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TO: Chancellors

FROM: James P. Henderson
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RE: 2018 Board of Regents Diversity Award

NOMINATION DEADLINE: November 17, 2017

On behalf of the Board of Regents, I am pleased to invite you to submit nominations for the 2018 UW System **Board of Regents Diversity Award**. The purpose of this award is to recognize institutional change agents who have established a successful record in fostering greater access and success for students who are members of historically underrepresented populations (including African Americans, American Indians, Latinos/Hispanics, Asian Americans, and Southeast Asians), first-generation and/or economically disadvantaged. By recognizing the exceptional impact these change agents have had on institutional life, this award affirms the Board of Regents and the UW System's strong commitment to diversity, equity, and excellence.

One award will be made in each of the three categories – individual, team, and institution/unit. The funds for these awards will be designated to support the individual recipients' professional development or programmatic activities. Winners will be publicly recognized at the UW System Board of Regents meeting on February 9, 2018 in Madison.

UW System institutions may submit one nomination per category for a maximum of three nominations per institution. Institutions establish their own process for identifying and selecting the nominations that they would like to forward to the Board of Regents; individuals, teams, and units may nominate themselves for consideration by their home institution. The nomination processes should utilize the attached guidelines and criteria; please have all nominees submit a complete nomination packet as indicated in the award guidelines.

The intent of this award is to recognize those whose work has resulted in significant, measurable, and sustainable outcomes in fostering access and success for students of diverse backgrounds. The Board of Regents is interested in nominees that have an established record of

achievement and can demonstrate measurable impact. Thus, the award selection criteria includes a request for the clear articulation of program accountability through the assessment of measurable outcomes.

The Board of Regents Diversity Award Committee will review all the nominations. This is a unique opportunity to highlight outstanding individuals, departments, and programs for the Board, and thus, we strongly encourage you to submit one nomination in each category. The enclosed guidelines will provide you with detailed information on the criteria for the awards and on the documentation that should accompany the nominations. The guidelines are also posted at https://www.wisconsin.edu/regents/regent-awards-2/regents-diversity-awards/

After your institution identifies the nominees that they would like to forward to the Board of Regents for consideration, please submit all nomination materials electronically as one pdf document to AFGP@uwsa.edu in the UW System Administration Office of Academic Programs and Educational Innovation.

Please submit nominations electronically by close of business on **November 17, 2017**. Should you have any questions, please contact Sal Carranza (scarranza@uwsa.edu / 608-265-9177).

Thank you for your support of this very important award.

Enclosure

cc: Regent Mark Tyler, Chair, Board of Regents Diversity Awards Committee
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        Jess Lathrop, Interim Executive Director, Board of Regents
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