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Diversity Leadership Award Nomination Form

Application Date: April 26, 2013

Nomination Category-Please Check One:

Individual: The Calder D. Ehrmann Award

Nonprofit Organization

High School Student

Business

College Student

K-12 School **(Please use separate application)**

****Please Note:** An additional category may be awarded by the selection committee to a nominee who positively contributes to promoting international diversity in the Upstate in an extraordinary way. If so, the nominee will be chosen from those nominated for the above categories.*

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Diversity Leadership Contributions/Activities:

Provide a brief statement of the diversity contributions and specific activities of the nominee.

Spinx Company has supported diversity since opening it's first store in 1979. Spinx has always promoted and encouraged minorities in the workplace in all positions. Spinx has continued to promote employee (and family members of employees)

education with company sponsored tuition programs and several scholarship opportunities at local colleges and universities.

Identify the nominee's leadership roles, honors and achievements related to diversity endeavors.
(For business or non-profit applicants, describe the organization's honors and achievements in the community)

Stewart Spinks

Awards and recognition

Boy Scout Blue Ridge Council	Distinguished Citizen Recipient	2004
Greenville Tech	Honorary Alumnus of the year	2007
Greenville Tech	Entrepreneur Award	2003
Urban League	Whitney Young Humanitarian Award	2007
March of Dimes	Annual Real Estate Award	2009
Greenville Magazine	50 Most Influential of 2009	2009
Junior Achievement	Spirit of Junior Achievement	2010
Convenience Store News	Industry Hall of Fame Inductee	2011
Furman University Riley Institute	Riley Institute Diversity Fellow	2003
Upstate Fatherhood Coalition	Community Unity Award	2010
Nazareth House		2005
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Sertoma Club	Service to Mankind Award	2004
		1998-
Boy Scout Blue Ridge Council	Outstanding Leadership Award	2000
Boy Scout Blue Ridge Council	Silver Beaver Award	2003
Convenience Store Hall of Fame	inductee	2011

The Spinx Company

Awards and recognition

GSA Business	Fastest Growing Upstate Companies	Jun-03
CSP Outlook	Environmental Stewardship Award	2011
American Red Cross	Solferino Society	2006
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Anderson County	Spinx Day Proclamation	1/17/2007
Community Action Partnership	Corporate Award	2007
Healthy SC Challenge	Community Collaboration Spinx Run Fest	2006
March of Dimes	Top Contributig Company	2010
Mental Health Association	Recognition of Promoting Mental Health	2006
		2008-
National Ethanol Vehicle Coalition	Leadership & Support of E85	2009
		2007-
March of Dimes	Best Checkpoint Award	2011
		2005-
American Cancer Society	Relay for Life Recognition for Team Fundraising	2011
Youth Access to Tobacco Alliance	Recognition for preventing under age selling	2003
School District of Greenville County	CORE and Sports Program Award for Support	2003
School District of Greenville County	Gift of Education Newspapers in Class Award	2004
		2001-02-
Muscular Dystrophy Association	Fundraising Awards	03
City of Greenville	Professional Development of Youth Award	2003

	National Operational Excellence Award	
	Community Leader Human Spirit Award	2006
Urban League Project Reconnect	Employing at risk youth Initiative	2011

Describe all other civic/community involvement, particularly as related to enhancing and/or promoting diversity. (see list above) as well as philanthropic support of many diversity organizations including United Way, YWCA, Furman Bridges to a Brighter Future, Urban League, Upstate Fatherhood Coalition, Habitat for Humanity and many more.

(Business and Nonprofit applicants only) Discuss the training, development, and/or support services provided to employees and clients, in order to develop or create diversity leaders. Spinx University Training Center was created in 2000 to promote and train leaders within the company from entry level positions to management positions. Spinx also worked with USC Upstate to create a RETAIL MANAGEMENT certification program designed to bring employees to the classroom and incorporate business knowledge with a bachelor's degree program, opening educational doors for many in the community.

(Business and Nonprofit applicants only) Provide a brief overview of your organization, including the mission and clientele focus.

Spinx is passionate about fulfilling people's everyday needs by providing quality services and products in a clean, safe and convenient environment.

We strive to operate in a fun and respectful manner that balances profit, community involvement and environmental awareness while valuing our on-the-go customers, partners and team of employees.

Additional comments, information or supporting documentation:

Stewart Spinks formed Spinx Oil Company in 1972 with a home heating oil delivery service and one convenience store in Greenville, SC. Today, The Spinx Company operates over 70 convenience stores in South Carolina and North Carolina and employs over 900 associates through its stores, food operations and related businesses.

Spinx continues to grow – in quantity as well as quality as we strive to provide our customers, partners and employees with stimulating and rewarding experiences.

Personal References for Nominee

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