



**UNIVERSITY
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2024 President's Awards for Leadership

These honors recognize and reward undergraduate/graduate students and organizations that have made significant contributions to enhance the quality of life at the University at Albany. Recipients will have demonstrated a variety of accomplishments including extraordinary leadership, service, academic achievement, and involvement within the University community.



AWARD DESCRIPTIONS

NOTE: At the time of selection, recipients must be in good academic and judicial standing. A minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA is highly recommended for all awards.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Athletes and Recreation Leadership Award

The **Athletes and Recreation Leadership Award** recognizes athletes who participate in Division 1 sports, intramurals, or club sports whose leadership has transcended their sport. Recipients will have made invaluable contributions to their team, achieved academic distinction, or have made significant contributions to our university and its surrounding community.

Christine A. Bouchard School Spirit Award

The **Christine A. Bouchard School Spirit Award** was established in honor of Christine A. Bouchard by her colleagues and friends, on the occasion of her retirement as Vice President for Student Affairs at the University at Albany. The purpose of this award is to recognize an undergraduate student(s) who best exemplifies and promotes school spirit. This award typically carries 2 scholarships of \$850 each.

Five Quad Award

The **Five Quad Award** is for an exceptional member of the University's student-run 24/7 volunteer ambulance service.

Fraternity & Sorority Leadership Award

The **Fraternity & Sorority Leadership Award** is given to sorority and fraternity members and organizations who have contributed to their chapter, the Greek system, and the University. Through strong leadership and valuable service, these students and organizations have exemplified the ideals of brother and sisterhood and have worked to further develop Greek life at the University at Albany. Pre-professional fraternities are encouraged to apply.

Middle Earth Award

The **Middle Earth Award** is for an exceptional member of this important peer counseling and referral group.

Outstanding Student Organization Advisor Award

The **Outstanding Student Organization Advisor Award** recognizes faculty or staff advisors who go "above and beyond" for the organization(s) they advise. The nominated individual must serve as the official advisor to a Student Association, Graduate Student Association, or University recognized student organization in good standing. Nominations for this award should be submitted by students.

Project SHAPE Award

The **Project SHAPE Award** is for a student volunteer in recognition of exceptional performance, commitment, and service as a valuable member of the Project SHAPE: Sexual Health & Peer Education program.

Residential Life Outstanding Achievement Award

The **Residential Life Outstanding Achievement Award** honors those individuals who have continued to strive to improve the quality of life for residence hall students. The recipients will have demonstrated exceptional leadership and take an active role within the residence hall system.

Sustainability Leadership Award

The **Sustainability Leadership Award** recognizes a graduate or undergraduate student who contributes to the advancement of environmental, economic, and social sustainability within the UAlbany campus and surrounding community. This student will have demonstrated a leadership role in raising awareness and increasing campus involvement in advancing sustainability.

The Interfaith Center Award

The **Interfaith Center Award** is given to an individual whose record of accomplishments reflects significant

contributions to The Interfaith Center and the University. The award acknowledges a student who has made laudable efforts to further interfaith understanding and to promote the spiritual growth of members of The Interfaith Center community.

The Jonathan Whyte-Dixon Memorial Scholarship

The **Jonathan Whyte-Dixon Memorial Scholarship** recognizes a UAlbany student (undergraduate or graduate) who best exemplifies Jonathan's school spirit, meaningful involvement within the UAlbany community, leadership on campus, and overall enthusiasm and passion. Preference will be given to a student who has volunteered or worked for the Liberty Partnerships Program and demonstrates financial need. NOTE: This award carries 2 scholarships of \$1,500 each.

UAlbany Fund Award

The **UAlbany Fund Award** recognizes a student caller who, through outreach to parents and alumni, is an exceptional representative of the university, and has been successful in obtaining the private support that UAlbany needs.

University Governance Leadership Award

The **University Governance Leadership Award** recognizes students who have provided important leadership to the campus by taking an active role relative to policy matters of student government and the University.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Community Service Leadership Award

The **Community Service Leadership Award** recognizes students who most clearly evidence a service ethic in their citizenship. Students will have demonstrated unselfish involvement at UAlbany or in the surrounding community as they strive to better an aspect of society by dedicating considerable time to worthwhile projects that benefit others. Please include information regarding the frequency of the commitment (e.g., number of hours per week or per semester), the nature of the service, and whether you were compensated for the service.

The Rod and Carolyn Hart Memorial Award

The **Rod and Carolyn Hart Memorial Award** is given to an undergraduate student of junior class standing who has demonstrated academic achievement and who has made a difference on the UAlbany campus by organizing benefit drives for charitable causes and/or demonstrated leadership within a campus organization that serves the good of the University community. NOTE: This award typically carries a scholarship of \$500.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, & INCLUSION

Diversity & Inclusion Award

The **Diversity & Inclusion Award** recognizes a person who has demonstrated leadership in increasing the University's commitment to diversity and inclusion. This includes, but is not limited to, promoting appreciation of individual differences, and working with others to find common ground.

Social Justice Leadership Award

The **Social Justice Leadership Award** recognizes two individuals who have demonstrated a passion for social justice and played a leadership role in advancing initiatives related to advancing social change and promoting equity and inclusion. This award includes two scholarships of \$700 each.

