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The annual Peter W. Likins Inclusive Excellence Awards were established to honor President Peter Likins leadership with diversity by recognizing students, staff, and programs that enhance the UA through their inclusive programming and leadership. Award nominees are selected who have made a significant contribution toward creating a diverse and inclusive community through one or more of the following:

- Recruitment and retention of an excellent and diverse faculty, staff, or student body,
- Fostering equality of opportunity within our campus community,
- Encouraging diverse perspectives on our campus,
- Creating a welcoming and supportive campus climate through efforts such as visibility, communication and education, and
- Other areas critical to establishing inclusive excellence at The University of Arizona.

This year, a new faculty award has been created: the Richard Ruiz Diversity Leadership Faculty Award. This award honors Professor Richard Ruiz's many contributions to making the University of Arizona a better, more inclusive campus. In fact, he was awarded the Inclusive Excellence Award in 2009 for his tireless work supporting and advocating for diversity and cross-cultural understanding. Reflecting upon Professor Ruiz's decades of contributions to diversity leadership, former President Peter Likins praised his "exceptional. . . devotion to the UA diversity programs and their underlying values." The Richard Ruiz Diversity Leadership Award will include a \$500 award that is being provided by Student Affairs & Enrollment Management and Academic Initiatives & Student Success to honor Professor Ruiz's passionate commitment to students in roles ranging from Faculty Fellow to Department Head of Mexican American Studies.

To better recognize and support diversity efforts across campus, Provost Comrie has established \$500 awards for the three Peter Likins Awards for students, for staff, and for programs.

The deadline is Friday, March 20th at 5:00 p.m. Information on the application guidelines can be found at <http://diversity.arizona.edu/peter-w-likins-inclusive-excellence-awards-richard-ruiz-diversity-leadership-award-application>.

Awards recipients will be honored during a special reception with President Ann Weaver Hart on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

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