Be a Hero! Take a Stand!

2016 CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: HERO AWARDS

One out of every 10 students drops out or changes schools because of repeated bullying, and 15% of students who are absent report that they miss school out of fear of being bullied.\(^1\) Cyberbullying, defined as “willful and repeated harm inflicted through the use of computers, cell phones, and other electronic devices,” has been reported by about 20% of students ages 11-18 in a recent national survey.\(^2\)

Bullying is a pervasive problem that needs everyone’s active involvement to find solutions. Being an “upstander” rather than a “bystander” in bullying situations requires courage and risk, but individuals or groups who take the initiative to be “upstanders” -- those people whom we describe as Anti-Bullying Heroes--become an impetus for change in schools and communities.

At Auburn University’s 6\(^{th}\) Annual Anti-Bullying Summit, which will be held June 23-24, 2016 in Peachtree City, Georgia, Hero Awards will be considered for six categories: K-12 Student (Individual); Teacher/Counselor/School-Based Leader (Individual); Community or Global Leader (Individual); Community or Global Leaders (Group); School (Group); and Other. Please submit Hero nominations for individuals or groups who have addressed bullying situations in schools or communities through actions such as:

- intervening on behalf of bullying victims
- developing and implementing anti-bullying programs
- effectively addressing bullying in proactive and unique ways
- establishing and implementing successful behavior modification programs for aggressors
- building partnerships with agencies that share concerns for student emotional health and safety and help in interventions through counseling services, sponsorships, programs, etc.
- creating a Helpline or help agency that will provide immediate support for bullying victims

Nomination Process: Video nominations (1-3 minutes in length) should introduce the Hero nominee (individual or group) and describe the hero’s actions, their impact, and why you believe the hero should be selected to receive a Hero Award at the Summit. A selection team will review all nominations and use a rubric to assess the quality of nomination materials and the worthiness of the nominee. (Note: Videos submitted for those winning Hero Awards will be shown at the Anti-Bullying Summit. Be sure that the video images are clear (use high resolution for projection quality on a large screen) and words are clearly articulated. Signed media releases from all individuals shown or discussed in the video must be submitted with the nomination form. Nomination applications will be judged on the merit of the application submitted, and awards may not necessarily be given in all categories each year. Additional information about the Anti-bullying Summit is available at www.auburn.edu/antibullying

\(^1\) www.bullyingstatistics.org  
\(^2\) www.cyberbullying.us (Cyberbullying Research Center)

Please mail the nomination form, the photo release form, and the video clip on DVD to Linda Dean, Truman Pierce Institute, 108 Ramsay Hall, Auburn University, AL 36849 (after November 30, address changes to 3084D Haley Center, Auburn University, AL 36849. POSTMARKED no later than March 1, 2016. For additional information, contact Linda Dean (LHD0001@auburn.edu) or Teresa Smoot (TAS0016@auburn.edu) or call 334-844-4105.
Select Category:

Individual: Student _____ Teacher/Counselor/School-Based Leader _____ Community or Global Leader _______

Group: School ______ Community or Global ______ Other (specify) _____________________________

Hero Name(s) _____________________________________________________________

Hero’s School/Community ______________________________________________________

School or Business Address __________________________ City _______________________

State______Zip________ Nominee’s Phone____________ Nominee’s e-mail ______________________

Briefly state what the Hero (an individual or a community partner) did or is doing to address bullying. (You may attach additional pages, if needed.)

Describe the impact the action has had on an individual, the school, or the community.

Explain why this person/group should be selected for the Hero Award – i.e., in your opinion, why should this Hero be selected over other nominees?

Name of person submitting nomination ____________________________________________

Relationship to person being nominated __________________________________________

e-mail: _______________________________ phone: ________________________________

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