**Lavender Graduation Awards**

**Ally of the Year Award**Our Ally of the Year Award is for a student who has become educated and empowered to be a true Ally to the URI LGBTQ community. They may have attended and/or facilitated Safe Zone Programs. This student is quick to stand up for what they believe in and contributes to a more socially just society by educating others and speaking against hate and bigotry. Equity is something this student feels is a reachable goal and they give selflessly of their time and energy to join in the struggle of the LGBTQA Civil Rights movement. URI has become more LGBTQA inclusive because of the actions and giving heart of this student.

* Embodied Social Justice
* Exemplary Knowledge of LGBTQ Community
* Unwavering commitment in values

**Outstanding Emerging Leader Award**The Outstanding Emerging Leader Award goes to a URI student. Standing out in the crowd is this student’s gift. Whether they do so by quietly dedicating themselves to the tasks at hand, or by eloquently speaking out about inclusion and equality for the URI LGBTQA community, they have made their presence known. Ready to take on new challenges, big things are expected of this student because this student thinks big. The future is bright for this emerging leader as they get ready to take on the world.

* Shown dedication to an organization
* Responsible and dedicated to others
* Not afraid of challenges

**Outstanding Leader Award**Leadership is courageous, challenging and rewarding. The Outstanding Leader Award goes to a URI student who has given of themselves in multiple ways to make URI a more inclusive campus. Choosing a path which requires determination and ambition in leading others takes bravery and dedication. This student has been active and vocal in their leadership to others. They may be a leader of a Student Organization, or they may be a leader in the way they are an example to others. This student knows what it means to empower themselves and everyone they come into contact with. Moreover, they represent the values of URI in thought, word, and deed.

* Established foundation for others to count on
* Unfailing commitment and dedication
* Empowered and inspired others

**Alumni Contribution Award**A URI Alumni who has made significant contributions to the LGBTQA community and to URI deserves this award. This alumni has given of themselves and their talents and made themselves known in the URI community. They may have been a part of the LGBTQA civil rights movement, they may have contributed to the power of social change. They have become an example for other URI LGBTQA community members to emulate and admire. Service to the URI LGBTQA community is a hallmark of this alumni’s commitment.

* Selflessly given of time and energy
* Facilitated Social Change
* Served as a role-model to others

**Mentor of the Year Award**A mentor is someone who educates, guides, empowers, inspires, and gives of themselves to others. They are someone that others look to for advice, knowledge, and compassion. Many in the community look up to this individual and their dedication to the URI LGBTQA community. A mentor holds a flame in their heart that they pass onto others through their guidance. Many flames have been ignited in the hearts of others if they have had the honor of being inspired and empowered by this individual. This individual may be a graduate student, faculty, staff member, or alumni of URI.

* A true teacher and confidant
* Inspires and ignites a spark in others
* Gives of themselves without expectations

**Program/Initiative of the Year Award**Programs and initiatives that are innovative, exciting, informative, and transformative are eligible for our Program of the Year Award. This may be a program or initiative that makes the URI campus better and more inclusive for the LGBTQA community. Or, this may be a program that was so fun, exciting, and well attended that folks can’t stop talking about it! Either way, this has been unforgettable and has involved large amounts of hard work and dedication in its implementation.

* Innovative in new and exciting ways
* Knowledgeable and informative
* Unforgettable, transformative, and rewarding

**Nomination Form**

1. **Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
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3. **Your Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
4. **Nominee’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
5. **Nominee’s Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
6. **Nominee’s Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
7. **Which award are you nominating this person/group for?**
8. **Why does this person/group deserve this award (address the award criteria)?**

1. **What has this person/group done in 2012-2013 in order to deserve the award?**

1. **Anything else we should consider?**

**Please submit this form to Annie Russell at** **annierussell@mail.uri.edu** **or Annie M. Kosar at** **anniem@mail.uri.edu** **by Wednesday, April 17 at 5pm.**