The UNC Friday Center for Continuing Education Honored with “Leadership in Diversity” Award

The William and Ida Friday Center for Continuing Education at UNC-Chapel Hill has been honored with the University Professional and Continuing Education Association’s national “Leadership in Diversity” Award. This award is given to one recipient each year representing the best practices in promoting the educational success of diverse students. It recognizes outstanding accomplishment in one or more of the following areas: research, educational programs and services, administrative practice, or organizational commitment.

Highlighted in the award were the Friday Center’s BRIDGES Academic Leadership Program for Women, the Friday Adult Learner Scholarship, and the Center’s Voices celebration series in honor of Black History Month. The Friday Center was also honored for its Credit Programs for Part-time Students division, which includes Part-time Classroom Studies, Carolina Courses Online, Self-paced Courses, and the Correctional Education Program, all of which serve under-represented minorities by expanding access to credit-granting courses at the University.

“Fostering diversity is a foundational principal of the Friday Center and is central to its mission of expanding access to education and promoting lifelong learning,” said Friday Center director Robert Bruce. “The Center is humbled by the award, and will continue to strive to provide high-quality programs that offer a variety of opportunities promoting cross-cultural experiences, and nurture a culture of tolerance and community.”