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In 1983 the Hofstra Student Leadership Awards (formerly known as the Co-Curricular Awards) were established to honor clubs and individuals who exemplify leadership in the Hofstra community. The Division of Student Affairs hosts a special awards banquet each spring that highlights the achievements of our students.

~ MISSION ~

The Hofstra Student Leadership Awards recognize outstanding students, student organizations and members of the campus community who significantly contribute to the improvement of student life at Hofstra University. The actions, dedication, compassion and resourcefulness of these distinguished students and organizations are not only commendable but also inspirational to the Hofstra community. The leaders honored with these awards are the true embodiment of “Hofstra Pride.”

∞ **Most Improved Cultural Club of the Year** ∞
African Caribbean Society (ACS)

Determined, Persistent, Effective

“ACS embodies the meaning of leadership. Its members have brought together the Hofstra community by encouraging students to stand with them to raise funds and awareness for the crisis in Haiti. ACS is a force for change!”

Nominated by: Tineka Brown

∞ **Faculty Adviser of the Year** ∞

Gillian Atkinson-Young

Dignity, Advocate, Devoted

“She is always there as our adviser and has devoted 110 percent to us; she makes sure we excel in every aspect - academically, socially and as an organization. She devotes her time to Hofstra and the community here.”

Nominated by: The African Caribbean Society

∞ **Most Improved Sports Club of the Year** ∞

Basketball Club

Growth, Dedicated, Resourceful

“The Basketball Club has grown by leaps and bounds this year, both on and off the court. Its participation numbers are up, and the club was the Fall 2009 Island Garden AAU Adult Recreational League Champion. Through diligent and persistent leadership, this club has established itself from something to do in your downtime, to a primary social outlet for its members. The foundation laid during the 2009-2010 season will provide a proper building block for the future success of this club.”

Nominated by: Max Margulis

∞ **Blue Leadership Program** ∞

(Six-Week Commitment)

The Blue Leadership Program provides students with opportunities to acquire and implement leadership skills by participating in a ropes course, attending six workshops, and completing five hours of community service.

Kinni Akpcibot
Vanessa Campbell
Lawrence Daves
Philip Eslick
Kalyn Gambord
Kira Novak
Caitlin Stolzenberg
Miranda Sulley
Nicole Yorlano

∞ Student Affairs Adviser of the Year ∞

Christopher Botti

Resource, Reliable, Communicator

“Christopher Botti exemplifies leadership. He serves as an administrator, mentor, adviser and friend. He has always offered his assistance and service to the members of the senate.”

Nominated by: Tammy Kim

∞ Bovenaan Award ∞

The Bovenaan Award was officially created in spring 1953 by the Student Faculty Affairs Committee. It aims to honor, by election into it, students whose co-curricular activities have been distinguished by variety and quality. It makes no distinction within the co-curricular areas (athletic, social, fraternal, religious, dramatic, musical, or political), except to recognize that recipients are active in more than one of these areas.

Emily Miethner

Driven, Dynamic, Talented

“Emily has been a delight to work with. She is energetic, professional and driven. This is only the beginning for Emily, as she will be moving on to bigger things once she graduates from Hofstra.”

Miranda Sulley

Dedicated, Creative, Caring

“Overall, Miranda’s competence, integrity and dedication to the highest standards of performance have made her a valuable member of the student leadership team and the Hofstra community.”

Lisa Young

Extraordinary, Exuberant, Inspiring

“Lisa shows in all she does a strength of mind and mission, and a generosity of spirit and openness to other people and ideas that are altogether refreshing and inspiring, and speak to the core of what leadership means.”

∞ Media Club of the Year ∞

Hofstra Chronicle

Hard-Working, Diligence, Excellence

“Staff leadership created new standards for excellence and enhanced the overall quality of production. The club reinvented/strengthened its office space, design, staff content and budget.”

Nominated by: Office of Student Leadership and Activities

Community Service Event of the Year

Take Back the Night Ball

Coordinated by Student Government Association and Not For Sale

Candidates for the “Community Service Event of the Year” award must link with a nonprofit organization and create an event that fosters collaboration and shared giving, serves as an inspiration to other campus organizations, and raises awareness for a cause that promotes action and reaction. It is awarded to students and clubs that collaborate and reinforce humanitarian change.

