

TOPIC: FACTS REGARDING TONIGHT'S HUMAN RIGHTS BANQUET

1. The 476 guests tonight will be the second largest attendance in the 17 years of the banquet (Keynoter Morris Dees drew 520 in 2001)
2. Former Coeur d'Alene Mayor Sandi Bloem, former councilmen Mike Kennedy and Deanne Goodlander and current councilmen Woody McEvers, Ron Edinger and Dan Gookin will receive the 2013 KCTFHR Civil Rights Award based on the passage of the anti-discrimination ordinance on June 4, 2013
3. The KCTFHR will present a new award to NIC students called the "Foot Steps Program Award"
4. The 2013 "Bill Wassmuth Memorial Volunteer-of-the-Year Award" will be presented to one of the most active volunteers over the past year.
5. Freeman Duncan, board member of the Idaho Hall of Fame, will induct into the IHF Mary Lou and Scott Reed, Greg Carr and the Human Rights Education Institute.
6. We will have guest tonight from New York, Delaware, Washington, D.C., Missouri, Mississippi, Washington State, and throughout northern Idaho as well as Boise and New Plymouth, Idaho.
7. During the 17 years of the human rights banquet, we have drawn over 6,500 attendees.
8. This year's four recipients, Sherry Mays, Kekuuiani Haake, Bwalya Musonda and Alexander Robies, of the Governor Phil Batt and Senator Mary Lou Reed NIC Student Minority Scholarships will be recognized. The scholarships are funded by HREI and the NIC Foundation. There have been a total of 67 scholarship winners since the inception of the scholarship program.
9. Coeur d'Alene Mayor Steve Widmyer will welcome the guests.
10. Bruce Reed, a native of Coeur d'Alene, will deliver the keynote address. Reed is a graduate of Princeton University, a Rhodes Scholar, former speech writer for then Senator Al Gore of Tennessee, former special assistant to both President Bill Clinton and President Barack Obama, and former Chief of Staff to Vice-President Joe Biden. He now serves as the president of the Broad Education Foundation located in California. He co-authored with Rahm Emanuel, currently the Mayor of Chicago, the book **The Plan: Big Ideas for America.**
11. All profits from the banquet go to HREI for their educational programs and scholarships.