The James A. Perkins Prize for Interracial Understanding and Harmony

Guidelines

Trustee Emeritus Thomas W. Jones ’69 has chosen to endow The James A. Perkins Prize for Interracial Understanding and Harmony for the recognition of the Cornell student, professor, administrator, or program making the most significant contribution to furthering the ideal of university community while respecting the values of racial diversity.

The $5000 prize is awarded at a special ceremony each spring. This ceremony will be devoted to the recognition of leadership for advancement of university community through interracial understanding and harmony.

The Perkins Prize is given with the understanding that the money will be used to further projects promoting interracial understanding and harmony at Cornell University. The three criteria used to select the professor, student, administrator, or program that will receive the prize are:

1. The number and diversity of students participating in a sustained level of involvement, which leads to a set of accomplishments;

2. the extent to which these accomplishments promote common values and shared community standards among diverse students;

3. and the extent to which these accomplishments enhance the abilities of students to work with, live with, and learn from individuals from a wide range of backgrounds, beliefs, and cultural perspectives.

Each spring nominations for the Perkins Prize are solicited and reviewed by the Perkins Prize Selection Committee. This nine-member committee includes two faculty, two administrators, and five students. They are appointed by the Dean of Students to promote and recognize human relations achievements benefitting the Cornell community. The Committee will select as many as three nominations from which one will be selected for recognition.

Faculty, staff and students are encouraged to apply for the award.

Applications due: Monday, February 23, 2015

Ceremony: Tuesday, March 17, 2015
4:30pm
Memorial Room, Willard Straight Hall