The Diversity and Inclusion Award is presented to an individual or group that demonstrates a commitment to services and/or programs that promote a spirit of pluralism and helps to build an environment of inclusivity. Diversity includes all aspects of human difference including: race; culture; ethnicity; religion; age; gender; gender identity; sexual orientation; socioeconomic status; and ability.

This year’s winner is Dr. Susie Mahoney.

Dr. Mahoney is an outstanding humanitarian and social justice advocate. She is truly an individual who values diversity and inclusion and most of all practices what she preaches. She has been instrumental in being responsible for the staff that manages the RAP Program and the Kingian Non-Violence Training. Both of these programs are instrumental in training our students and staff in the area of diversity. Dr. Mahoney was directly responsible for writing the proposal which invited the internationally known social justice expert Dr. Kathy Obear to our campus. Because of this grant our Student Affairs staff and students were able to receive two full days of excellent training. If it were not for her efforts, staff in our Division and students would not have been able to receive this experience. Dr. Mahoney is a member of the Student Affairs Diversity and Inclusion Council and has been the council member who has been of most assistance. Whenever called upon, she has not hesitated to assist me. Dr. Susan Mahoney is truly a diversity champion on our campus and in the community!