

Jeffries Award for Excellence in Diversity-Enhancing Communication

Named in honor of the late Dr. Tammy Jeffries, faculty member in the WKU Department of Communication from 2014-2016, this award will go to the WKU undergraduate or graduate student who best exemplifies excellence in diversity-enhancing communication. The award is open to any student of the University. The award includes a \$200 honorarium, a certificate, and name on a plaque in the Department of Communication.

Dr. Jeffries was a devoted advocate of inclusive dialogue on diversity of all sorts, including age, differing abilities, race and ethnicity, religion, gender, and sexual orientation. Along with then student, Hannah Burd, Dr. Jeffries founded the InterCULTURAL Club in 2014 with the following mission:

The InterCULTURAL Club is a safe place to hold difficult conversations about our cultural differences and to give a voice to all cultures on campus. We strive to understand through learning what we can about the histories, traditions, struggles, and triumphs of all the cultures represented here at WKU; we accomplish this through activities and open discussions of otherness.

Persons who are champions of diversity-enhancing communication, promoting understanding across cultural divides, fostering dialogue to promote equality and care for others, whether on campus or the broader community, are qualified for this award. Both self- and other-nominations are encouraged.

Nomination materials (saved as a single pdf) should include:

- Personal statement of commitment and action on issues of age, ability, race and ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation on campus, locally and/or in the broader community
- Resume or CV including evidence of action promoting such diversity
- 2 recommendation letter from people who are familiar with the nominee's commitment and action on relevant issues

Nominations will be accepted until the **deadline of March 1 each year.**

Submit nominations electronically to:

WKU Department of Communication at communication@wku.edu

Nominations will be reviewed and the award given by **March 15 each year.**

Dr. Jeffries believed passionately that we should:

Never doubt that small groups of committed people can change the world. Indeed it is the only thing that ever has. -Margaret Mead.