Student Achievement Awards

Monday, April 27, 2015

WELCOME
Rev. Jeffrey P. von Arx, S.J.
President, Fairfield University

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS
Lindsey Hanley ’15
Alan Pelaez Lopez ’15
Storm Miller ’15
Danielle Tullo ’15

WILLIAM J. KRAMER ’60
HUMANITARIAN AWARD
Katherine Pitz ’15

ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA MEDAL
Nicole Davidow ’15
Lindsey Hanley '15
Commitment to Student Programming

Major: Communication
Hometown: Rye, N.Y.

“Through the Fairfield University Student Association (FUSA), Lindsey is a confident and committed leader who mentors the other student programmers, specifically taking younger students under her wing to help them find their place at Fairfield. She truly believes in putting on good events... and works continuously to ensure that the Programming Board is meeting the needs of the students. In addition to being an amazing member of FUSA, she is an incredible friend—endlessly supportive and always there to listen.”

Accomplishments and Participations: Dean’s List; FUSA Chair of Programming; FUSA Special Events Programmer; FUSA Class Programmer; Make-A-Wish Foundation Program Intern; FUSA Executive Member of the Year; Capstone selection for the Undergraduate Honors in Communication Conference; Relay for Life Luminaria Committee; Relay for Life Team Captain; Senior Week Committee Member; Senior Week Chair of Family Dance; Fairfield 2020 Task Force; Running Club President; Communication Club; “The Manor” Yearbook; Pencil Pals; Intramural Sports; Service for Justice Residential College; Programming Review Committee Member; Washington D.C. Immersion Trip participant; Presenter at the National Jesuit Student Leadership Conference

Alan Pelaez Lopez '15
Commitment to the Queer Undocumented Movement

Majors: Sociology and English: Professional Writing
Hometown: Waltham, Mass.

“Most of Alan's work has been grassroots. He has campaigned for undocumented persons all over the USA... He is recognized nationally for his advocacy work, and has conducted numerous workshops and trainings... He is a tireless advocate for severely marginalized members of our society and promotes social justice and human dignity on behalf of countless young people... He is truly inspirational.”

Accomplishments and Participations: Recipient of the National Colin Higgins Youth Courage Award; Grant Recipient of the National Mario Savio Young Activist Award; Member of Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha Kappa Delta, and Sigma Tau Delta Honor Societies; Fellow at Young People For (YP4)-from People for the American Way; Cultural Organizing Artist at Culturestrike; Independent Poet and Writer; received certificate in LGBT Narrative Writing from VONA at the University of California, Berkeley, 2014

Storm Miller '15
Commitment to the Beach Resident Advocacy Group and Improving Town-Gown Relations

Major: Business Management
Hometown: Ramsey, N.J.

“Through the Beach Residents Advocacy Group (BRAG), Storm helped create a strong town-gown relationship with law enforcement and the Fairfield Beach Resident Association. He is seen as a role model who is able to think ethically as he grapples with the many challenges he faces while advocating for students... He is bright, energetic, compassionate, and genuinely well-rounded.”

Accomplishments and Participations: Beta Gamma Sigma and Theta Alpha Kappa Honor Societies; President of the Beach Resident Advocacy Group (BRAG); Vice President of the Management Club; Advisory Roundtable to the Dean, Dolan School of Business (DSB); Mentor in DSB Partners Program; Recipient of the Mary Irene Gallagher Theology Medal

Danielle Tullo '15
Commitment to and Development of “Her Campus Chapter” at Fairfield University

Major: English / Journalism
Hometown: Englewood Cliffs, N.J.

“In bringing Fairfield's first chapter of Her Campus to life, Danielle... not only filled a void that was missing—a venue for young women to CREATE, write, and develop content—but also forever changed the lives of the 75 women who are active members of the organization... She is a true teacher committed to developing the skills of her team members.”

Accomplishments and Participations: Co-founder and Editor-in-Chief of “Her Campus Fairfield”; Fairfield 2020 Steering Committee member; Fashion Relations Intern at Liberty Fairs Trade Show; Public Relations Intern at Grace Group; Editorial Intern Cosmopolitan.com; “Thought Catalog” contributing writer; will be employed as a production assistant at Cosmopolitan.com after graduation.
Katherine Pitz ’15

Major: Mechanical Engineering
Hometown: Lagrangeville, N.Y.

“Katherine has learned to embody the Jesuit ideals, and has developed the skills to be a person for herself and others. This is proven through her volunteer work in Bolivia... She helped start a great Engineers Without Borders program on campus... She has participated in numerous clubs and activities, volunteered locally and internationally, engaged in research, and excelled in the classroom—all while participating in varsity athletics.”

Accomplishments and Participations: Captain of the Women’s Rowing Team; Engineers Without Borders volunteer; American Society of Mechanical Engineers President; Society of Women Engineers Outreach Coordinator; Broadening Access to Science Education (BASE) Camp Counselor; Member of Pi Mu Epsilon and Tau Beta Phi Honor Societies; Student Research Assistant in Physics & Engineering; NASA Grant recipient; Marguerite F. O’Meara Award for a rower who shows extraordinary dedication, sportsmanship, and scholarship

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Major: International Studies
Hometown: Southington, Conn.

