***The Kimboko Award Instructions***

Grand Valley State University is committed to providing… “a rich, inclusive learning and working environment that attracts, retains, and supports a diverse community” (Goal 2, *Strategic Plan 2010-15*). Through inclusion, GVSU fosters diversity of thought, education and research in areas such as culture, race, ethnicity, gender, socio-economic status, sexual orientation, age, and abilities.

The Graduate Student Association has created the Kimboko Award to recognize Grand Valley faculty who have made significant contributions in outstanding teaching, distinctive scholarship or creative work, or noteworthy service in moving GVSU graduate education toward being a more diverse and inclusive community. The award recognizes the accomplishments of Dr. Priscilla Kimboko, GVSU’s first Dean of The Graduate School, and represents her commitment to these values. Students and faculty are invited to attend the Graduate Student Celebration and Awards Ceremony on **December 9, 2016** at the Loosemore Auditorium. The award will be presented at this time.

**Criteria:**

The award will recognize outstanding accomplishments and general impact in any or all of the following areas:

Teaching: development and implementation of effective teaching strategies that advance understanding of underrepresented groups in the discipline or across disciplines, to include activities such as classroom instruction, supervision of student scholarship, theses or dissertations, and graduate student mentoring.

Research or Creative Work: generation of new knowledge or creative work that advances understanding of underrepresented groups in a field of study; knowledge that has the potential to improve the quality of life among underrepresented groups in the field of study.

Service/Outreach: activities that promote the professional and/or academic advancement of underrepresented groups in the faculty’s discipline; contributions to diversity and equal opportunity in the university through activities such as recruitment and mentoring of faculty and students; activities that promotes the well-being of underrepresented communities in the faculty’s discipline.

**Eligibility:**

Full-time regular faculty at GVSU engaged in graduate education

**Selection Process** Graduate Student Association officers will evaluate nominations and applications, select finalists, and recommend one award winner to be presented at the Graduate Student Celebration held at the end of fall and winter semesters.

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**Nominations**

Graduate students within 2 semesters of earning a graduate degree may nominate a faculty member for recognition at the Graduate Student Celebration should submit a letter of nomination (up to **250 words maximum**) and describe how the faculty member exemplifies the criteria included on the previous page. You may also give specific examples of how the nominee has influenced your academic experience.

Faculty Nominee Contact Information:

Faculty Mentor Name:

Office Address:

Office Ph.:

E-mail:

Graduate Student Nominator Contact Information:

Student Name:

Degree Program:

Years in Program:

Part-time or Full-time Student?

Phone:

E-mail:

Alt. Phone or E-mail:

Please submit this information along with your nomination letter electronically to [**gradschool@gvsu.edu**](mailto:gradschool@gvsu.edu)by **Friday, November 17, 2016.**