

## Marc J. Hershman Excellence in Mentoring Award

### Call for Nominations

The Joint Ocean Commission Initiative is pleased to announce a call for nominations for the inaugural Marc J. Hershman Excellence in Mentoring Award. Professor Hershman taught coastal and ocean law, seaport management, and coastal management at the University of Washington's School of Marine Affairs and the School of Law. He was a true leader in the field of ocean and coastal policy for more than 30 years, recognized as an expert on coastal zone management and appointed to serve as a member of the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy. Although widely respected for his work in the ocean and coastal management arena, Professor Hershman's great devotion to mentoring and inspiring young people stands out as his legacy. His dedication and enthusiasm for mentoring students, as well as his continued facilitation of their professional development in their early careers, helped to cultivate the next generation of ocean and coastal managers and scientists. In his memory, the Joint Ocean Commission Initiative has established the Marc J. Hershman Excellence in Mentoring Award, to be presented to the person who best exemplifies the legacy of Professor Hershman in educating, training, and inspiring students and young professionals to pursue careers in ocean and coastal policy and management.

**ELIGIBLE NOMINEES:** Nominations are open to members of the academic community who have a strong record of excellence in mentoring students or young professionals in the field of ocean and coastal policy and management. Nominees may mentor undergraduate students, graduate students, interns, or those in their early professional careers.

**SELECTION CRITERIA:** Nominations should be for an individual who consistently demonstrates one or more of the following characteristics:

- Creates a supportive environment for scholarship and professional development by demonstrating sincere and active interest in the well-being of the mentees
- Commits to advancing the professional development of mentees and integrates mentees into the broader culture of the discipline
- Encourages mentees to develop individual talents and strengths

- Facilitates mentees in acquiring the skills and resources needed to take full advantage of academic and professional opportunities and assists mentees in developing their own local and national networks
- Cultivates the long-term development from mentees to colleagues

**NOMINATION SUBMISSION:** A completed nomination packet includes the nomination form, a statement of qualifications, and letters of support. These materials should be submitted via email to Laura Cantral at [lcantrol@merid.org](mailto:lcantrol@merid.org). Please include the name of the nominee in the subject line.

The nomination form includes the following:

- Nominee's name, affiliation, and contact information
- Nominator's name, affiliation, contact information, and relationship to the nominee (e.g. student, colleague, advisee, etc.)

A statement of qualifications, not to exceed three (3) pages, should describe and offer specific examples of how the nominee is an exceptional mentor or advisor and the ways in which he or she has educated, trained, and inspired students and young professionals in the ocean and coastal policy and management field. This statement should be accompanied by at least two letters of support from other academic colleagues or practitioners from outside the nominee's institution.

**DEADLINE:** Nominations must be submitted via email by **Friday, May 1, 2009**.

**PRESENTATION:** The awardee will be notified in May by the Joint Ocean Commission Initiative. The Marc J. Hershman Excellence in Mentoring Award is not a monetary award but rather a public acknowledgement and recognition of an individual's excellence in mentoring. The awardee will be presented with a plaque at the Coastal Zone '09 Conference in Boston, MA on Monday, July 20, 2009. The Joint Initiative will cover travel costs to the conference for the awardee.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Please contact Laura Cantral at [lcantrol@merid.org](mailto:lcantrol@merid.org) or 202-354-6444, or visit [www.jointoceancommission.org](http://www.jointoceancommission.org).