The Juneteenth Scholarship

The **Juneteenth Scholarship** commemorates the meaningful importance of Juneteenth, promote the values of diversity and inclusion at UAlbany, and to recognize and celebrate the rich and complex histories of our Black and Afro-Latinx students. Applicants for this scholarship, who should possess at least a 3.0 GPA in any major, must submit a 250–500-word essay on why Juneteenth is personally meaningful to them. NOTE: This award carries 2 scholarships of \$500 each.

The Justice Award

The **Justice Award** honors a student whose commitment to the principles of fairness and equity has helped to foster justice at the University. This group promotes the appreciation of individual differences and works together to find and express common ground. Recipients will have made distinct contributions toward achieving these ideals.

GREAT DANE AWARDS

Great Dane Academic Leadership Award

The **Great Dane Academic Leadership Award** recognizes student leadership in academic settings. This may include the classroom, the research laboratories and other research settings, and internship sites. A 3.25 cumulative GPA is recommended. A letter of recommendation from a faculty member is highly recommended.

Great Dane Award

The **Great Dane Award** is given to any student who has demonstrated leadership in several co-curricular activities or significant leadership in one such activity during the current year.

SPECIALIZED AWARDS

Great Dane Ambassadors Award

The **Great Dane Ambassadors Award** recognizes a student who has performed exceptionally well and demonstrated leadership in their study abroad experience, succeeding academically, making many new friends, and creating a very positive impression at the host institution.

International Student Leadership

The **International Student Leadership Award** recognizes an international undergraduate and graduate student whose efforts and involvement have enhanced the lives of international students and/or the University community.

The I AM FIRST GEN Scholarship

The **I AM FIRST GEN Scholarship** was recently established in an attempt to aid underrepresented college students in paying for their post-secondary education. It specifically recognizes residents of the State of New York whose parent/guardian has not been awarded a bachelor's degree or higher. Applicants must submit a 90 second video interview of themselves speaking on the topic of the value that first gen students and their experiences add to the campus culture and enrich the student body. This award typically carries a scholarship of \$500.

Veteran/Military Leadership Award

The **Veteran/Military Leadership Award** recognizes a student veteran who has been involved on campus or in the local community, and/or has contributed to the success of other student veterans. The recipient must be a past or present member of the U.S. Armed Forces.

WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP AWARDS

The **Women's Leadership Awards** are given to female students who have demonstrated significant involvement and leadership at the University. Through their involvement, recipients have advanced the affirmative action mission of the University and have contributed to an increased campus awareness of women and their contributions.

Ada Craig Walker Award

The **Ada Craig Walker Award** is given to a graduating undergraduate senior woman who "in judgment of the faculty best typifies the ideals of the University." Nominees should possess a minimum 3.0 GPA. Women graduating in December, May, or August is eligible. NOTE: This award carries 3 scholarships of \$2,000 available each.

Returning Woman Award

The **Returning Woman Award** recognizes a student who serves as a positive role model for returning women. The recipient will have demonstrated her exceptional leadership skills through participation in campus activities and personal success in facing the challenges of pursuing her educational goals as a non-traditional student.

Women's Outstanding Leadership Award

The **Women's Outstanding Leadership Award** is given to a student who has demonstrated significant leadership and commitment to improving the quality of life for women at the University at Albany.

OUTSTANDING SENIOR

Distinguished Scholar-Leader Award

The **Distinguished Scholar-Leader Award** recognizes and honors one graduating undergraduate senior who best exemplifies the scholar-leader-service ideal. The recipient will have demonstrated academic excellence, effective leadership in the University community, and a commitment to serving others. Distinguished-Scholar-Leaders should have demonstrated a strong commitment to their academic and intellectual development as evidenced by participation in research or other creative scholarly activity. Recipients will be asked to nominate a faculty or staff member to be recognized at the award ceremony. This award is among the highest conferred upon undergraduates. A 3.75 cumulative GPA is recommended. NOTE: For the purpose of this award, senior status is defined by date of graduation, not by credits earned. December graduates are eligible.

Outstanding Senior Award

The **Outstanding Senior Award** recognizes undergraduate seniors who have contributed greatly to the University during the course of their undergraduate careers. Their leadership abilities may have been demonstrated at the University level or in more than one organization. Applicants should list all of their involvement and achievements since arriving at the University. Recipients will then be asked to nominate a faculty member to be recognized at the award ceremony. This award is among the highest conferred upon undergraduates. A 3.50 cumulative GPA is recommended. NOTE: For the purpose of this award, senior status is defined by date of graduation, not by credits earned. December graduates are eligible.

OUTSTANDING STUDENT ORGANIZATION

The Outstanding Student Organization Leadership Awards are given to student organizations whose activities have enhanced the University community through their outstanding leadership and service.

Any student organization currently recognized by the Student Association, Graduate Student Association, or the University is eligible for nomination. Eligible projects/programs either began or were active and completed within the Spring or Fall 2023 semesters.

Cultural Awareness Award

The **Cultural Awareness Award** recognizes the organization that has demonstrated leadership in increasing the University community's cultural awareness, thereby enabling students to appreciate the diversity that underpins our society.

Community Service Award

The **Community Service Award** recognizes the organization that best represents the service ideal of the University by unselfishly serving the Albany and/or University community. Please include information regarding the frequency of the commitment (e.g., number of hours per week or per semester), the nature of the service, and whether you were compensated for the service.

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