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Accomplishments and Participations: Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Iota Rho Honor Societies; 2015 International Studies Awardee for Academic Excellence; MLK 2015 Vision Award Student Recipient; Magis Scholar; Lawrence Scholar; Dean’s List: Jesuit Universities Humanitarian Action Network (JUHAN) Fellow; Save the Children Continuous Improvement Intern; Catholic Relief Services Student Ambassador; Eucharistic Minister; Fairfield University Women’s Basketball Team Manager; Semester in Czech Republic; Transitions Online Development/Fundraising Assistant; Senior Week Family Dance Co-Chair; Ignatian Residential College Participant; New Student Leader; JUHAN Alternative Spring Break Co-leader

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WILLIAM J. KRAMER '60
HUMANITARIAN AWARD

The William J. Kramer ’60 Humanitarian Award recognizes one senior and is based solely on the senior’s commitment to volunteerism and service to an external community activity that best exemplifies the Ignatian tradition of being men and women for others, while also maintaining a commitment to high academic standards. This award is sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. James J. Daly P’93, ’92, ’85 in memory of their dear friend William J. Kramer ’60, P’96, ’85, ’83, the first Fairfield University alumnus who served as Chairman of the Fairfield University Board of Trustees.

PAST RECIPIENTS
2014 – Astrid Quiñones
2013 – Sarah Joseph
2012 – Julianne Whittaker
2011 – Janet Latuga
2010 – Steven Parker
2009 – Colleen Gibson
2008 – Megan Steel
2007 – Marco Ambrosio Jennifer Miller
2006 – Mikaela Conley
2005 – Jill Macari
2004 – Todd J. Pelletier
2003 – Reesa Antony
2002 – Kathryn M. O’Connell
2001 – Kerry E. Scharidien
2000 – Gregory E. Newman
1999 – Aileen Ryder
1998 – Angelica Fontanez
1997 – Robbie L. Bleggi
1996 – Maria Joy Santomauro
1995 – Christopher M. Pilkerton
1994 – Michael E. McCormack
1993 – Lauren J. Nowicki

ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA MEDAL

Instituted in 1952, the St. Ignatius Loyola Medal recognizes one senior who has committed himself or herself to the Jesuit education ideals of maintaining high academic standards and substantial involvement in community service and/or extracurricular activities. The senior should have clearly maximized opportunities for emotional, social, and intellectual growth throughout all four years on campus and best exemplifies the true spirit of a Jesuit education.

PAST RECIPIENTS
2014 – Eric S. Lynch
2013 – Daniel Jones
2012 – Gregory P. Burke
2011 – Eric Clayton
2010 – Sarah Gatti
2009 – Anna Johnson
2008 – Timothy G. Dee
2007 – Ashley M. Toombs
2006 – John Gallagher III
2005 – Meghan Flanagan
2004 – Robert D. Keder
2003 – Karen Donoghue
2002 – Aimee V. Wagner
2001 – Kevin C. Hayes
2000 – Gregory E. Newman
1999 – Christine Kelleher
1998 – Robert Harrison III
1997 – Melissa J. Conroy
1996 – Mark C. Reed
1995 – James A. Sulzer
1994 – James P. McDonnell
1993 – Stephen C. Shannon
1992 – Edward Hardiman
1991 – Robert McCann Julie Ruggiero
1990 – Laura Keenan
1989 – Christopher Chiodo
1988 – Karen O’Rourke
1987 – Honora Wilcutts
1986 – John Mancini
1985 – Fran Kenneally
1984 – Mary-Margaret Walsh
1983 – Karen Hill Elizabeth Kramer
1982 – Janet Canepa
1981 – Valerie Johnson
1980 – Stephen Chessare Carolen Fette
1979 – Thomas McLarney
1978 – Geraldine Morrissey
1977 – Patrick Cleary James Johnson
1976 – Claire Carney
1975 – Richard Canan Sean Harrigan
1974 – Gary Dittrich
1973 – Timothy Grace
1972 – Richard Umbdenstock
1971 – John Fallon Robert Murphy
1970 – J. Peter Notch
1969 – Thomas Josefiak
1968 – James DeFronzo
1967 – Gerard Smyth
1966 – William McCarthy
1965 – Frederick Lorenzen
1964 – Charles Bialowas
1963 – William Reidy
1962 – Michael Kiernan
1961 – Louis Parent
1960 – Joseph Annunziata
1959 – Randolph Harper
1958 – Paul Nagy
1957 – David McCarthy James Rourke
1956 – Peter DeMarco
1955 – William Prendergast
1953 – Thomas Bepko
THANK YOU

THE STUDENT AWARDS CEREMONY is an annual tradition that honors seniors who have achieved excellence and incorporated Jesuit ideals into their lives.

Each year, a number of individuals work very hard to make this program a success. Thank you to the following who selected this year’s recipients.

THE 2015 STUDENT AWARDS SELECTION COMMITTEE

Elissa Carroll
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