

TO: All Student Trustees

FROM: Diane Gallagher
Chair, ICCTA Awards Committee

RE: Gigi Campbell Student Trustee Excellence Award

DATE: October 15, 2008

The Illinois Community College Trustees Association invites you to participate in our annual scholarship program for outstanding student leadership -- the **Gigi Campbell Student Trustee Excellence Award**.

This honor is named after the late Gigi Campbell, former student member at Prairie State College. Gigi's spirited advocacy on behalf of students, community colleges, and educational opportunity left a continuing impression on her colleagues in Illinois higher education.

Student trustees created this award in 1996 to recognize exemplary student leadership, such as that demonstrated by Gigi Campbell. I encourage you to consider nominating one of your fellow student trustees for this honor. The deadline for nominations is **Friday, February 27, 2009**; if you have questions, please refer to the enclosed award guidelines or call Kim Villanueva at 1-800-454-2282, ext. 1.

Enclosure



2009 GIGI CAMPBELL STUDENT TRUSTEE EXCELLENCE AWARD

The Illinois Community College Trustees Association's GIGI CAMPBELL STUDENT TRUSTEE EXCELLENCE AWARD recognizes the system's outstanding student leaders.

AWARD CRITERIA

Eligibility for the Gigi Campbell Student Trustee Excellence Award is limited to individuals who are serving as the student member of an Illinois public community college board of trustees. Each nomination will be reviewed according to the following criteria:

- Has made notable efforts to communicate with students, providing a viable means for feedback from the student body (this might include posting bulletins, a column in the campus newspaper, a newsletter, a suggestion box or personal campus mailbox, voice mail and/or an e-mail address available for students to contact their board representative)
- Has been a functioning member of the board of trustees, taking part in discussions, both open meetings and closed sessions
- Has exhibited that acting in the best interests of the students, the college, and the system are prime objectives and has knowledge of the issues facing students through interaction with the student government and campus organizations
- Reports on the problems and accomplishments of individual students and student organizations at board meetings
- Has been an asset to the board and the college (this would include ambassadorial department at professional conferences and meetings)

In case of a tie between two or more equal nominees, participation in local and ICCTA-related legislative advocacy on community college issues will be the deciding factor.

NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS

Nominations for the ICCTA Gigi Campbell Student Trustee Excellence Award must include the following support materials:

- A letter (up to 750 words) written by the nominee stating why he/she should receive the award. **Special attention will be given to the use of correct grammar and punctuation, and to the nominee's clarity of expression.**
- Letters of recommendation (up to 300 words each) from three individuals directly involved with the nominee's institution (faculty member, president, trustee, student leader, etc.)

★ Failure to follow these guidelines may result in the disqualification of a nomination ★

PROGRAM DEADLINES

All nomination materials must be received **BY 5 PM, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2009. THIS DEADLINE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.** The winner of the ICCTA Gigi Campbell Student Trustee Excellence Award will receive a \$500 scholarship for educational expenses during the fall 2009 semester. In addition, the winner will be recognized at the Trustees Association's June 5, 2009, awards banquet in Chicago.

All nominations should be sent to:

Illinois Community College Trustees Association
401 E. Capitol Ave., Suite 200
Springfield, IL 62701-1711
FAX: 217-528-8662
E-MAIL: iccta@communitycolleges.org

- For more information, please contact Kim Villanueva at 1-800-454-2282, ext. 1 ▪

2009 ICCTA Gigi Campbell Student Trustee Excellence Award Nomination Form

Name of nominee _____
Community college _____
Mailing address _____
Telephone # _____
Nominee's e-mail address _____

Please describe how the nominee meets each of the following criteria (please use extra pages if necessary):

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- 2. Has been a functioning member of the board of trustees, taking part in discussions, both open meetings and closed sessions**
- 3. Has exhibited that acting in the best interests of the students, the college, and the system are prime objectives and has knowledge of the issues facing students through interaction with the student government and campus organizations**
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