Title of Award

Social Justice/Courage to Act

Nominee(s)

Eva Longoria & Julio Salgado

Reason for Nomination

Longoria: In support of her work re: immigration reform.

Salgado: for his activist artwork on behalf of the Dream Act and Dreamers.

Nominated by

Francisca Sánchez, Board President

Bio Information for Nominee

Earlier this year, actress, advocate and philanthropist Eva Longoria was awarded the Dorothy I. Height Racial Justice Award by YWCA USA one of the oldest and largest non-profit organizations dedicated to improving the lives of women and eliminating racism. Longoria has talked about giving back to the community, her efforts to educate and empower Latinas, race and justice in the United States, the challenge of immigration reform, and leadership lessons on creating social change.

Julio Salgado is the co-founder of DreamersAdrift.com. His activist artwork has become a staple of the DREAM Act movement. His status as an undocumented, queer artivist has fueled the contents of his illustrations, which depict key individuals and moments of the DREAM Act movement. Undocumented students and allies across the country have used Salgado's artwork to call attention to the youth-led movement. His work has been praised by OC Weekly's Gustavo Arellano, KPCC-FM 89.3's Multi-American blog and the influential journal ColorLines. In July 2012, Salgado and other undocumented activists joined Jose A. Vargas on the cover of Time Magazine. Salgado graduated from California State University, Long Beach with a degree in journalism.

Title of Award Vision/Legacy

Nominee(s) Virginia Collier & Wayne Thomas

Reason for Nomination

In support of their work documenting the benefits of powerful bilingual/dual language education.

Nominated by

Francisca Sánchez, Board President

Bio Information for Nominee

Dr. Virginia P. Collier is Professor Emerita of Bilingual/Multicultural/ESL Education at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia, located in the metropolitan area of Washington, D.C. She is best known for her work with senior researcher, Dr. Wayne Thomas, on school effectiveness for linguistically and culturally diverse students. Spotlighted by the national and international media, their award-winning national research studies have had a substantial impact on school policies in the United States and abroad. She has served the field of language minority education for over three decades as parent, teacher, researcher, teacher educator, and doctoral mentor.

Dr. Wayne Thomas, Emeritus Professor of Evaluation and Research Methods in the Graduate School of Education at George Mason University, is a specialist in program evaluation methodology and social science research methods who also has extensive experience in designing and developing computer software and databases for purposes of student testing, program evaluation, and educational data management. His research program and publications focus on the evaluation of at-risk student programs (especially programs for language minority students) and educational technology applications.

Title of Award

Promoting Multilingualism & Multiculturalism

Nominee(s)

Silvia Dorta-Duque de Reves, Duarte Silva, & Marcos Aquilar

Reason for Nomination

In support of their work promoting heritage language literacy and education.

Nominated by

Francisca Sánchez. Board President

Bio Information for Nominee

Silvia C. Dorta-Duque de Reyes is a strong advocate for bilingual education. She actively affirms the value and importance of proficient bilingualism and the revitalization of rigorous Spanish language instruction as the most effective venue to acquire high levels of language proficiency in English. She works vigorously to ensure system wide accountability towards the academic achievement of English Learners. She is also known for her contributions in the areas of curriculum design, staff development and parent involvement. Her area of expertise is biliteracy with a focus on academic writing and the organization of instruction for explicit teaching of Spanish to English skill transference.

Dr. Duarte Silva serves as the Executive Director of the California World Languages Project at Stanford University. He has been a long-time advocate for English Learners and language minority students and has championed heritage language education initiatives within the CWLP. In the past, he has been instrumental in bringing English Learner needs into the instructional materials adoptions process. As a former bilingual teacher, he provided ongoing support to his English Learner students and maintains contact with many of them to this day. An English Learner himself, Silva knows the struggle and has worked tirelessly to ensure the adoption of policies and practices that provide English Learners with a 21st century education.

Marcos Aguilar has been involved in education for decades, first as a prominent student activist in the nineties, then as a history teacher in LAUSD, and finally as a traditional Aztec dancer and community organizer. It was because of his passion for education that he eventually led the launch of Semillas Sociedad Civil, a non-profit organization that operates two public charter schools with 500 students K-12. As co-founder of the charter schools, Marcos developed an innovative educational program in the historically disadvantaged communities of East Los Angeles which incorporates indigenous culture, multilingual instruction, and the internationally acclaimed International Baccalaureate World Schools programs.

Title of Award
Visual & Performing Artist

Nominee(s) Shakira

Reason for Nomination

For her support of educational opportunities for Latinos (President's Advisory Commission on Excellence for Hispanics).

Nominated by

Francisca Sánchez, Board President

Bio Information for Nominee

At the age of 18, Shakira founded the Pies Descalzos (Barefoot) Foundation which currently provides education and nutrition to over six thousand impoverished children in Colombia and is expanding its work to other countries, including newly launched projects in Haiti and South Africa. In October 2011, Shakira was named a member of President Obama's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for Hispanics. She is also a UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador.