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COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

This award recognizes organizations or groups of students who have contributed most significantly to the community during the academic year. Selection is based on the quality of the project(s) or event(s) completed by the group, and contribution to the organization being served.
Ryan Biggs, who is currently Active duty military, U.S. Navy Sailor currently stationed here in CT is tasked with coordinating funerals for the Navy in the region. He is also doing amazing work in the Greater Hartford community. He is part of Calling All Brothers, Inc., a group of local men volunteering, coming together in the community engaging youth to be great and teaching them valuable life lessons. The mission of Calling All Brothers is a congregate of concerned men from different backgrounds dedicated to implementing positive change in an underserved community. Ryan joins a group of other men in Hartford that greet Hartford students on the first day of school each year with words of encouragement. Additionally, he is involved politically in his town Wethersfield where he currently resides. Ryan is a commuter and a transfer student. Husband and father of two amazing boys ages 3 and four months, he is involved as a member of BSU and The University of Hartford NAACP Chapter.
Jacob Nemeth

Jacob, from his first year orientation was insistent in getting involved with community service. Jacob’s commitment to service can be seen through his time volunteering at FoodShare in Bloomfield, 4 years of service on Alternative Spring Breaks, countless hours of service as a member of Alpha Epsilon Pi and service work through Hartford Hillel.
COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

Hispanic and Latino Student Association

HLSA is committed to their local community and are agents of social justice and change. In the Fall 2018 semester, HLSA participated in the Breast Cancer Walk, raising over $100 for the American Cancer Society’s Making Strides Campaign. Further, they participated in the Pulsera Project, where they sold bracelets made by artisans in Central America. All proceeds went back to the artists and communities to fund development, education, and general living expenses. In the spring 2019 semester, HLSA began volunteering weekly at Hartford Public Library, helping ESL students who need to learn English and helped with the purchasing of Lil Libros bilingual books for Hartford Public ESL students. They assisted in the 34th Annual International Festival with both setting up and cleaning up of the event, as well as conducting a hair braiding session during the events to help raise funds for the purchase of books for their ESL students.
Tristan Zenon is a Program Intern with Nutmeg Big Brothers Big Sisters. During his tenure, Tristan has proven to be a regular, reliable, and noteworthy contributor to their work. Tackling a number of projects - ranging from data integrity and volunteer recruitment, to helping enroll youth and family's into comprehensive programs - Tristan has proven time and again that his strong work ethic and dedication to professional excellence is only exceeded by his incredible commitment to serving vulnerable populations. Nutmeg benefited from Tristan's diligence, enthusiasm, and professionalism which directly led to the agency being able to reach more youth and families across the state. We are incredibly grateful for Tristan's service with the agency this year and are so excited to see him be recognized for his exceptional service to the community.
Lydia Farmer

Lydia Farmer is an outstanding young woman who possesses a lively spirit, a demonstrated commitment to her peers and her community. Lydia is committed to the improvement of the whole group and makes everyone around her better. Lydia never wavered in her focus or compromised her values when it came to serving her community. She is calm, composed, deliberate, and rational. Her cheerful demeanor motivates others and she is held in high regard.

- Lydia helped welcome over 300 students and their parents to the first day of school.
- Lydia has volunteered for road races in the community.
- She acted as a course martial for the Hartford Marathon that aided over 8,500 people.
- She also served as a keystone volunteer in helping to set up and run an on campus 5K with over 1,000 participants and spectators.

Lydia continues to challenge herself, and help her community. Lydia Farmer is exactly the type of person and leader that any community is seeking.
Katey Curran

Katey has shown an impressive dedication to service programs through the Center for Community Service during her four years at UHART. She has participated in three Alternative Spring Break trips, serving as the only student leader on two of them (including the 2019 ASB trip). She has also participated in Helping Hawks all four years, serving as a site leader for two years. Katey has a heart for service and seeks every opportunity to make the community better.
OUTSTANDING PROGRAM AWARDS

This award recognizes student organizations or groups of students who planned and implemented a University-wide program, which contributed in a significant way to the quality of student life, or to the enjoyment, understanding, knowledge or positive image of our University.
OUTSTANDING PROGRAM AWARDS

