

The Reese House Social Justice Advocate of the Year Award

Background:

Dr. Reese House was a cherished school counselor, school counselor educator (professor emeritus at Oregon State University), program director at the Education Trust's National Center for Transforming School Counseling (NCTSC), and an original member of Counselors for Social Justice. He was a co-author of the CSJ/ACA Advocacy Competencies. Dr. House was honored with ACA's Professional Development award for leadership in helping the school counseling profession focus on closing the achievement, opportunity and attainment gaps as well as career and college readiness for all students via his work at the NCTSC through the redesign of School Counselor Education programs in universities and the rethinking of school counseling positions focused on social justice and equity for every K-12 student. He was also active in LBGT civil rights and HIV/AIDS work throughout his career.

The award recipient will have:

1. Demonstrated social justice advocacy for students in K-12 schools as well as the school counseling profession including commitment to closing achievement, opportunity, attainment and funding gaps and/or ensuring career and higher education readiness for all K-12 students.
2. Made outstanding contributions to the counseling profession in social justice advocacy in K-12 schools and/or school counselor education

Nominations:

Nomination packets should include the following (The nominator must be a member of CSJ):

- Nomination form, found [here](#).
- A Letter of nomination addressing how the nominee is qualified to receive the award including a brief summary of nominee's relevant accomplishments
- 2 letters (or e-mails) of recommendation in support of the individual receiving the award
- A recent edition of the nominee's vita (recommended, but not required)

Anyone who is a member of CSJ may nominate a potential Reese House Social Justice awardee by completing the recommendation form via e-mail or regular mail to Awards Committee Co-Chair [Laurie Vargas](mailto:l.vargas@earthlink.net) (l.vargas@earthlink.net).