Nominees: African Caribbean Society: Night for Haiti
ALFSA & Black Student Union: NY Cares Day
Hofstra for Human Action, The ONE Campaign, Schools for Schools, Hofstra University Honors College,
Center for Civic Engagement: Refugee Camp(us)
Relay for Life–American Cancer Society: Relay for Life (62 teams)
Student Government Association and Not for Sale: Take Back the Night Ball
Pride Network, Hofstra Concerts, The ONE Campaign, IMANI: HIV Research Benefit Show

This education program and dinner benefited Girls Educational and Mentoring Services, also known as GEMS. GEMS is committed to ending commercial sexual exploitation and domestic trafficking of young women by changing individual lives, transforming public perception, and revolutionizing the systems and policies that impact sexually exploited youth. SGA and Not for Sale raised awareness for GEMS and inspired a campus community to take action.

Outstanding Floor Council Leader Award

Rebecca Corrigan

Self-Motivated, Energetic, Organized

“Rebecca has done an exemplary job as president of the Alliance/Bill of Rights Hall Council. She continuously motivates and encourages her fellow executive board members to plan and execute a number of fun and interesting programs for the residents of Bill of Rights and Alliance Halls. She is a positive role model for not only her hall council executive board but also for the residence hall community. Rebecca is very organized and creative, and leads the organization with a positive attitude. Her responsibility and dedication make the Alliance/Bill of Rights Hall Council a successful organization.”

Nominated by: Vanessa Parent

Performance Club of the Year

Danceworks

Professional, Talented, Involved

“The completely student-run Danceworks consistently puts on the highest quality shows possible. The executive board is composed of talented, organized and professional members who always get the job done.”

Nominated by: Crystina Milici, Amanda Gordon

Outstanding RSA Member Award

Zachary Dane

Kind, Responsible, Fun

Zachary has been one of the most loyal members of the Resident Student Association for the past two years. He has participated in, and this year volunteered to chair, the RSA Relay for Life, which has already raised more than \$400. He is a dependable and responsible individual. As a resident assistant, Zachary upholds PRIDE principles in his everyday actions and provides students with opportunities to do the same. He attends campus events frequently and supports the University in numerous aspects.

Nominated by: Christina King

∞ **Leaders of Living/Learning Award** ∞

Lawrence Daves

Committed, Energetic, Dependable

“Lawrence has been a member of our Civic Engagement Living/Learning Community and an active member of both Hall Council and the Resident Student Association. Within the first few weeks of school, he established himself as a strong member of the Netherlands community and one who truly cares for other individuals. He took on a large role in advertising for a recycling program in the Netherlands Complex and is constantly volunteering for community events, such as focus groups, admission events and community service trips. Lawrence is the definition of an engaged student, and he’s only in his first year at Hofstra. Next year, he will be the resident assistant of the Environmental Sustainability Living/Learning Community, which will give him an even greater opportunity to help our Hofstra community.”

Nominated by: Susan McNeilly

∞ **Social Club of the Year** ∞

Entertainment Unlimited

Inclusive, Creative, Collaborators

“EU has learned to collaborate with other campus organizations and departments to implement programs that make campus life more vibrant. The series of weekend trips and films ensure that there is something on campus for everyone!”

Nominated by: Stanley Cherian

∞ **Emerging Cultural Club Leader of the Year** ∞

Nicholas Fils-Aime

Motivated, Determined, Organized

“Since Nick became president of the NAACP, he has proven himself to be a true leader. Nick is dedicated to his team, and, together with his executive board, he has presented some very enlightening programs for the Hofstra community. This semester, Nick was the driving force behind such compelling programs such as *A Panther’s Story*. He is an outstanding team leader and works very hard to coordinate great educational programs for the campus community.”

Nominated by: Ryan Greene

∞ **Sorority President of the Year** ∞

Krista Fraioli

Spirited, Responsible, Caring

“Krista has consistently gone above and beyond what is expected of her. She has made great strides for her sorority. She has worked very hard to ensure that the chapter consistently reaches its maximum potential. She led her chapter in its focus on community service, including fund-raising walks for Autism Speaks, lupus, breast cancer and juvenile diabetes. Krista has shown the true Greek spirit within Hofstra University and within her organization.”

Nominated by: Mario Bolanos

Christian Fuscarino

∞ Cultural Club Leader of the Year ∞

Educator, Innovator, Leader

“Christian is the epitome of a student leader. He has taken strides toward a stronger community by building partnerships with every part of campus. Christian’s leadership skills are those of a seasoned professional in any business. He is also personable and makes connections easily. He has been instrumental in cultivating leadership within his organization, to help members thrive, and to raise awareness within the overall community at Hofstra.”

Nominated by: Kimberly Rhyan, Ryan Greene

∞ Sophomore Man of the Year ∞

Selfless, Motivated, Dedicated

“Christian sacrifices every minute of his time without hesitation, asking nothing in return, only to have a positive impact on his community.”