Residence Hall Association - Monthly Bingo

On the *first Friday of every month* students gather in Konover to be a part of the craze and *EVEN* sit on the floor for RHA's First Friday Bingo. A parent shared that their student said, "*one of the best things on this campus is BINGO.*"
The Annual Royal Roots Gala was a celebration of African culture and brought students from all backgrounds to celebrate and learn about the vast demographics of Africa. Students experienced authentic African food while enjoying entertainment from various African nations. Guests wore traditional African clothing and encouraged individuals of other cultures to do the same. The ASU is an innovative student organization founded in 2014. Their weekly meetings are comprised of topics that challenge the mind in an open and entertaining atmosphere and create an inclusive community within a community.
During the last nights of Chanukah, Hillel and Multicultural Programs partnered and planned a Community Shabbat titled, “Let’s Talk About Inclusion.” More than simply diversity and numerical representation, inclusion involves authentic and empowered participation...a true sense of belonging! Attendees discussed what inclusion meant to them at the university. With over 150 students, faculty and staff in attendance, this Shabbat was a HUGE success.
STUDENT ORGANIZATION AWARDS

This award recognizes up to three organizations, which have made the most significant progress since the beginning of the academic year. Selection is based on the organization's demonstration of a strong and active membership, successful programs, and overall contribution to the University.
The Asian Student Association (ASA) disbanded due to the lack of membership after most of its members graduated. Members of the ASA have worked over the last year to revive the organization out of a desire to bring back an organization that helps unite students interested in celebrating Asian culture. ASA uses a combination of social and educational events to educate students on Asian culture, as well as engage in community-service opportunities meant to bond the organization’s members together, a number which is currently estimated at 35. Jonathan Cao, the organization’s president asserted that “ASA is resolute in its mission to give Asian students a voice and to provide a platform for students from other backgrounds to experience Asian culture.”
After being dormant for two years, the UHart Gospel Choir has been rebuilt and boast nearly 40 members. Shaneisia Bloomfield serves as President and leads the group with grace and poise. The choir had a successful fall showcase and has a second showcase planned for this spring. The choir showcased their talents at the annual MLK event during Black History month...moving the audience to their feet and to tears as they presented spirituals and an awesome rendition of "We shall Overcome." This is a fantastic example of a come back!
Among the many events CAT executes, there are a few that stand out based on the scale of the event and the effort that goes into making it happen. Safety Street is one of these events as it required participation from many different clubs on campus as well as the local YMCA. This event brought several clubs on campus and students from the greater Hartford community together in a really special way. This is a unique event that brings the communities on and off campus together in a way that benefits everyone involved.

Another example is Spring Fling—an annual event that requires large amounts of planning from students with specific activities to departmental coordination that is championed by the Professional Staff in the Office of Student Activities and Greek Life. An event of this magnitude requires a level of effort and synchronization that is second to no other event on campus. Streamlining an event of this scale is no easy task either when you are simultaneously trying to keep the students of this campus satisfied. It should be noted that this event would not be possible without the help from other departments and organizations on campus such as RHA, CASA, SGA, Health Education and Wellness, Health Services, Spectrum, Public Safety, Alpha Sigma Phi, Greek Life Events Committee. While the weekend is organized by CAT, it truly is a team effort across campus to make this fantastic event a reality.
FIRST YEAR STUDENT AWARDS

This award identifies students who demonstrate outstanding qualities in their achievements during their first year at the University of Hartford. Recipients are selected based on their involvement in programs and organizations that contribute to the quality of campus life; their ability to motivate and energize their fellow students; and their demonstration of University spirit and leadership qualities.
FIRST YEAR STUDENT AWARDS

Sahara Williams and Sydney Coleman

Sahara Williams and Sydney Coleman are interns working on the i-team for the Cooperative Education & Internship Association. Sahara and Sydney enthusiastically engage students about the importance of internships and connecting students with employers through Resume Boot Camps, Internship Satellite Office, classroom presentation and other events. Sydney and Sahara are both active in the UofH community. Sydney is a team manager for the UofH Women's Basketball Team, and is a member of Strong Independent Sisters (S.I.S.), Women For Change, Brothers and Sisters United (B.S.U.), Alpha Omega: Real Talk, and Women Against Rape and Sexual Assault (WARS). Sahara is a writer for the Informer, has been a Culture Connect Ambassador to Madagascar and will be a featured presenter in the Ethical Leadership Speaker Series on campus in April. Sahara is involved in a variety of initiatives on campus. Sahara and Sydney have embraced the opportunities offered by the University.
FIRST YEAR STUDENT AWARDS

