Alice Wright Franzke Feminist Award

Eligibility:
Any past or present member of the St. Mary’s University community, student, faculty, staff or administrator, who promotes peace, empowerment, civic engagement, cooperation, equality, and respect of all persons, is eligible for nomination.

Selection Criteria:
- Demonstrates commitment to efforts to increase gender equity and empowerment within and/or outside the University.
- Actively engaged in efforts to promote justice and peace locally, regionally, or globally.
- Considered an exemplary role model of civic engagement. Works in a collaborative manner that respects diverse people and traditions.

Honoring St. Mary’s University community members who promote peace, empowerment, civic engagement, cooperation, equality, and respect of all persons

Awarded by the Women’s History Month Committee
Luncheon Sponsored by the Office of the Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs
St. Mary’s University
Luncheon & Awards Program

Welcome
Leona Pallansch, Ph.D.,
Associate Provost for Faculty, Assessment and Accreditation, and 2009 Franzke Feminist Award Recipient

Invocation
Rev. Rudy Vela, S.M., D.Min.,
Vice President for Mission and Identity

Lunch

Franzke Feminist Award Recipients
- Tanairí Y. Ochoa,
  Political Science & International Relations (student)
- Jenee Margo Gonzales, B.A. '97, J.D. '03,
  Director of Government Relations & Community Collaborations (alumna)
- Sr. Grace Walle, F.M.I., D.Min.,
  Law Chaplain (staff)
- Rosemarie Wahl, Ph.D.,
  Biological Sciences (faculty)

Background of the Alice Wright Franzke Feminist Award
The Award was established by the St. Mary’s Women’s Caucus in March 1990 to commemorate the life and works of Alice Franzke, PhD, a professor in the Sociology Department at St. Mary’s University from 1982 until 1989. Dr. Franzke was an inspirational model of feminist activism and civic engagement who embodied a commitment to justice and peace. The Award honors members of the St. Mary’s University community who promote peace, empowerment, civic engagement, cooperation, equality, and respect of all persons.

The award commemorates Alice Franzke’s energy and work with women, civil rights, and civic involvement. Dr. Franzke was the Coordinator of the Peace and Justice Minor program, the Moderator of the student peace group, and a founding member of the President’s Peace Commission. Together with 39 other St. Mary’s University women, she co-founded the Women’s Caucus on March 28, 1989. She represented St. Mary’s on the San Antonio Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW), was a tireless advocate for Non-Traditional Students at St. Mary’s, and was active with the Bexar Women’s Political Caucus. Franzke was inducted as a Scholar into the Academy of St. Mary’s University in 1989.

Past Recipients:
2012: Cyra Dumitru (faculty)
2012: Andrea Escalon (staff)
2012: Alma L. Lopez (alumna)
2012: Ana Olivares (student)
2011: Francesca Garcia (student)
2011: Céline A. Jacquemin, Ph.D. (faculty)
2011: Dorothy "Dottie" Laster (alumna)
2010: Diane Duesterhoft (faculty)
2010: Sarah Linares (student)
2010: Marisela Marquez (alumna)
2010: Minita Santizo (staff)
2009: Monica Cruz (staff)
2009: Misha McDonald (student)
2009: Leona Pallansch (faculty)
2009: Mildred Rodriguez (staff)
2008: Deidra Coleman (staff)
2008: Sonia García (faculty)
2008: Vanessa Torres (student)
2007: Tonya Hammer (student)
2007: Patricia J. Mejia (staff)
2007: Carol Redfield (faculty)
2007: Maria Elena Torralva-Alonso (alumna)
2006: Antonia Castañeda (faculty)
2006: Rosalyn Falcon Collier (alumna)
2006: Khushbu Patel (student)
2005: Kiran Bains (student)
2005: Caroline Byrd (faculty)
2005: Vicki A. Williams (staff)
2004: Jacqueline Dansby (staff)
2004: Rebecca Flores (alumna)
2004: Sr. Grace Luther, FMI (faculty emerita)
2003: Ana Novoa (faculty)
2003: Lee Terán (faculty)
1995: Amy Kasteley (faculty)
1994: Barbara Bader Aldave (faculty/administration)
1993: Sr. Ann Semel, SSND (faculty)
1992: Raelene Nobles (student)
1991: Rose Marie Cutting (faculty)
1990: Alice Wright Franzke (faculty)
1990: Mary Lynne Gasaway Hill (staff)
1990: Blanca Aguirre (staff)
1990: Louise Cantwell (staff/administration)