The Center for Gender in Global Context at Michigan State University is proud to announce a call for nominations for the Inspirational Woman of the Year Award. If you know an inspirational woman you believe should be recognized for her commitment to Michigan State University and the global community, we encourage you to nominate her for this prestigious award.

The Award:

The Inspirational Woman of the Year Award recognizes the achievements of women staff and faculty affiliated with Michigan State University (including main campus and all off-site and satellite campuses). The award highlights woman-identified individuals who demonstrate integrity, leadership, quality performance, integrative and inclusive action, and influence on campus and in the global community. The goal is to elevate and advance MSU’s culture of appreciation for the courageous and empowering work of the women change agents at MSU. Three individuals will be honored—one in each nomination category as outlined below. Recipients of the Inspirational Woman of the Year Award will be recognized in spring 2017.

Nomination Process:

Nominations may be submitted by staff, faculty and students who work closely with their nominee and can address the achievements, impact and performance of the nominee. Each nomination packet must include the Entry Form, Letter of Nomination, 2 Letters of Support from coworkers, colleagues, or others who work closely with the nominee and can address the nominee’s qualifications as outlined in the letter of nomination, Nominee Resume/CV, and any other supporting documents (optional).

The Letter of Nomination must address the nominee’s qualifications, the nominator’s relationship with the nominee (coworker, supervisor, etc.), and an explanation of how the nominee fits one of the categories of nomination and all criteria outlined below.

Deadline for nominations: Tuesday, November 15, 2016

Submission process: Submit nomination packet as a PDF to the Center for Gender in Global Context at gencen@msu.edu.

Categories of Nomination:

Nominators are required to place the nominee into one (1) category selected from the following three (3) categories:

Community Engagement: Candidate demonstrates commitment to engaging and advancing communities and organizations at MSU and/or communities beyond campus through service/volunteerism, leadership and/or other involvement.

Culture of Empowerment: Candidate demonstrates dedication to the advancement and empowerment of women on campus and/or in communities across the globe through mentoring, programs, and other leadership opportunities.

Professional Achievement: Candidate demonstrates a unique drive and passion within their career and positively influences the culture of excellence at MSU.

Criteria:

- Nominee must be affiliated with Michigan State University (including main campus and all off-site and satellite campuses)
- Nominee must be woman-identified
- Nominee must exemplify leadership, integrity and influence on campus and/or greater Lansing/global community
- Nominee must demonstrate a commitment to improving the lives of women through service/volunteerism, mentoring and/or innovative initiatives
- Nominee must contribute to advancing equality at MSU and/or the greater Lansing/global community
- Nominee must uphold Michigan State University’s core values of quality, inclusiveness and connectivity
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2017 Entry Form

Please complete the entry form and attach all additional documentation. The deadline for nominations is Tuesday, November 15, 2016.

*Send all documentation as a PDF to the Center for Gender in Global Context at gencen@msu.edu.*

**Nominee Information:**

Name: ______________________________________________________________

Affiliation with Michigan State University: ________________________________________

Department: _____________________________________________________________

Category of Nomination: _________________________________________________

**Nominator Information:**

Name: ______________________________________________________________

Title: _____________________________________________________________________

Department: _____________________________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________________________________

Email: _____________________________________________________________________

Phone: _____________________________________________________________________

**Checklist:**

- Entry Form
- Letter of Nomination
- Nominee Resume/CV
- 2 Additional Letters of Support from coworkers, colleagues, or others who work closely with the nominee and can address the nominee’s qualifications as outlined in the Letter of Nomination
- Optional: Additional documents of support regarding the nominee’s achievements

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS:** Tuesday, November 15, 2016

Questions regarding the nomination process? Contact the GenCen at gencen@msu.edu or (517) 353-5040.