Jayden Rameikas

Jayden has been such an influence on campus. Not only is he involved with Student Government Association and large presence in the LGBTQ+ club, Spectrum, Jayden has contributed significantly to student life on campus. Jayden has organized multiple marches and rallies on campus and is a double major in politics and entrepreneurship. He has recently been given the positions of RFA and Red Cap. Jayden starts crucial conversations related to social justice and the current state of the political climate on the University of Hartford campus. Jayden actively demonstrates drive and passion to move these important conversations forward, with maturity, poise and confidence.
DEAN OF STUDENTS RECOGNITION OF SERVICE AWARDS

This award identifies students who demonstrate outstanding qualities in their achievements and membership in student organizations during the academic year. Recipients are selected on: involvement in programs that contribute to the quality of student life and the image of the University; ability to think and act independently on behalf of the organization; ability to inspire and motivate one's fellow students; and demonstration of admirable leadership qualities.
What is impressive about Destiny is her record of accomplishments that runs the gamut, leadership, creativity, innovation and commitment to service. Destiny was the inspiration behind the revitalization of Strong Independent Sisters (SIS) as a freshman. SIS is a group of young women who believe that the best way to advocate for young women is to first educate, then to serve. Strength in the bonds of women, Independence in thought and deeds, and Sisterhood above all else, defines the organization. Additionally, Destiny is a member of the Women’s Advancement Initiative: LEAD Program, Class V of Leadership Greater Hartford, the Thomas Jefferson Club, Brothers & Sisters United, Caribbean American Student’s Association, University of Hartford Gospel Choir and the Lex Pre-Law Society. Destiny is the founder of “Destined for Success,” a nonprofit currently based in the Greater NYC Area. This is a professional literacy program that targets High School students. Additionally, Destiny created the curriculum and workshops for the program.
As a student who hold multiple positions on campus, Sirette is the queen of the side hustle. She hustles in everything she does. She give 110% to her roles and responsibilities. Sirette has been an RA for three years, and each year we hear how much her community adores her, as she makes herself present for them. Sirette has made changes to this institution that will outlast her time here. Centering on completing everything she starts with an undeniable standard of integrity and professionalism, each and everything that Sirette has been involved in has flourished. Her commitment to creating awareness about identity fluidity in spite of all the challenges and potential barriers is one of the many inspiring things about Sirette. She is kind, compassionate, patient and works extremely hard at sharing her beliefs in the most respectful and inclusive way possible. As a member of the University’s NAACP chapter, she is relentless in her efforts to ensure that the members of the club are successful at creating inclusion, promoting peace and creating a positive welcoming experience. Sirette encourages students and the university community to use language and action to promote the deconstruction of a binary culture. She not only works to avoid binary structures, but to also welcome the initiation of concepts that involves an expansion of our minds, to individually and collectively adopt the spectrum as an acceptable mode of individual identity and expression.
DEAN OF STUDENT’S RECOGNITION OF SERVICE AWARDS

Tatiana Jenkins

Tatiana takes it upon herself to provide exceptional support and service to students in the office of multicultural programs. She discerns quickly their individual needs and moves efficiently to provide key information, recommendations, and direction. Tatiana has continuously displayed a strong work ethic and commitment to professional and customer service, showing initiative and the ability to think critically across a number of tasks. I would like to nominate Tatiana for her dedication to the Office of Multicultural Programs throughout her time with us, and particularly for the extraordinary way she has stepped up in the past three months to help with a specific deficiency in our department. In addition to performing her role as student manager in the Office of Multicultural Programs at an exemplary level, Tatiana demonstrates an extraordinary commitment to the university community.
Steven Wen

Steven maintains the utmost professionalism in performing his Treasurer position with Commuter Student Association, assisting in the formation of the Asian Student Association and maintaining strong academics throughout the completion of his senior year. As a transfer student, he has made it a personal mission to create a legacy on campus through various leadership roles and fulfills the motto "For the students, By the students." Steven is leaving a wonderful legacy at the University of Hartford and should be recognized for his great work.
DEAN OF STUDENT’S RECOGNITION OF SERVICE AWARDS

