Annual National Women of Color Day Awards and Conference  
Nomination Form

Purpose:
The Women of Color Awards are given in recognition of individuals who have conscientiously endeavored to increase the awareness of the many valuable contributions of women of color at Penn, University of Pennsylvania Health Systems, Presbyterian, Pennsylvania Hospitals and the Delaware Valley community. Annually, awards are given in up to five categories:

- Helen O. Dickens Lifetime Achievement Award
- Faculty or Staff
- Graduate and/or Professional student
- Undergraduate Student
- Community member

Award Criteria:
Nominees must be affiliated with University of Pennsylvania Health Systems, Presbyterian or Pennsylvania Hospital, the local Philadelphia area and have demonstrated:

- Outstanding leadership
- Distinguished service
- Positive impact on the community
- Commitment to enhancing quality of life for and/or serving as a role model for women of color

Recommendation for Women of Color Award:
Name of Nominee_________________________________________ Title/Classification
School/Department__________________________________________
Campus Address_________________________________________ Telephone_____________________
Nominator________________________________________________ Telephone_____________________

Please select which award you are nominating the individual for:
Helen O. Dickens Lifetime Achievement Award
Faculty/Staff
Graduate/Professional
Undergraduate
Community Member
Please respond to the following questions:

1. How has the nominee contributed to the betterment of the Penn community or community at large?

2. Identify nominee’s involvement in activities that are beyond the scope of the individual’s job or coursework.

3. Identify a problem within the Penn, University of Pennsylvania Health Systems, Presbyterian, Pennsylvania, or Delaware Valley community that has been effectively addressed by the nominee.

4. What are the distinguishing qualities or characteristics that make your nominee appropriate for the Women of Color Award?

5. Please add any additional information about your nominee, which you believe would be helpful to the Awards Subcommittee’s selection process. You may attach up to 3 pages of supporting documentation.
The Dr. Helen Octavia Dickens Lifetime Achievement Award: This award is named in honor of the late Dr. Helen Octavia Dickens, its first recipient. In 1991, Dr. Helen O. Dickens was nominated for an award of merit, but it quickly became apparent that Dr. Dickens was no mere candidate. From her early childhood, Dr. Dickens was fascinated by the miracle of birth. She overcame racism, sexism and rejection to enter the field of gynecology and obstetrics back in the 1930s. She became one of the first African-American women to graduate medical school at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Dr. Dickens headed the OB/GYN department at Mercy Douglas Hospital and University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Dickens pioneered the development of teen pregnancy and medical minority affairs programs. She maintained her practice, continued to teach, recruit students and worked tirelessly to increase the presence and permanence of women of color at Penn. Her contributions towards the enhancement of the Philadelphia community spanned a period of over 50 years.

Criteria for nominee:

- Have no less than 25 years of service with the University of Pennsylvania, University of Pennsylvania Health Systems, Presbyterian or Pennsylvania Hospital or the local community.

- Have worked to increase the presence and permanence of women of color at the above institutions or in the community.

- Candidate should stand out in their field.

- Candidate should have innovative approaches to service.

- Candidate should show community service activities, including but not limited to:
  - having a significant impact on the community
  - having a passion for sharing of self with others

- Paragraph of examples of the nominee’s accomplishments that span 25 years should be included.

- As supporting data, please include a resume or CV.

Please return this form no later than January 8, 2016 to:

African American Resource Center (AARC)
3643 Locust Walk
Philadelphia, PA 19104-6230
c/o WOCAP Nomination
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