various editions of "Who's Who...". She is involved in the implementation of plans and programs that will enrich the lives of those around her. Her skills and services are treasured by those who supervise her as well as those whom she supervises.

[University Women of Distinction Past Winners 1989 - 2007](#)

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