Christianah Alli

Christianah is bright and conscientious. She is extremely focused on her studies and knows exactly what she wants from life. After graduation, she plans to attend medical school. Christianah is involved with the LEAD program and has committed herself to learning and growing professionally. Among her many accolades, she is a recipient of the 2018 Dorothy Goodwin Scholar, the Student Travel Award for the 2018 Annual Biomedical Conference for Minority Students, on the Dean’s List and maintains a 3.98 GPA. Most recently, Christianah presented her research on “Fluid Intake and the Psychological Effects on Well-Being” at the Women’s Advancement Annual Symposium. Christianah consistently challenges herself to live the principles of service to others where she initiates and leads through action. She has served as a resource for younger LEAD students by instilling the vision of LEAD. As a member of the African Student Union (ASU), she participated in community service events including food drives and walks for cancer, collaborated with other student organizations to increase awareness of African culture and help bridge the gap between students of the African diaspora and students of the North American culture through open discussion and social events.
Kelly Shi has been serving in the capacity of Editor and Chief for the ICON Yearbook and has taken the role to new heights. As the Advisor to the yearbook staff, I have been able to take a more laid back role as Kelly has been so great at leading the group. She has been on top of all deadlines and has been communicative with all clubs and organizations to submit photos for the 2019 yearbook. In addition to maintaining a stellar GPA, Kelly works on campus in Print Services, is a freelance photographer, and works at two local restaurants. Kelly has also been the “go to person” for tutoring of Asian students on campus who are navigating their academics and the challenges of English as their second language. She is a true university ambassador!
Simeon Kornegay

Simeon is a compassionate and caring leader, who listens and works diligently to implement change in a way that is thoughtful, and always calm and measured.

Simeon effects change by challenging his peers to think critically and fairly, and is a valued member of the Student Government Association and a member of the Residential Life Team as a Resident Assistant.

Simeon is a joy to work with. A good thinker and extremely hard worker, he is also one of the kindest students I have ever had the privilege to know. He cares deeply about the well-being of other students.
DEAN OF STUDENT’S RECOGNITION OF SERVICE AWARDS

Lauren Gallagher

Lauren is nothing short of amazing. Her passion for and commitment to our University are unquestionable. Without a doubt, Lauren wants to leave her mark here and is always looking for ways to make this campus a kinder and gentler place.

Lauren is a natural leader. She has quite a loyal following among students who appreciate her positive attitude, her wisdom and her kindness. She offers astute suggestions in Senate meetings with confidence and humility. She is thoughtful, articulate and an excellent listener.

Lauren is an extremely hard worker who sets high expectations for herself, but she always has time to help students who seek her out for advice and guidance.
Kyle Vaccaro

Kyle’s poise, intelligence and kindness are truly impressive! This year, Kyle served as one of two student Regents. These students are chosen by a panel of Regents and administrators after the students are interviewed. He has excelled in this position, never afraid to speak up about matters that impact students. Kyle is very passionate about the long-term health of this institution and students’ rights. Kyle also sits on the executive committee of the Student Government Association. He has been involved in this organization for a number of years and always shows genuine interest and care for his peers.

In his spare time, this year, Kyle started a group called “The Flock.” His goal is to change the culture here by increasing the number of students who attend soccer and basketball games. His infectious enthusiasm and creative energy resulted in increased attendance. Kyle would modestly tell you that he had a lot of help on this project, but the truth is, it would never have happened without his leadership.
DEAN OF STUDENT’S RECOGNITION OF SERVICE AWARDS

Jaileene Arriaga

Jaileene is a mature, intelligent, and an excellent writer. During her Junior year she created an Instagram account designed to combat the stereotypical beauty standards specifically for women. In this online space, women and women-identified individuals of all ages, sexual identities, races, and ethnicities, challenge the predominant discourse around beauty by sharing pictures, art, and stories. The diverse collection of women who speak about pregnancy, race, motherhood, disability, microaggressions, and sexuality is empowering. Jaileene is currently the co-president of Women for Change but she has held a leadership position since her sophomore year. Jaileene works well with others and is very committed to the organization’s mission and issues of social justice. In particular, Jaileene has reached out to various multicultural campus organizations to work together when working for women’s empowerment, particularly focused on women of color. With her leadership over the years, Women for Change has challenged systemic oppression of women and created spaces of honest connection on our campus. Jaileene’s leadership efforts are deserving of this Student Leadership Award.
Holly Pianka

