**Vanguard of Diversity Award**

*Description:*

This award recognizes a student who has made significant contributions to a campus culture of equity and inclusion as well as implemented, sponsored or supported programs and/or initiatives to help advance cultural competency throughout the UIS campus.

*Eligibility:*

1. Student must be enrolled as a student at the University of Illinois Springfield.
2. Awarded to an undergraduate or graduate student.
3. Student must be in good academic and conduct standing.
4. Requires a letter of nomination from a UIS faculty or staff member.

*Guidelines:*

* The award recipient must agree to have their name and photograph publicized.

*Selection Criteria:*

* The selection committee will be using the following criteria to make their selection:

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| Campus Engagement | Takes the initiative to participate and support the educational, cultural and social development of the campus community through programs and activities throughout the division in an effort to enhance the quality of the student experience. |
| Leadership | Demonstrates leadership through formal or informal role on campus by motivating, persuading, and developing a shared respect of difference, dedication to inter-cultural learning, and commitment to dismantling both personal and community biases. |
| Inclusion | Demonstrated passion and commitment to advocating for a more socially just and equitable UIS community through new and innovative programming and/or initiatives. |

*Application:*

**Nominee Information**

* Name:
* Email:
* Year in school:
* What is the nominee involved in on campus?
* Please write a reference letter outlining how your student nomination represents the criteria listed above.

**Nominator Information**

* Name:
* Email:
* How many years have you known the nominee?
* Would you like to be anonymous?