



May 7, 2019

Dear Chancellor/President:

We are pleased to welcome nominations for the 2019 Diversity Award and the Ann Lydecker Educational Diversity Award. This year, we will be celebrating our 20th Diversity Award Ceremony. In 2000, we came together for the first time to celebrate the accomplishments of state agencies and to promote best practices around diversity and inclusion. Since then, we have celebrated many accomplishments, making Wisconsin a role model of distinction in the nation. Enclosed you will find the announcement soliciting submissions for the State Affirmative Action Council's **Ann Lydecker Educational Diversity Award** designed to acknowledge innovative or otherwise successful programs promoting cultural diversity on campuses throughout the state

We would be very excited to learn about specific programs you have undertaken that may be worthy of recognition. We would also love to highlight the people on your campus who have designed and administered such programs and the students who have participated in them. A program on your campus may well serve as a template for others state-wide to follow or suggest a "best practice" that may encourage parallel thinking for all staff and faculty on UW and Wisconsin technical college campuses. As Chair of the State Council, I would strongly encourage you to consult with your faculty and staff involved in such programming to encourage them to submit should they have a program appropriate to the criteria. Of all the initiatives we as a Council undertake, this is one of the most rewarding.

We look forward to receiving your nominations to help us commemorate 20 years of excellence in programming to advance equality for all in the State of Wisconsin.

Sincerely and respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adin Palau", is positioned above the typed name.

Adin Palau
Chair, State Council on Affirmative Action
State of Wisconsin