Holly is an independent thinker, inspires/motivates her fellow students, and demonstrates admirable leadership qualities. She has demonstrated a solid commitment to the University as a student leader in all ways—academically, with her commitment to community and service to various programs/departments. Together with her concern, intelligence, and positive spirit about the University, she has served as a role model for other students over her four years. Holly’s portfolio of experiences is both impressive and expansive. Ms. Pianka’s honors thesis, Attitudes towards intimate partner violence committed against nontraditionally-appearing women, will be an important contribution to literature as little is known about attitudes toward violence against women who do not present in a conventionally feminine way. The nominator writes that it is a pleasure to watch a young woman become a scholar in her own right. Ms. Pianka has also held leadership positions and engaged in service activities that have contributed to the betterment of the University of Hartford and the larger community. At the end of her first year, Holly was nominated and served as the co-president of Women for Change; she has remained in the president position since there.
DEAN OF STUDENT’S RECOGNITION OF SERVICE AWARDS

Hannah Katzman

Hannah is a graduating senior who has spent the past 4 years giving to the Residence Hall Association. She has served on its executive board for 3 years, and this past semester she has been serving as president. During this brief time as president she has increased collaboration with other organizations and spent time recruiting and training next years board in hopes that they go even further as an organization.
Randy Perez

Randy gives all he has to everything he does, including his academics. As the Executive VP for the SGA, he reorganized and reinvented a number of policies that were obsolete. He served as liaison, mediator and communicator between students and the administration and was in charge of over 80 clubs and organizations. Randy is the quintessential team player. He is adept at working with others and welcomes friendly debate with students who have different opinions. He understands the art of compromise and leaves his ego out of debates and discussions about student welfare. Randy is a delight to work with. He is ethical and principled and always honest. He respects confidentiality and sensitive information. Randy is generous with his time to those who seek his help. He is respected by his peers who find him to be open, caring and really good at solving problems. Last semester, Randy studied in Barcelona and returned with a desire to formulate a club to celebrate and learn about the many cultures in our world. The club is called Global Cultural Engagement and they have hosted memorable and meaningful programs on campus this spring.
DEAN OF STUDENT’S RECOGNITION OF SERVICE AWARDS

Allison Quaye

Allison is a stellar student, always willing to help others solve problems and find solutions. She is creative, intelligent, organized and self-motivated. I find her to be curious and always willing to try new things in order to improve herself as well as her peers. She currently serves as President of the African Student Union (ASU), serves as a global peer ambassador and participates in a number of other university sponsored organizations and activities. During the time I have known Allison, I found her to be highly reliable, responsive and responsible. She has quickly emerged as a go to person whenever I needed a student to participate on a panel or host an event. She served as host at the Hawktober Alumni of Color Weekend panel on Diversity and most recently, as a panelist with Dr. Michael Eric Dyson featured speaker for Black History Month here at the university.
DEAN OF STUDENT’S RECOGNITION OF SERVICE AWARDS

Vincent Gaglioti

Vincent Gaglioti is a true example of Greek Life excellence. He is devoted to providing the fraternal experience, while challenging students personally and professionally, promoting academic success, maintaining the highest standards of ethical conduct, and fostering diverse, philanthropic pursuits. Vincent has held the position of Interfraternal Council President for the last two terms. He supports the University and the University administration through biweekly meetings with the Dean of Students, meetings with the Director of Student Activities and Greek Life, and the Office of Residential Life. Vincent is passionate about Greek Life. During his tenure, he has worked to create a sense of pride within the Greek Life membership. Vincent’s leadership has lifted his chapter, IFC, and Greek Life to new heights.
Shannon Flaherty

Shannon has impacted the lives of many at the University and beyond. She exemplifies everything it means to be a Hawk. She is secretary of Women for Change, VP of Philanthropy for Delta Zeta, and a member of the Student Ambassador Program, Peer Mentor Program, Psi Chi Honors Society, and Order of Omega Honors Society. She gives 100% to everything she does and stretches herself beyond expectations. You might find Shannon giving tours to prospective students, helping a student who needs support in a course, working at her on-campus job, or starring in The Vagina Monologues on campus. Her list of volunteer activities is extensive and she is passionate about recycling and the environment.
DEAN OF STUDENT’S RECOGNITION OF SERVICE AWARDS

