

The final selection of the recipient of the award will be made by the RaDAR Committee. The award will be presented at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast in January 14, 2017.

About RaDAR

The RaDAR (Race and Discipline, Action, Rights) Committee grew out of the ARHS Parents Center's Study Circle Project on Race and Class in the Amherst Schools. In Spring, 2005, RaDAR was formed to address concerns raised by ALANA (African, African-American, Latino, Asian, Native American) parents regarding issues of discipline, social justice and equity at ARHS.

RaDAR believes through the collaborative effort of students, teachers, parents, staff, and administrators, students in Amherst can achieve the highest education attainment when there is no systematic privilege based on race. We believe a school free of racism, prejudice and discrimination promotes safety, personal growth and academic achievement. We envision learning communities that promote the ideals of a just and respectful community built on compassionate relationships.

For more information about RaDAR, contact Kathleen Anderson
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Dr. Norma Jean Anderson Civil Rights and Academic Award



**Call for
Nominations**

Dr. Norma Jean Anderson
(1936—2006)

This award honors the memory of Norma Jean Anderson who lived and worked in our community and left a legacy of courage, determination and foresight. Dr. Anderson was born in Springfield, IL in 1932. She graduated the University of Illinois with a degree in Business and became the first black school teacher in her hometown. Dr. Anderson completed her doctorate at the University of Illinois in 1966.

In 1970, Dr. Anderson came to the School of Education at UMASS Amherst as Associate Dean of Admissions and Alumni Affairs. She lead efforts to recruit a more diverse student body. After retiring from the University in 1994, Dr. Anderson was an educational consultant both nationally and internationally.

"She will be remembered for many things, among them her leadership in addressing issues of institutional racism and instilling values of social justice at the School of Education and across the University"

-University of Massachusetts Amherst Chancellor, John Lombardi, 2006

**NOMINATIONS ARE NOW BEING
ACCEPTED**

**We invite NOMINATIONS for the
Norma Jean Anderson Civil
Rights and Academic
Achievement Award**

(To Be Awarded at the Martin Luther King, Jr.
Breakfast in **January**)

The Norma Jean Anderson Civil Rights and Academic Achievement Award applauds the contributions of a current **teacher, administrator or staff member in the Amherst and/or Amherst-Pelham Regional school districts** who promotes the ideals of a just and respectful community built on compassionate relationships. We recognize many teachers, administrators and staff share these goals, and we look forward to acknowledging their contributions.

Past recipients include:
Roger Wallace Jasmine Robinson
Momodou Saar, Mary Custard
Shari Abbot Rachel Coblyn,
Liz Heygood, Alicia Lopez,
Agnes Zsigmondi McCraven

**Note: This award is presented by
RaDAR and is not a
school-sponsored award.**

HOW TO NOMINATE:

Who is Eligible for Award

Nominee must be a current employee of the Amherst and/or Amherst-Pelham Regional School District as a teacher, administrator or staff person.

We welcome nominations from any member of the community, especially students, parents and school employees.

TO NOMINATE:

1. Provide a statement of at least 1 page explaining why this candidate should be selected. The focus should be removing systematic privilege based on race and class in our schools.
2. Email the statement to Pat Ononibaku (patbaku@aol.com.)
3. In lieu of a written statement, you can call and share your reasons for nominating the candidate to Pat Ononibaku at 413-627-0043.

**All nominations need to
be received by
JANUARY 6, 2017.**