

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE 2014
NOMINEES!

EUGENE P. BEARD AWARD FOR
LEADERSHIP IN ETHICS

Suzanne Brett	Christopher Molinari
Aubrey Famularo	Emily Stokoski
Nicholas Kouknas	Devin Walker
Julia Limongelli	

STUDENT LIFE AWARDS FOR
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Andrew Bencsics	Rachel Kotiah
Brian Bost	Christopher Kriak
Reggie Cameron	Lea Matthews
Gianni Carter	Charqinta McCray
Armani Davis	Christopher Molinari
Kimberly Dombrowski	Tommy Moreno
Cassandra Edlis	Hally Ramirez
Kene Ezeonyebuchi	Brooke Ritko
Felicia Freger	Naomi Ritter
Tyler Grube	Vincent Rugani
Andrew Havranek	Emily Stokoski
Cory Hazy	Kamryn Thorpe
Kristen Himes	Lea Van Kline-Shivers
Catherine Hobart	Devin Walker
Emily Janocha	Taeyana Williams
Kathleen Kelly	David Wishnow
Talia Kirkland	Jeffrey Work

ALMA MATER

Alma Mater, old Duquesne, guide and friend of our youthful days.

We, thy sons and daughters all, our loyal voices raise.

*The hours we spent at thy Mother knee and drank of wisdom's store shall e'er in mem'ry
treasured be, tho' we roam the whole world o'er.*

Then forward ever, dear Alma Mater, o'er our hearts unrivaled reign.

Onward ever, old Alma Mater! All hail to thee, Duquesne!



Saturday, March 22, 2014
Duquesne University Ballroom



Eugene Beard, a generous alumnus of Duquesne University, established this award over 10 years ago to recognize a graduating senior who has demonstrated superior ethical leadership. Faculty and staff are encouraged to submit nominations, which are reviewed by a special committee coordinated by the Beard Center for Leadership Ethics and Rev. Sean Hogan, C.S.Sp., the Executive Vice President for Student Life.

Students are selected based upon their commitment to moral and spiritual values and their outstanding leadership in the area of ethics in campus life, family life and in the community. The recipient of the 2014 Eugene P. Beard Student Award for Ethics in Leadership is **Shannon Smith**.

2014 EUGENE P. BEARD STUDENT AWARD FOR ETHICS IN LEADERSHIP



Shannon Smith is a student in the McAnulty College of Liberal Arts who is completing a dual major course of study in Political Science and History. Outside of her academics, Shannon is very involved in other organizations and activities, almost too numerous to list. In a majority of these groups, Shannon has earned a leadership role through her hard work and dedication. As such, she has had many opportunities to demonstrate the tenets of ethical leadership upon which this award is based and has done so admirably. Shannon's dedication to others, to the University and to her leadership positions are some of the reasons why she is so deserving of this year's award.

Her involvement during her time at Duquesne has been extensive, including such highlights as: Vice President of Academic Affairs for the Student Government Association; Director of the Senior, Junior and Sophomore Class Councils, respectively; Executive Vice President of the Residence Hall Association; and Orientation Team Leader. She has also served the University as a Cantor for Campus Ministry and an Intern with Alumni Affairs. Outside of the University, Shannon serves her home community through her continuing involvement with the South Fayette Band.

Of her participation in these various organizations, Shannon wrote that being an involved student contributes to an individual's development because, "In every organization, we exhibit integrity and ethical decision-making by keeping the Duquesne community in mind and being open to new ideas or suggestions that will impact all students and not just our own interests."

Nominator Sarah Sperry of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving noted that, "Shannon is not only deserving due to the time she has committed to Duquesne outside of the classroom, but also because of the type of person Shannon is. She has proven to be reliable, conscientious, friendly, hardworking and ethical."