Elizabeth Switzer

Liz has been a Red Cap for three years and this year is a part of our student Committee - one of three student leaders that assists year-round in the planning of orientation sessions as well as recruiting and selecting our Red Caps. She, along with two others, is directly responsible for 56 Red Caps who welcome, engage, and connect incoming students and their families when they come to campus in the summer. Liz is also a part of Delta Gamma, UHarmonies Acapella, and Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society. She has held leadership roles in each which reflects her nature. If Liz is a part of something, she is ready and excited to be fully invested. She is an outstanding steward of the University. She is someone who truly cares about the experience of our first-year students and seems to understand that such an experience has ripple effects throughout the campus.
Kellie Oppenheimer

Over the four years I have known her, Kellie has been a strong, independent woman, striving to make her mark here on campus. Over her years here, Kellie did just that. I’ve personally seen Kellie treat the administrative staff here at UHART with respect, while always advocating for progressive change and pointing out the injustices she was seeing unfold in different areas. Being an advocate just works for Kellie. She has been involved with Spectrum (our LGBTQ and Ally) inclusive group on campus for four years, being on the e-board as VP for three of those years. We know that the VP position can be a lot of work and doing a lot of the heavy lifting without very little credit, standing aside for the president to always shine and take credit. But, that’s Kellie’s way. Her light shines brighter when others do too. Over my time knowing her, I have seen her leadership qualities grow as she was involved in LEAD, which is a Women’s Advancement Initiative leadership program for undergraduate women on our campus. As administrators we learn from our student population every day, Kellie has made the University of Hartford in a better place, and we have learned from her persistence and dedication to inclusion.
DEAN OF STUDENT’S RECOGNITION OF SERVICE AWARDS

Jessica Obey

Jessica is a graduating senior who has done a great deal to increase school pride and make this institution a better place. As a three-year RA she has worked with her community to develop accountability, bystander intervention and programs for upperclassmen. As a red-cap she makes new students feel welcomed so they know they are coming to an institution that wants them to succeed. Jess makes connections with people but also cultivates relationships to better the institution as a whole.
The Unsung Hero Award was established to recognize and acknowledge students who have made significant contributions above and beyond their position in an organization or on campus. The recipient may not have been otherwise recognized for his/her accomplishments and achievements.
Sarah is an integral member of the University of Hartford community. She was the manager of the Women's basketball team for her undergraduate years and has continued on as the graduate assistant during her graduate studies. Balancing division 1 sports and academics is challenging enough, but she is responsible for coordinating beyond when the student athletes are playing. She has supported this team, allowing them to be successful, while she quietly and expertly contributes on the court and behind the scenes. It is incredible that she is able to balance this challenging job, including travel, with her rigorous academic program: a 3-2 undergrad-grad program in Prosthetics and Orthotics.

What makes Sarah so remarkable is that she is quiet about her achievements, and is quick to offer her skills, hard work, and thoughtfulness to make the University of Hartford a better place. She seems perpetually upbeat, kind and practical.
UNSUNG HERO AWARD

Schekina Jean

Schekina has been an exemplary member of the Campus Activities Team here at the University of Hartford. From creating flyers and keeping events organized to designing events from scratch, she does it all. Her vision to organize great events and passion to see them through from start to finish creates lasting memories for the students of the University while simultaneously inspiring her fellow CAT members to do the same. Schekina is able to do this for CAT all the while studying Biology in the College of Arts and Sciences and also being part of the Gospel Choir here on campus.
SciFi Fantasy Guild

Well if you don’t know them you’re about to learn about your new favorite club. The guild is place that brings together people of all walks of life around the common theme of sci-fi and board games. They host events, that have weekly turnouts of 30 or more students. The guild is not flashy, what they do have in aces is heart, and dedication. They have a board who cares about one another its membership and is a group for anyone and everyone to call home. We looked back, and we found that they have never won an award, yet they do so much for students as they create community. The reason for this is because this club doesn’t seek recognition for their existence – they are a group of humble, fun students who enjoy one another’s company and engage in activities like attending the Renaissance fair or hosting a game night. They never ask for an overblown budget and always manage to make do with what funds are allocated to them. We want to recognize them this year because they are probably the most welcoming group of students to new comers. Any student is welcome to join, and I believe that over the years, they have probably played a major part in retaining students who would have transferred elsewhere. Students who are shy or have a difficult time connecting to the University find a home in the Sci-Fi club.
M. KEVIN FAHEY
GENGRAS STUDENT UNION AWARD

