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Dr. Nikela Owens Wins Nefertiti Award

Dr. Nikela Owens is a native Cincinnati, a former [Cincinnati Scholarship Foundation](#) (CSF) recipient, today, an active CSF board member, and now an 11th Annual Nefertiti Award Winner! The Nefertiti Award celebrates 10 *ordinary, extraordinary* women. Organizers of the awards ceremony say the recipients exemplify the wisdom and inner beauty of the ancient African Queen Nefertiti. A passionate educator, inspired by the works of Paulo Freire, W.E.B. Dubois and Bell Hooks among others, Dr. Owens believes that education, explored through a critical lens, is a liberating and transformative tool which every student should experience. She considers it an honor to touch the lives of young people in a manner that empowers and motivates them to strive for academic excellence, higher education and career aspirations. Dr. Owens describes one of her greatest professional accomplishments as seeing former students who enroll, excel and graduate from college, pursue successful careers and become actively engaged in their communities. Dr. Owens' push to help Cincinnatians achieve a higher education is to be commended and makes us proud to announce her as a 2010 Nefertiti Award winner. Ned Hertzberg, CSF President says, "Nikki has been a wonderful addition to the CSF board of trustees. She is someone who understands first-hand CSF's impact on our Cincinnati community." Dr. Owens is a Ft. Thomas, Kentucky resident.

Winners will be recognized on June 5th 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Westin Hotel's Presidential Ballroom. Master of ceremonies is P. Ann Everson-Price and keynote speaker Lucreta Bowman. For tickets and information call 513.967.3331.

About the Cincinnati Scholarship Foundation

The Cincinnati Scholarship Foundation is a non-profit organization that was founded in 1918. The CSF continues to be the premier scholarship foundation in Greater Cincinnati, administering college scholarships on behalf of local businesses, corporations, individuals and other area foundations. By reaching out to motivated and deserving students who have limited financial resources, the CSF helps to provide the means to attend college and the opportunity to realize their dreams. Scholarships include the Anthony Muñoz Scholarship Fund, the Johnny Bench Scholarship Fund and the Marvin Lewis Scholarship Fund. Visit www.CincinnatiScholarshipFoundation.org for a complete listing.

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