**Section II.A. - Awards Presented at the Graduation Ceremony.**

**II.A.1. The Carolyn Kemmeries Service Award.**

**II.A.1.1. Description.** During Carolyn Kemmeries’ tenure as Principal / Director at University High School from 1986-1992, in her own inimitable way, she was able to turn an already great school into one that was unique among high schools in the nation. For those with whom she came in contact, it was easy to recognize that her creativity, her sense of fairness, her brilliant intellectual capacity, and her ability to see strengths in each of us and to challenge us to achieve our full potential were all contributing factors to her great success as well as her school’s. Her infectious smile and wonderful sense of humor endeared her to us all. No matter how busy she was or stressful the day might have been, she would always make herself available. Her contribution to the University High School community was unique and long-lasting. The Carolyn Kemmeries Award is to honor a graduating Senior who has made a unique and long-lasting contribution to our school. By Executive Committee resolution, the recipient of the Kemmeries Award is to be chosen by the members of the graduating class from among their ranks.

**II.A.1.2. Nomination.** ~~At the beginning of February of each school year, the Public Relations Committee of the Student Activities Board will send notice to the Counselors that they each nominate 2-3 Seniors~~ **IN FEBRURARY OR EARLY MARCH OF EACH SCHOOL YEAR, UHS ADMINISTRATION OR ITS DESIGNEE WILL SOLICIT NOMINATIONS FROM COUNSELORS, FACULTY AND STUDENTS THE NAMES OF SENIORS** as candidates for the Kemmeries Award. A candidate must meet the following criteria: 1) Be a Senior at UHS; 2) Have at least a cumulative GPA of 3.5 **(UNWEIGHTED)**; and 3) Have been involved in two school extracurricular activities for at least two years each.

Seniors do have the option of nominating themselves if they meet the above criteria and feel they have made a unique and long-lasting contribution to the school. Individual nominations will be accepted in the ~~Counselors’~~ **PRINCIPAL’S** Office **OR WITH HIS/HER DESIGNEE**. All students who wish to be considered for the award must fill out the Carolyn Kemmeries Award **NOMINATION** ~~application~~ form and submit this **FORM** ~~application~~ to **THE PRINCIPAL’S OFFICE OR WITH HIS/HER DESIGNEE BY THE APPROPRIATE DEADLINE.** ~~the Counselors’ Office at the beginning of March, where the S.A.B. Public Relations Committee will collect them.~~

**II.A.1.3. Selection of the Nominees. THE PRINCIPAL AND HIS/HER DESIGNEE** ~~The S.A.B. Public Relations Committee~~ will review the award ~~applications~~ **NOMINATIONS**, in order to insure that all **STUDENTS NOMINATIONED** ~~applicants~~  meet the necessary criteria. **A BALLOT SHALL BE PREPARED AND GIVEN TO THE SENIORS AND SENIORS WILL CHOOSE THEIR TOP FOUR CANDIDATES.** ~~The application will then be submitted to a subcommittee of the UHS Executive Committee whose purpose shall be to select the top four applicants. The subcommittee will consist of one faculty member, one alumni member, one parent, one student from the S.A.B. Public Relations Committee, and one Executive Committee student representative. The names of the top four applicants will be referred to the S.A.B. Public Relations Committee.~~  In the event that there are only four ~~origina~~l **NOMINATIONS** ~~applicants~~ for the award, **A PRIMARY BALLOT WILL NOT BE NECESSARY.** ~~a subcommittee of the Executive Committee will not be necessary for this selection.~~

**II.A.1.4. Election of the Recipient. THE PRINCIPAL OR HIS/HER DESIGNEE** ~~The S.A.B. Public Relations Committee~~ will compose a ballot listing the selected top four nominees and distribute the ballots in April to the entire Senior Class during **A CONVENIENT MEETING OR CLASS.** ~~English class~~. **BALLOTS WILL BE COLLECTED AND COUNTED BY THE PRINCIPAL AND HIS/HER DESIGNEE** ~~The Committee will collect the ballots that same class period, count the votes,~~ and the student who receives the most votes will be the Kemmeries Award recipient. ~~In the event that no student receives the majority of votes, a second election will be held between the top two candidates.~~ In the event of a tie, both students will receive the award.

**II.A.1.5. Presentation of the Award.** The Award shall be presented during the graduation ceremony by the appointed representative, who shall read the award description and present the award to the recipient. **(Res 6-50, 2/28/95)**

**II.A.2. The Leo Croteau Award.**

**II.A.2.1. Description.** Leo Croteau was a member of the original faculty that opened Special Projects High School in 1976. As Chairman of the English Department, he helped create and maintain the high standards of student performance for which University High School has become well-known. Leo was a full-blooded Native American who had a great love for his people and the people of all cultures. Among his many gifts to students at University / Special Projects High School was the modeling of love and humanitarian service for his fellow citizens. For example, when Leo became critically ill, he did not withdraw to his bed. Instead, he willed himself to complete the tasks he had begun with his students. Because of the faculty’s love for Leo Croteau, and in order to honor his level of dedication, the University High School faculty originated the Leo Croteau Service Award. Each year, the entire faculty participates in selecting the student who is to receive this prestigious award. We consider it the highest honor we can bestow upon a student and hope that each year’s entering freshman class will learn about this award and that its members will strive to be students who consistently demonstrate, through words and deeds, an overriding concern for the welfare of others.

The Croteau Award has traditionally been bestowed by the faculty upon the Senior whom the faculty feels best embodies the spirit and ideals of Leo Croteau: commitment to academic excellence; dedication in service to the school; and devotion to helping any in need. To allow the faculty to continue to bestow this honor, the following procedures are hereby established.

**II.A.2.2. Nomination. IN FEBRURARY OR EARLY MARCH OF EACH SCHOOL YEAR, UHS ADMINISTRATION OR ITS DESIGNEE WILL** ~~At the beginning of April of each school year, the Community Relations / Staff Development Sub-Committee of the Executive Committee~~ ~~shall~~ send notice to each Department requesting that they nominate one Senior as a candidate for this award. Accompanying this notice shall be a description of Leo Croteau and of the intent of the award. For the purposes of this procedure, the Departments include English, Social Studies / Fine Arts, Modern Languages, Mathematics, Career and Technical Education (CTE), and **ADMINISTRATION/COUNSELING.** ~~Administration and Counseling~~. ~~Nominations must be returned to the Community Relations / Staff Development Sub-Committee by April 25.~~

**II.A.2.3. Election of the Recipient. THE PRINCIPAL OR HIS/HER DESIGNEE** ~~The Community Relations Sub-Committee~~ will compose a ballot listing the nominees and distribute this ballot to the faculty **NO LATER THAN THE FIRST WEEK IN APRIL.** ~~during the first full school week in May.~~ **THE PRINCIPAL AND HIS/HER DESIGNEE** ~~The Sub-Committee~~ shall count the votes, and the student receiving the most votes shall be the Croteau Award recipient. ~~In the event no student receives a majority, a run-off election will be held immediately between the top two vote recipients.~~ In the event of a tie, both students shall receive the award.

**II.A.2.4. Presentation of the Award.** The Croteau Award shall be conferred during the graduation ceremony. The **PRINCIPAL,** ~~Director,~~ Assistant **PRINCIPAL,** ~~Director,~~ or their appointed representative shall read the award description and present the award to the recipient.

**II.A.3. Exclusions and Limitations.** These shall be the only officially sanctioned and democratically selected awards conferred at graduation. However, this does not preclude members of the administration or other members of the school faculty from making special mention of any student whom they feel has been overlooked. **(Res 6-19, 9/13/94)**