


To: AFT/CFT Local Presidents

From: Jeffery M. Freitas 
CFT President

Date: December 8, 2022

Subject: **Dean Murakami-Racial, Social, and Climate Justice Advocacy Award [New Award]**

Dean Murakami chaired the CFT Civil, Human and Women's Rights Committee for multiple years, and brought hundreds of critical racial and social justice issues to the attention of our union; he introduced and helped pass countless resolutions on issues ranging from the internment of Japanese Americans to the Poor People's Campaign. Dean, a psychology professor, long-time president of the Los Rios College Federation of Teachers, and a long-serving CFT Vice President, will forever be known for his advocacy of the marginalized.

CFT has instituted this award in Dean's name and has the goal of bestowing this recognition on those individuals or organizations that demonstrate dedication, continuing commitment and advocacy to racial, social and climate justice issues in the workplace and beyond.

Locals are invited to submit nominations for this award on behalf of an individual or organization that engages work that positively impacts marginalized populations and focuses on racial, social or climate justice. Such work should be evidenced and measured by contributions to areas such as:

- scholarship, research and curriculum development;
- educational innovation;
- culture change;
- entrepreneurship;
- community engagement; or
- public policies, just to name a few

The deadline for nominations has been extended until February 3. You may nominate someone or some organization for the Dean Murakami RSCJ Advocacy Award. Please submit the enclosed form, along with other documentation, telling us about your nominee and why they should receive the Dean Murakami RSCJ Advocacy Award.

Find complete information about CFT Convention online at cft.org/convention-2023.

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* The nomination process for the Ben Rust Award changed in 2021; however, the award will be conferred on a recipient at the convention at Friday's night Awards Dinner Banquet.

Dean Murakami Racial, Social and Climate Justice Advocacy Award Nomination

NAME OF NOMINEE

ADDRESS OF NOMINEE

CITY

STATE

ZIP

TELEPHONE

EMAIL

Current status: Active employee Retiree

Tell how your nominee meets the criteria for the award. Attach additional sheets if necessary. Supporting materials are also encouraged.

Submitted by:

LOCAL NAME

NUMBER

OFFICER'S NAME AND TITLE

DATE

► **This form must be received no later than January 10, 2023.** Return the completed nomination form to: CFT Convention Dean Murakami Award, 1107 9th Street, Suite 460, Sacramento, CA 95814. Fax to 916-446-2401. Or scan and email to convention@cft.org.