

AMERICAN INDIAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

A Gathering: Strengthening The Circle
February 29 – March 1, 2008, UNC Pembroke

Awards Nominee and Nomination Form

The highlight of the American Indian Women's Conference will be an Honoring /Awards Ceremony on Friday, February 29, 2008 in the University Center Annex. This event will begin with a reception at 6:30 p.m. with the Honor Ceremony following at 7:00. The ceremony is included in the conference registration. However, persons wishing to attend the ceremony only can register for this event at a cost of \$30.00. The registration form and the Annual Awards Nominee and Nominator Form can be downloaded at the conference web site <http://www.uncp.edu/aiwc/>.

The planning committee is now accepting nominations recognizing seven American Indian women whose nominations demonstrate how they have 1) made an impact on Individual Indians, Indian families or an Indian community at large; 2) inspired others to volunteer for community service; and 3) have been a catalyst for new visions, understanding and positive change in an Indian community. The seven women will be the honored guests of the planning committee. The women of this night will be recognized for a lifetime of service as well as one which looks to them to continue to work and speak for the people in an ever-broadening spectrum. American Indian women are responsible for bringing along the next generation to carry the culture forward.

The women who were honored during the first annual conference in January 2007 made this experience an inspirational and memorable evening for the youth and the honorees and their families. This was evidenced by Roseanna Sneed Belt, Eastern Band of Cherokees, upon receiving her award, she said, "This award and this night have given me one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. Most of my career has been devoted to working and helping Cherokee youth, beyond the call of duty."

Each of the women honored in 2007 will receive a special invitation to attend the ceremony as past honorees. It is the hope of the planning committee that they will be present to share with the 2008 honorees. The ceremony will be a cultural event featuring drumming, dancing and singing.

It is the responsibility of American Indian women to return us to cultural honoring and caring, traditions of our ancestors. This honoring ceremony is, therefore, very important. Every deserving Indian woman in North Carolina should be considered for this honor. We urge you as tribes, community organizations and individuals to nominate deserving women from your communities. Please read all the details of the form and complete accordingly. Please mail the completed form on or before the deadline February 11, 2008 to Rosa Winfree, 1101 Westlake Drive, Kannapolis, NC 28081.

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Please complete all necessary information below. All supporting documents and nomination form must be postmarked on or before February 20, 2008. Please include a photocopy of the front and backside of the nominee's tribal enrollment card.

Please mail original nomination form and supporting documents to:
Rosa Revels Winfree, 1101 Westlake Drive, Kannapolis, NC 28081, Phone: (704) 933-0576

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Name: _____

Tribal Affiliation: _____

Organization/Tribe Representing: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: (H) () _____ (W) () _____

Email: _____

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Seven (7) women will be honored. Successful nominations demonstrate how a nominee:

- Made a special impact on individual Indians, Indian families or an Indian community at large.
- Inspired others to volunteer for community service.
- Has been a catalyst for new visions, understanding and positive change in an Indian community.

Name: _____

Tribal Affiliation: _____ Shoe Size: _____

Organization/Tribe Representing: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: (H) () _____ (W) () _____

Email: _____

Please ensure your nomination documents include:

- A one-page statement on the nominee justifying nomination (500-word limit);
- Biographical information giving examples of nominee's outstanding work;
- Two letters of support and other supporting documentation (i.e. newspaper clippings, articles, awards, etc.); A recent photo (color, head shot only) – Please send a high resolution (300dpi) tif, eps, or jpeg file. (Photos downloaded from a website and prints from a color printer are not acceptable.) Or send a hard copy print;
- A photocopy of the front and backside of nominee's tribal enrollment card;
- A separate page listing each support item including the Nominee and Nominator Form; and
- Numbered pages and five (5) hard copies of all items except for photo.

The awards will be presented at the American Indian Women's Conference Honor Ceremony on February 29, 2008. The Honor Ceremony reception will begin at 6:00 pm in the University Center Annex at UNCP; Program is at 7:00 pm.