STUDENT LIFE AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN STUDENT LEADERSHIP

The Student Life Leadership Award is presented to outstanding seniors who have been nominated by the Student Life staff. They are evaluated on their dedication to the Mission Statement, leadership positions, service, academic achievements and their presence on campus.

Seven extraordinary students are recognized in 2014 with an Award for Excellence in Student Leadership.



Suzanne Brett is a Finance major in the A.J. Palumbo School of Business with a 3.56 GPA. She is a member of the Beta Gamma Sigma Professional Business Honor Society and served as the Executive Director and Finance Director of the Duquesne Program Council and as an Orientation Team Leader. Suzanne has been a member of numerous other organizations as well, including SPIRIT Emerging Leaders, the Financial Management Association and each of the respective Class Councils. Her community service includes work with Campus Ministry as a Eucharistic Minister and Minister of Hospitality, participation in mission work in Guatemala and work with Samaritan Purse's Operation Christmas Child.



Randall Coleman is a Broadcast Journalism major in the McAnulty College of Liberal Arts with a 3.33 GPA. He has served as President of Duquesne Student Television, as Treasurer for the Duquesne University Collegiate 100 Mentoring Team and as a Resident Assistant. Randall is also involved in such varied activities and groups as the Society of Professional Journalists, Habitat for Humanity and the Macedonia Baptist Church Audio Team. He has been awarded such honors as the Duquesne Student TV MVP Award, the Office of Multicultural Affairs Outstanding Leadership of the Year Award and the Mr. Duquesne Media Award.



Katelyn Emigh is an Early Childhood Education major in the School of Education with a 3.95 GPA. She is a member of the Order of Omega Honor Fraternity and the SPIRIT Emerging Leaders. She has served as the Philanthropy Chairwoman of the Gamma Phi Beta Sorority and has been a Resident Assistant for two years. Katelyn has served both the community and the University through her missionary work in Honduras, participation in the Leading Teacher Program in Urban Education and as a volunteer at the Jubilee Soup Kitchen.



Zachary Hudak is a Finance major in the A.J. Palumbo School of Business Administration with a 3.84 GPA. He has served as the Vice President of Academic Affairs for the Student Government Association, Finance Director of the Duquesne Programming Council, President of the Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society and is co-founder of the Ice Skating Club of Duquesne. Zachary is also a member of Circle K and the Phi Kappa Phi, Mortar Board and Omicron Delta Kappa honor societies. His public service includes work with Campus Ministry, Duquesne's Spring Clean-Up project and coordination of fundraisers for the Jimmy V Foundation for Cancer Research.



Nikolas Kouknas is a Secondary Education major in the School of Education, specializing in Social Studies where he has achieved a 3.48 GPA. He has served as Vice President of Finance for the Student Government Association, a Commuter Assistant, a Student Ambassador for the School of Education, an Orientation Team Leader, a member of Commuter Council and President of the Duquesne University Student Education Association.



Ciarra Lewis is an Elementary/Early Childhood Education major in the School of Education with a 3.8 GPA. She has served as Vice President of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Vice President of the Black Greek Council and Vice President of Black Student Union. Ciarra is also a member of Kappa Delta Epsilon Education Honor Society, Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society, Ebony Women and the Student Government Association. She has been involved in numerous service initiatives both within the University and in the community, including multiple food and voter registration drives, mentoring freshmen students of color through the Office of Multicultural Affairs and mission trips to the Dominican Republic.



Megan Miller is a History and Classics major in the McAnulty College of Liberal Arts with a 3.99 GPA. She has served as Director of Communications and as Special Events Director for the Duquesne Program Council, Secretary of Circle K and is co-founder of the Ice Skating Club of Duquesne. Megan is also a member of such honors societies as Phi Kappa Phi, Phi Eta Sigma, Omicron Delta Kappa, the Duquesne Integrated Honors Society and Mortar Board Honor Society. Her community service work includes organizing fundraising events to benefit the Jimmy V Foundation for Cancer Research and the World Wildlife Fund.