COMMUNITY PRACTICE AWARD 2011
Call For Nominations

The School of Social Work of the University of Pittsburgh - with generous support from James V. Cunningham, Professor Emeritus and colleagues - has established a Community Practice Award Fund that is administered through the School’s Community Organization and Social Administration (COSA) concentration. The Community Practice Award ($1,000 student support account or stipend) will be presented in 2012 and is included in the School’s afternoon of recognition for graduating students.

We are currently seeking nominations of students whose community work merits such recognition. The following are the purpose, eligibility and criteria, and nomination/selection process for this new Community Practice Award:

Nominations: Nominations may be made by a faculty member (full or part time), a full-time staff member of the School of Social Work, a social work administrator, a field instructor, the Student Executive Council, or by self-nomination.

Eligibility/Criteria: Any student or team of students enrolled in a degree program of the School of Social Work and who fulfills the following criteria may be nominated:

- the candidate(s) must be making a significant community practice contribution to the planning and implementation of a community related effort of substance.
- contributions must be conceived and carried out with the participation of clients, a community group or constituency.
- the community practice effort must be a significant organizing/social administration effort that uses appropriate knowledge and skills areas that might include: research, social action, advocacy, recruitment, service delivery, or fundraising.
- The overall impact of the effort should help to stimulate, maintain, and enrich the School/COSA tradition for developing innovative, effective community organizers and human service administrators.

Nominating and Selection Process: The Community Organization and Social Administration (COSA) Program of the School of Social Work will empanel an awards selection committee representative of the School’s faculty, staff and students. Nominees must submit both a supporting faculty sponsor recommendation and a community/field recommendation letter. The Award Committee will review and rank required nomination and recommendation letters, which need to be received not later than March 19, 2012. COSA will submit the names of awardees to the Dean in time for awards to be made at the School’s Annual Day of Recognition, generally the last weekend of April. Nominators should use the attached form and submit a supporting letter that addresses the criteria for nomination and selection:
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2012 Nomination Form

Student(s) Name: ________________________________________________________________
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Student’s Contact Information: ____________________________________________________
Address: ______________________________________________________________________
Phone: __________________ Email: ________________________________________________

Nominator’s Name: _____________________________________________________________
Nominator’s Contact Information:
Address: __________________________________________________________________
_______________________________________________________________________
Phone: __________________ Email: ________________________________________________

Submission Date: ____________________________

Please attach your letter of nomination, as well as other documentation, that describes the community agency setting and work of this student or students and discuss this work in relation to the award criteria.

The Nomination Form and Letter should be submitted by March 19, 2012 to:

Community Practice Award Committee
School of Social Work
University of Pittsburgh
2117 Cathedral of Learning
Pittsburgh, PA 15260

For questions in the process, please contact Tracy Soska, COSA Chair, at 412-624-3711 or email: tsssw@pitt.edu