Transito “Tito” Torres was an outstanding activist and leader on campus who passed away in December 2009. He was a passionate, dedicated student who had plans to change the world. He was fearless in his pursuit for social justice and civil rights. He was often times the first leading an action, event, conversation, and/or demonstration to help change the minds of many.

Tito was an advocate and ally for many marginalized communities including LGBTQIA (lesbian gay bisexual transgender queer intersex ally) people. He has been described as a person who loved life, always had a smile on his face and was without a doubt, unrepeatable. He was someone who when you met him, you felt like you knew him forever. His openness, compassion, and love for those around him shifted this campus in the most positive of ways.

His leadership and activism inspired many on campus and will continue to live on. The purpose of this award is to support and recognize those CU Boulder students that embody the character and values of Tito and have made similar contributions to the campus community.

"The family and friends of Tito Torres have endowed a small monetary gift to accompany this award to create a stepping stone for this student leader to change the world. Tito came from a modest background but used the resources he had to pay for his education, support his family, and help those in need. Our hope is that you will use this gift, thinking of Tito’s spirit, and be inspired by his life story."

Nominator:
Your name:_______________________________________________
Affiliation with CU :_______________________________________
Phone:___________________________________
Email:___________________________________________

Person to be Nominated:
Name:____________________________________________________
Affiliation with CU (if any):_________________________________
Phone:_________________________________________
Email:_____________________________________________

Please attach a short essay/letter (one page maximum) explaining why you would like to honor this CU Boulder student for their outstanding leadership and activism towards the LGBTQIA (lesbian gay bisexual transgender queer intersex ally) communities. You may want to discuss personal reasons you have for recognizing this person, their effect on the community, leadership roles, personality traits, artistic, musical or academic achievements or any other ways that this person has impacted your life and/or the lives of others. Self-nominations are welcomed. A $500 award to be used for educational purposes will be given to the student winner.

Awards will be given out at the Lavender Graduation Celebration on the evening of May 8th, in the Abrams Lounge of the Center for Community on campus. Nomination forms are due by April 6, 2012 at 5pm to the GLBTQ Resource Center, 105 UCB, Center for Community N450, Boulder, CO 80309 or by email to scarlet.bowen@colorado.edu. If you have any questions please contact Scarlet Bowen at 303-492-2966/scarlet.bowen@colorado.edu.