

## **Stapel receives UW System diversity award**

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Flora Stapel, an admissions counselor at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, has been presented with UW System's 2010 Outstanding Women of Color in Education Award.

The award, which is given out annually to women from each UW System institution, recognizes contributions University employees have made, particularly in the areas of diversity and women's studies. Sixteen women received the award this year.

"I'm very honored to receive this award," Stapel said. "I want to savor every moment."

An admissions counselor, Stapel speaks with prospective students and their families. Chancellor Richard H. Wells said Stapel has helped to increase recruitment, enrollment and retention of Hispanic and Latino students at UW Oshkosh.

"As a result of her efforts, more of these students are obtaining a college education here, and they are achieving highest honors under her tutelage, as well," Wells said.

Two students Stapel has mentored have received the Chancellor's Award for Excellence, which recognizes senior students who exemplify strong academic and leadership qualities and a deep commitment to serving others.

As the adviser of the Student Organization of Latinos, Stapel meets weekly with students to help plan fundraisers, events and guest speakers. The group recently went to the National United States Hispanic Leadership Institute Conference in Chicago.

Stapel said her favorite part about her work is reaching out to people.

"I like to talk with students and parents, encouraging them to continue their education," she said.

Stapel will receive her award at a ceremony and reception April 17 at UW-Whitewater.

For more information about the Outstanding Women of Color in Education Award, visit <http://wsc.uwsa.edu/events/woc/woc.htm>.