

## The William U. Harris Award of Excellence Background and Criteria

The William U. Harris Award of Excellence is an award that is given annually to an individual whose institution is a member of the Middle States Regional Assembly and who has demonstrated extraordinary leadership skills in the field of education. It is named for William U. Harris, the Middle States Regional Executive Director (1990-2001) under whose careful and humane guidance the Middle States Region of the College Board moved into the 21st century with a solid sense of purpose, dedicated to excellence and service to young people, communities and institutions. The award will be given to one whose work exemplifies Bill's spirit and character.

Professionals who have worked with Bill Harris describe him as a man of the highest integrity, a gentle giant among his peers who led by modeling fairness, respect and a sense of equity. He found great satisfaction in developing and nurturing leadership capacity in others and was passionate about providing opportunities and support for young people to stretch and grow academically.

Nominees for this honor should exemplify the following characteristics:

- Have at least five years in his/her position of leadership in K-12 schools or institutions of higher education in the Middle States Region.
- Have demonstrated in concrete ways a record of services to young people in preparing, inspiring and connecting them to college and other post-secondary experiences.
- Have demonstrated a genuine commitment to mentoring educational leaders and creating a supportive environment for them to develop and grow.
- Have the strength of character to be a change agent, a collaborative problem solver and a champion of equity.

## The William U. Harris Award of Excellence Nominee Form

### **Nomination Deadline: Oct. 3, 2008.**

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

1. Summary of Distinguished Service to Education. Years of service, credentials, positions, affiliations, College Board experiences. You may attach a resume in lieu of completing this section.

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2. Summary of service to young people in preparing, inspiring and connecting to college and other postsecondary options including, but not limited to Middle States. Cite influence on institutional or association policy; articles and books; creative programs and leadership. Attach exhibits, if appropriate.

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Name of person submitting nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

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