COMMUNITY SERVICE LEARNING PROGRAM
BAY AREA JEFFERSON AWARDS FOR PUBLIC SERVICE

NOMINATIONS DUE DATE: Monday, March 24, 2014 by 5:00 PM

In January 2005, the Community Service Learning Program became one of 49 organizations in the Bay Area to join the Jefferson Awards for Public Service Civic Engagement initiative. This initiative recognizes individuals who have benefited the community. The San Francisco Chronicle, CBS 5 television (KPIX) and CBS radio (KCBS AM) have started announcing the Jefferson Awards Unsung Hero once per week.

An important part of increasing volunteerism and community service is to create leadership opportunities. This initiative is working on a national and local level in order to recognize these individuals by acknowledging their efforts through the Jefferson Awards Program.

The Community Service Learning Program, a unit within the Institute for Civic and Community Engagement will be accepting nominations until the deadline and one award of $250 will be granted to the winner. The funds will be distributed in the form of an Honorarium¹. The award recipient will be notified on Monday, April 14, 2014. The award will be presented annually at the “Awards for Excellence” event.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Faculty, staff, students, and/or community partners’ staff may nominate an individual for the award. Candidates should meet the following criteria:

- The defining word is “Unsung.” This includes unpaid volunteers as well as paid workers – as long as they are not regularly recognized in the media and are not self-promoters.
- Individual Attributes - The individual has done something that shows unique courage, commitment, tenacity, or vision.
- Community Improvement - Through the actions of this special individual, others in the community have benefited. Simply stated, these are ordinary citizens performing extraordinary acts.

NOMINATION SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- A completed recommendation form. Form can be found at this link.
- A letter of nomination no more than two pages that specifically addresses the nominee’s community service, length of service, outstanding personal acts, and community impact should be submitted.

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Materials will only be accepted electronically. Please send to barrient@sfsu.edu

For more information regarding the award, please contact: Perla Barrientos at barrient@sfsu.edu or call (415) 338-3282.

¹ Note that Honorarium payments will be reported as personal income, thus subject to all tax laws.