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**TO:** Members of the University Community

**FROM:** Mark A. Nordenberg

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**SUBJECT:** *Chancellor's Affirmative Action Award*

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It is my pleasure to invite you to submit nominations for the Chancellor's Affirmative Action Award. This award was created by an initial gift from Dr. Maryann F. Coffey, formerly an Assistant to the Chancellor and Director of Affirmative Action here at Pitt, and Dr. Joseph I. Coffey, her husband and formerly a professor in the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs.

The award will be presented "to the outstanding University of Pittsburgh program area or individual that has made a significant contribution in Affirmative Action." For purposes of this award, affirmative action has been defined as the "increase of access to and full participation in all aspects of University functions by minorities and women and those who have been declared members of protected classes by executive orders, legislation or court decisions."

The amount of the award will be \$2,500. In the case of an award to a program area, that amount will be a budget augmentation. In the case of an award to an individual, that amount will be made available for the awardee's private use. Nominators should know that program areas receive a strong preference over individuals in the selection process. Individuals or programs that were previously nominated (but not selected as the award recipient) may be nominated again this year.

I am very pleased to have the chance to recognize those programs and individuals who have worked to increase access and participation for others. Their efforts enrich and strengthen our institution.

You will find additional information about this award in the attached announcement. Please note that the deadline for nominations is May 3, 2011. Thank you in advance for your support and participation.

Attachment