This award recognizes one student who demonstrates and contributes significant leadership in the development of the overall program and mission of the Gengras Student Union. The award recognizes a student who understands that as the "hearthstone of the campus" the Union contributes significantly, through its operations, programs and services, to the out-of-the-classroom educational experience.
Matthew Frasier has been a stalwart of our Student Centers operations since 2017. With Matthew I see the seeds of the most important aspect of work ethic, the determination to get the job done. Matthew's "let just do the job" attitude is something that a supervisor wants in all his employees. It is this attitude and exceptional character trait to complete the tasks related to his job that made Matthew a prime candidate for promotion to a manager level position within Student Centers Administration. Matthew has done his best to be a bridge between the worlds of Greek Life and Student Centers Administration. A challenging task that he gladly assumed without prompting. He is a great diplomat and the United Nations should have a chance to benefit from what the University of Hartford has had over these past four years. We will miss Matthew as he transitions to the next phase in his life. Trust me when we say, that we will not worry about Matthew. He has all the tools needed to be a success already and will be fine in whatever he does.
This award recognizes students with a physical disability that demonstrates initiative and perseverance in his/her involvement in University programs or student organizations. Nominees may also be students who are not physically challenged, but who have contributed significantly to enable complete participation and involvement in campus life by those who have disabilities.
Donnamae Fine

This student suffered a severe injury in the fall semester of her senior year that could have completely derailed her path to graduation. Despite multiple setbacks and challenges due to her now-limited mobility, she has risen to the challenge and has not only continued but increased her participation in the RN-to-BSN capstone program, Project Horizon. Despite initial concerns around the impact of her mobility limitations, she has continued her service learning work with the residents of Plimpton House, a transitional living program for dually diagnosed adults in Hartford and is working closely with the residents to address their health concerns.
Brittany is an amazing young woman. She has returned to complete her undergraduate degree in Psychology following a traumatic brain injury that occurred about 9 years ago when she was a student at the University. She is smart, motivated and passionate about psychology. She is a conscientious and excellent student. Brittany has now completed three internships in the community, working with individuals with TBI as well as on campus with youth with disabilities. She brings a positive energy everywhere she goes. I believe she will do wonderful and important things with her life.
ROBERT HANLEY AWARD

This most prestigious of all awards recognizes students who has demonstrated a solid commitment to the University. The recipients are selected based on involvement in student organizations and/or University programs, service to the community, having a positive spirit about the University, and serving as a role model for other students.
Nicole Milette

Nicole is the current president of the Student Government Association. She runs both the senate meetings with about 45 students and the e-board meetings with ten strong, independent thinkers. From the start of the year Nicole’s welcoming, affirming and enthusiastic demeanor immediately put the senators, many of whom are first-timers, at ease and since they felt appreciated, they felt comfortable enough to begin offering their opinions in the first senate meeting. She is held in very high esteem by the senators as they can see she is genuine in her words and actions, passionate about making the University a better place, and understands the value of working as a team. Nicole is an extremely hard worker who sets high standards for herself and attains them. She also has a wonderful, contagious sense of humor. Perceptive and wise beyond her years, Nicole understands how to lead her peers while always trying to grow and develop her skills.
Peter Graywacz

Peter is committed to all he does. He exemplifies this word in that he is loyal to the mission of the University as he seizes every opportunity to grow as a student and as a good citizen. Each year he has participated in the Alternative Spring Break trip and is eager to help with the fundraising and promotion of the event to first-year and prospective students. I have watched him interact with students, and his passion for the University is evident by the academic experiences he shares and the level of comfort he exudes when engaged with the families. In summary, Peter is a wonderful student who has given back to the University in many ways, from mentoring first-year students, math tutoring, working as a preceptor for a first-year class, volunteering through the Center for Community Service, and helping with student recruitment. Peter is dedicated not only to the University, but also to the overall student experience.
Sherby Michel

Sherby is what I would call a Hawk Matriarch. Other students, in distress emotionally, spiritually...when they cross her path, she puts them under her wing and by sheer will lifts them to a better place, and in doing that, time and time again, she’s modeled the true meaning of support for her UHART community. Gifted with a keen intellect and a passion for justice and a for a world that makes...“sense.” Serby’s vision for a better UHART community led her to the offices of the UHART’s current President, forging a relationship as she shared with him her observations and ideas. Sherby walks the line between balance and personal chaos, navigating a heavy course load, with multiple extra curricular commitments, and a part time job. Sherby has contributed mightily and hands down the mantle of her passion to the generations after her, as a model Hawk and as a trailblazer.
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