



North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University
Human Rights Medal Award



2006-07 Nomination Packet

OVERVIEW

Shortly after being named the ninth chancellor of North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, James C. Renick announced that the University would award a Human Rights Medal. The Human Rights Medal is awarded annually to recognize individuals who have endeavored to correct social injustice and have significantly contributed to the betterment of the world.

The award was established to honor individuals whose courageous actions are a reflection of the extraordinary action against social injustice that was demonstrated by Dr. Jibreel Khazan (Ezell Blair Jr.), Dr. Franklin Eugene McCain Sr., Dr. Joseph Alfred McNeil, and the late Dr. David Richmond Jr. Their bold move to lead a group of students to take a stand for justice by sitting down at the lunch counter of the local “Five and Dime” initiated a wave of similar sit-ins by college students across the South.

Honorees include: **Mr. Lewis A. Brandon, 2001**

Civil Rights Activist

Mr. Vincent G. Harding, 2002

Civil Rights Activist, Co-Founder, *The Veterans of Hope Project*, Author

Mrs. Rosemarie Freeney Harding, 2002

Peace & Reconciliation Activist, Co-Founder, *The Veterans of Hope Project*, Author

Mr. J. Kenneth Lee, 2004

Attorney and Civil Rights Activist

Dr. Julius L. Chambers, 2005

Attorney and Civil Rights Activist

HISTORY

As freshmen in 1960, Khazan, McCain, McNeil and Richmond requested service at the segregated lunch counter of F. W. Woolworth’s in downtown Greensboro, North Carolina. After being refused service, they sat at the lunch counter until closing. The next day, they were joined by twenty-five other students from A&T and other Greensboro colleges and universities. During the next ten days, students across the state participated in similar sit-ins. By the third week of February 1960, demonstrations had spread to other states throughout the South. Picketing in support of the Movement began in northern cities. By the end of July 1960, the “Greensboro Four” had succeeded. Woolworth’s was desegregated.

The legacy of our four heroes proves the true potential and appeal of nonviolence. It was their protest that became the model and inspiration for later civil rights, anti-war and women’s liberation movements. Their courageous actions contributed to a chain of events that changed the destiny of Americans.

AWARDS COMMITTEE

Candidates for this award will be selected from nominations submitted to the Committee for Awards, Honorary Degrees, and Founders/Honors Day. The membership of this committee is appointed annually from N.C. A&T faculty and staff. The committee will adhere to the criteria listed below when reviewing candidates. Following the committee’s review, the Chair of the committee will send recommendations to the Chancellor who will announce the honoree.

ELIGIBILITY

The Human Rights Medal is presented to an individual who has had a positive impact on correcting social injustices and other humanitarian activities. Other humanitarian activities might include human welfare and social reform, acts of heroism, promotion of fellowship, dedication to technological discovery, academic advancements or contributions, diplomatic endeavors, and community contributions.

Candidates for this award may be locally, nationally or internationally recognized. Nominees for the North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University's Human Rights Medal will be evaluated according to the need fulfilled and actions demonstrated by the individual and the scope of his or her contribution within the community.

The following criteria shall be used by the Committee for Awards, Honorary Degrees, and Founders/ Honors Day when evaluating candidates for the Human Rights Medal:

WHO WILL BE ELIGIBLE?

Any outstanding individual who has had a positive impact on humanity is eligible to receive this award for one or more of the following reasons:

- Correcting social injustice
- Heroism
- Promotion of fellowship
- Technological discovery
- Academic contributions
- Diplomatic achievements
- Human welfare
- Social reform
- Significant community contributions

WHO MAY NOMINATE?

Anyone may nominate. If you are submitting a nomination, please be sure to include clear and complete contact information for yourself.

WHEN?

Nominations must be received by 5:00 pm on Friday, November 3, 2006

WHERE?

Forward all entries to:

Committee for Awards, Honorary Degrees, and Founders/ Honors Day
C/O Office of the Chancellor
1601 East Market Street
Greensboro, NC 27411

NEED ADDITIONAL FORMS?

Contact: www.ncat.edu or (336) 334-7940

RECOGNITION

The winner will be notified in December and will be invited to accept the award at the Sit-In Breakfast marking the 47th anniversary of the Greensboro Sit-In Movement. The event is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, February 1, 2007. The recipient must be able to accept the award in person at the Sit-In Breakfast on the campus of North Carolina A&T State University. Another condition of the award is that the honoree give a lecture at a mutually agreed upon campus event.

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7th Annual



**NOMINATION FORM
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North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University

All nominations must be received in the Office of the Chancellor by **5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 3, 2006** in order to be considered.

- **NOMINEE** _____
- **TITLE** _____
- **ORGANIZATION** _____

Business Address:

Home Address:

Telephone: _____

Telephone: _____

Fax: _____

Fax: _____

E-Mail: _____

E-Mail: _____

Attach the following to this form:

- Letter of nomination (required)
- Minimum of two references with contact information (required)
- Letters/Materials of support (optional)
- Resume of nominee (optional)

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

The nomination must include a short letter describing why you chose this nominee and the names of at least two references. If possible, also include a copy of the nominee’s resume, and any other supporting documentation that may assist the committee’s evaluation.

REFERENCES

Please provide the names, addresses, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses of two references that know the nominee and/or the nominee’s accomplishments.

1. Name: _____
 Address: _____

 Telephone: _____ E-Mail _____

2. Name: _____
 Address: _____

 Telephone: _____ E-Mail _____

NOMINATOR

Please type or print your name, address, telephone number and e-mail address:

Name: _____
 Address: _____

 Telephone: _____ E-Mail _____

MAIL TO: **Committee for Awards, Honorary Degrees, and Founders/Honors Day**
C/O Office of the Chancellor
North Carolina A&T State University
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Greensboro, NC 27411