

15 Days Remain - Don't Let The Urgent Take The Place Of The Important Catherine Hershey Award Nominations are Due August 15, 2023

Nothing builds employee morale and self-confidence like recognition for doing an incredible job. It is an honor to be nominated for a Catherine Hershey Award for outstanding work performance. It is even more of an honor if you are selected to receive the distinguished award.



The truth of the matter is that all of you work in organizations that take pride in the services you provide. Routinely most of you probably describe your program as strength-based and family-focused. You have earned credibility in your community through the services you deliver.

You didn't garner your agency's reputation without selecting the right people for the job. You've chosen well and your programs represent professionalism and best practice. Why not affirm your appreciation to staff by singling them out for special recognition?

An employee cannot hear often enough that they add value to the agency. It would be a good time to honor your staff by nominating them for a Catherine Hershey Award.

With its beginning in 2005, the Catherine Hershey Awards are national awards specifically for the residential education field. Administered by CORE, the Coalition of Residential Excellence, the awards are sponsored by Milton Hershey School. Judges are individuals from the residential field who rank all submitted nominations with personal and program information removed.

The awards honor outstanding staff, students, and supporters whose tireless dedication and steadfast contributions exemplify the essence of Residential Excellence: affording youth from all backgrounds the opportunities to help them navigate a solid course in education, career, relationships...and in life.

Catherine Hershey awards are provided for:

- Catherine Hershey Award Student of the Year
- Catherine Hershey Award Houseparent(s) of the Year

- Catherine Hershey Award Administrator of the Year
- Catherine Hershey Award Educator of the Year
- Catherine Hershey Award Alumnus of the Year

CORE Awards are presented to:

- CORE Member Trustee Member of the Year
- CORE Policymaker of the Year

<https://www.core-dc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/2023-Catherine-Hershey-National-Residential-Excellence-Awards-Nomination-Form.doc>

Registration is Open for the 2023 CORE National Conference

September 18-20th, 2023 in Chamberlain, S.D.

The conference is being hosted by St. Joseph’s Indian School, a Native American school dedicated to improving the quality of life for Lakota (Sioux) children and families. As an apostolate of the Congregation of the Priests of the Sacred Heart, St. Joseph’s mission is to educate Native American children and their families for life – mind, body, heart, and spirit. This mission drives the organization to educate and provide housing for approximately 200 Lakota (Sioux) children each year.

Register Now: <https://www.core-dc.org/registration/>

**The Theme for this Year’s Conference is Ówaŋžila.
Ówaŋžila means “Together In Unity”.**

Conference Sessions and Schedule

Monday – September 18, 2023

8:30 – 8:45 Ówaŋžila = Together, in unity	Tom Robinson
8:45 – 9:00 Welcome To St Joseph’s Indian School	Mike Tyrell
9:00 – 10:00 Rings Of Fire	Michelle Maikoetter
10:00-11:00 Reducing Risks In A Residential Program	Dr. Laura Perales & Loke Kimsel
11:00-12:00 Creating Authentic Accountability	Rebekah Powell
12:00 – 1:00 Lunch and Networking Opportunities	

Monday - September 18, 2023 (continued)

1:00 – 2:00 CORE Recruitment Collaboration & Houseparent Recruitment,
Training and Retention Barb Nichols & Suzanne Wright

2:00 – 3:00 Bridging Spiritualities: How St. Joseph’s Indian School bridges
Catholicism and the Lakota culture to pride students with spiritual growth

Joe Tyrell

3:00 Opportunities for Networking and SD Attractions

Tuesday – September 19, 2023

8:30 -9:00 Legislative Update Don Forrester

9:00 – 10:00 Creating A Houseparent Mentoring Program Joshua Sprock

10:00-11:00 So You Think Your Not A Racist? Michelle Maikoetter

11:00-1:30 Catherine Hershey Awards Luncheon

Bring Back Our Village: How Multi-Tiered Systems of Support
Can Achieve Instructional Excellence and Create a Positive Culture

A. J. Rinaldi

Lunch

Catherine Hershey Awards Presentation:

- Administrator of the Year
- Educator of the Year
- Houseparent(s) of the Year
- Alumni of the Year
- Student of the Year
- Administrator of the Year

CORE Awards

- Trustee of the Year
- Legislator of the Year

1:30 – 2:30 Equine Therapy: Integrating Lakota Culture Robyn Knecht and
Patty Bourne

2:30 Tour of St. Joseph’s Indian School

Wednesday – September 20, 2023

8:30-9:30 Intentional Enrichment: A Toolkit of Activities designed to Cultivate
Identity and Enhance Student Life Coty (Buffy) Trugillo & Bethany O’Hara

9:30-10:30 Deliberately Developmental Art Enrichment Dr. Michelle Kissinger

10:30 – 11:30 Community Connections for the Classroom Danielle Meyers &
Danielle Rafferty

Closing Thoughts

Don Forrester

HOTEL Information

Arrowwood at Cedar Shore Resort & Conference Center 4

Best Western Lee’s Motor Inn

220 W King Avenue

Chamberlain, SD 57325

605-234-5575 [https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.42003.html?
groupId=8W1PK6G4](https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.42003.html?groupId=8W1PK6G4)

Walking distance from the Missouri River!

\$100 per night, ask for the Coalition of Residential Excellence/St. Joseph’s Indian School block.
Released to the public if not booked by August 16th. Availability from Friday, September 15th –
Wednesday, September 20th. Located approximately 1.5 miles from the campus of St. Joseph’s
Indian School.



Legislative Update

H.R. 3852 Create Accountable Respectful Environments (CORE) for Children Act.

The act was initially filed by Congressman Dunn on June 6, 2023 with 11 original
cosponsors. Rep. Gimenez, Carlos A. [R-FL-28] was added as a cosponsor on
July 26, 2023.

H.R. 2955 - Stop Institutional Child Abuse Act which is a companion Bill to **S.
1253** was filed initially in the House on April 27, 2023 with 3 co-sponsors. 9

additional co-sponsors were added in May 2023. 13 additional co-sponsors were added In June 23. 11 additional co-sponsors were added in July 2023.

Currently there are 18 Democratic co-sponsors and 18 Republican co-sponsors.

S. 1353 - Stop Institutional Child Abuse Act The bill was filed by Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR] with 5 cosponsors on April 27, 2023. Two additional co-sponsors were added in May 2023. Two additional cosponsors were added in July 2023.

Protecting Sibling Relationships in Foster Care Act [H.R. 755]

The bill was filed by Rep. Bacon, Don [R-NE] on February 2, 2023 with three additional co-sponsors. Three additional cosponsors were added in May 2023.

Foster Care Stabilization Act of 2023 [S.102] The bill was filed by Sen. Fischer, Deb on January 26, 2023 with one cosponsor.

Save Children's Coverage Act [H.R. 1316] The bill was filed by Rep. Neguse, Joe on March 10, 2023. There are no cosponsors

H.R. 3435 The Charitable Act - was filed by Rep. Blake Moore on May 17, 2023 with three co-sponsors. 4 additional co-sponsors were added in June 2023. Reportedly the Act was filed by Rep. Chris Pappas [NH-01], Rep. Blake Moore [UT-01], Michelle Steel [CA-45] and Danny Davis [IL-07] on May 17, 2024. I have not been able to find an update or number for the bill. 14 additional co-sponsors were added in July 2023.

S.566 Charitable Act was filed by Sen. Lankford, James [R-OK] on February 28, 2023. There were 10 original cosponsors. 3 additional cosponsors were added in March 2023; 1 in April 2023 and 1 in May 2023.