

Student Recognition and Awards Committee

2012-2013 Annual Report

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OSU Faculty Senate

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SUBJECT: Student Recognition and Awards Committee

2012-2013 Committee Members

Faculty:

Robert Allan '15, Earth, Ocean, & Atmospheric Sciences
Rick DeBellis (v. Holloway) '13, Enrollment Management
John Gambatese '14, Civil & Construction Engineering
Adrian Gombart '15, Linus Pauling Institute
Jennifer Hill '14, Arts & Sciences Business Center
Patricia Lacy '15, ASOSU
Michelle Mahana '14, Co-Chair, Public Health & Human Sciences
Mike Mayers, Memorial Union
Kari Miller '15, Recreational Sports
Candy Pierson-Charlton '13, INTO OSU
Heidi Wegis '13, Co-Chair, Biological & Population Health Science

Students:

Briana Artita-Guerrero
Kevin Coffey
Colten Swearingen
Maile Wu

Student Recognition and Awards Committee Standing Rules:

The Student Recognition and Awards Committee coordinates awards that are all-university in nature and that are awarded by faculty to students. The Committee also plans and conducts, with the support of the ex-officio, an assembly or other appropriate program for the presentation of these awards to their recipients. The ex-officio works closely with the Committee and is responsible for the tasks associated with the all-university recognition and awards program. The Committee is responsible for selecting the recipients of the Drucilla Shepard Smith Scholastic Awards, the Clara H. Waldo and E.A. Cummings Outstanding Student Awards, and the AAUW Senior Woman of the Year Award. The Committee consists of eleven faculty, four students, and a representative from Financial Aid & Scholarships, non-voting.

Student Recognition and Awards Committee Report:

As the Standing Rules state, the main responsibility of the Faculty Senate Student Recognition and Awards Committee (SRAC) is to conduct the selection process for the above-named awards. Other awards presented at the All-University Student Recognition and Awards Dessert Reception, as noted below, are coordinated by the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships:

Award	Office Responsible Contact Person
Clara L. Simmerville Award	International Programs Rachael Weber
Dr. JoAnne Trow Woman of Distinction Award	MUPC
E.C. Allworth Leadership Award	Memorial Union Michael Henthorne
E.C. Allworth Cultural Awareness Leadership Award	Memorial Union Michael Henthorne
Grace Wu Memorial Award	Financial Aid & Scholarships Doug Sever
Michael J. Palmer Award	Memorial Union Michael Henthorne
Mortar Board Kate Jameson Award	Mortar Board Advisors Kevin Ahearn, Indira Rajagopal
Provost's Literary & Art Prizes	Office of the Provost
Robert MacVicar Exceptional Service Award	Mortar Board Advisors Kevin Ahearn, Indira Rajagopal

The Committee co-chairs met several times during the year to plan the work of the Committee. Jessica Abblitt provided support to the SRAC by extracting the data sets of eligible students for the Waldo-Cummings Outstanding Student Award and Drucilla Shepard Smith Award. She also coordinated the All-University Student Recognition and Awards Dessert Reception along with University Events and provided the framed certificates for the awards presented.

The Committee is responsible for the selection process for the Waldo-Cummings Outstanding Student Award. Committee members develop and refine the application and selection process, including the types of information requested of the students, the review of the applications, and the selection and interviews of the finalists (honorable mentions and awardees). Materials from the committee meetings and the application process are outlined in [Appendix A](#).

This year the All-University Student Recognition and Awards Dessert Reception took place on Thursday, May 23, 2013. Award winners, their family and friends, and many campus representatives were present in the Memorial Union for a dinner and awards reception in the Memorial Union Ballroom.

Class Subcommittees for 2012-2013 were as follows:

First-year Subcommittee Members:

Jennifer Hill, Arts & Sciences Business Center
Kari Miller, Recreational Sports
Heidi Wegis, Nutrition & Exercise Science

Sophomore Subcommittee Members:

Michelle Mahana, Health & Human Sciences
John Gambatese, Civil & Construction Engineering
Briana Artita-Guerrero, ASOSU Student Representative

Junior Subcommittee Members:

Robert Allan, Earth, Ocean & Atmospheric Sciences
Rick DeBellis, Enrollment Management
Patricia Lacy, ASOSU
Kevin Coffey, ASOSU Student Representative

Senior Subcommittee Members:

Mike Mayers, Memorial Union
Candy Pierson-Charlton, INTO OSU
Adrian Gombart, Linus Pauling Institute
Maile Wu, ASOSU Student Representative
Colten Swearingen, ASOSU Student Representative

This year the committee received 275 *Waldo-Cummings Outstanding Student Award* applications for committee members to evaluate. Approximately 23% of the applicants (64) were selected to advance to the interview phase of the selection process, which was 12 freshmen, 12 sophomores, 20 juniors, and 20 seniors. In addition, there were 160 recipients of the *Drucilla Shepard Smith Award* including 13 freshman, 56 sophomores, 39 juniors, and 52 seniors. Award information is available in [Appendix B](#).

Recommendations for the SRAC for 2013-2014:

In this section, we would like to outline recommendations or needs to be addressed by the committee next year.

OSU Extended Campus/OSU-Cascades Student Participation: For the last several years, the committee made accommodations for video/phone interviews as well as web streaming of the awards event. The web streaming received positive feedback from students and their families who were unable to attend the event in-person. The Committee recommends the continuation of this process in making accommodations for video/phone interviews as well as web streaming of the awards event.

Student Representation: Continue to work with ASOSU to identify student committee members and secure signed confidentiality agreements from student committee members as soon as the committee is constituted in fall term. We were in contact with ASOSU during the middle of fall term to start securing student committee members. The ASOSU office had a difficult time finding students to commit to the process, and it was only during the last week before interviews that we were able to have a few students join.

Continued Coordination with Enrollment Management: The committee recommends a meeting during fall term between the SRAC co-chairs and Financial Aid & Scholarships to coordinate the activities and responsibilities regarding the awards and the awards event. This meeting is extremely helpful to make sure all parties involved are aware of the process.