Nominated by: Anthony Crisci

∞ New Student Award ∞

Kalyn Gambord

Mentor, Compassionate, Involved

“Although she is only a first-year student, Kalyn is already involved in Big Brothers, Big Sisters as a big sister. It is awesome to watch Kalyn interact with her little sister, and to see how much her little sister looks up to Kalyn.”

Nominated by: Kimberly Rhyan, Miranda Sulley

∞ ONE DEGREE Award ∞

Isabelle Goodman

Relentless, Educator, Empowering

“Isabelle Goodman is leaving a legacy at Hofstra; people will never forget her.”

Nominated by: Kimberly Rhyan

∞ Gold Leadership Program ∞

(14-Week Commitment)

The Gold Leadership Program provides graduates of the Blue Leadership Program with opportunities to practice leadership skills through planning and implementation of two service day programs. Graduates met as a community group for 14 sessions and coordinated a field day at California Avenue Elementary School in Uniondale, New York, and assisted with the WalkINN to Fight Hunger for the Interfaith Nutrition Network.

Philip Eslick
Adriana Figueroa
Norman Powell
Lisa Stefanowski
Miranda Sulley
Nicole Yorlano

∞ Good Neighbor Award ∞

Christine Bonina
Kelsey Butler
Bethany Holmander
Lauren McCutcheon
Julia Rothwell
Jennifer Sacks

Educators, Leaders, Involved

“This house grew significantly and really developed a relationship with its neighbors. It won the Halloween contest and participated in the off-campus living series. Throughout the year, these women educated themselves and educated other students who live off campus. They have my thanks and appreciation for leading the way in the community.”

Nominated by: Anita Ellis

∞ Sophomore Woman of the Year ∞

Calla Hales

Exceptional, Mature, Determined

“Calla is an exceptional leader, one of the best leaders to participate in the program. She is incredibly mature and possesses wisdom far beyond her years.”

Nominated by: Kimberly Rhyan

∞ Pre-Professional Club of the Year ∞

Hofstra American Marketing Association

Prestigious, Influential, Networkers

“The Hofstra American Marketing Association prides itself on developing the best marketing students at Hofstra University by providing opportunities for growth that include on- and off-campus conferences, workshops and speakers.”

Nominated by: Office of Student Leadership and Activities

∞ Man of the Year ∞

Sean Hutchinson

Dedicated, Charismatic, Conscientious

“Sean’s social activism has helped the Hofstra community as well as others around the world.”

Nominated by: Seidi Quinones

∞ Religious Club of the Year ∞

Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship

Active, Consistent, Selfless

“Members of Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship share their faith in order to see students transformed, the campus renewed, and world changers developed. This year, they coordinated Operation Christmas Child and participated in Relay for Life.”

Nominated by: Office of Student Leadership and Activities

∞ International Student Leader of the Year ∞

Omar Jagne

Driven, Leader, Dedicated

“Omar is a dedicated international student leader on campus. As president of HINT, he has worked very hard to create insightful programs for the international student community on campus. With creative ideas and a strong vision for his club, Omar’s focus and dedication to HINT make him one of the most impressive international student leaders at Hofstra.”

Nominated by: Annick Aska

∞ Sports Club President of the Year ∞

Timothy Lynch

Crew Club

Organized, Leader, Team Player

“In his second year as Crew Club president, Tim has far exceeded the expectations of both his team and the Department of Recreation and Intramural Sports. Tim is detail oriented with his paperwork and committed to being a strong leader for his team. The administrative needs of Crew are the most of any sports club, and he coordinates and delegates to his team with extreme efficiency. Tim is the primary reason for the success of the Crew Club.”

Nominated by: Patti Reilly

🌀 **Junior Man of the Year** 🌀

Brian Marquis

Tenacious, Spirited, Involved

“Brian has blue and gold in his veins. He oozes Hofstra Pride.”

Nominated by: Alex Del Giudice, Fatima Sow

🌀 **Socially/Politically Active Club of the Year** 🌀

Not For Sale

Passionate, Determined, Educators

“This new club worked to raise awareness of human trafficking by co-hosting the “Take Back the Night Ball” to raise funds, educate and help those who have no place to go after being rescued.”

Nominated by: Office of Student Leadership and Activities

🌀 **Spirit Support Leader of the Year** 🌀

Lenee Passiglia

Role Model, Committed, Spirited

“Lenee is the one the team turns to on and off the mat. She serves as a role model for her peers and young cheerleaders. She has been the face of the Pride, being the most elite cheerleader.”

Nominated by: Christine Farina

🌀 **Emerging Club Leader of the Year** 🌀

Omar Peele

Diligent, Focused, Persistent

“Omar is a sophomore who serves on the executive board of the Black Student Union. He has shown excellent dedication to his club by making sure everything is handled efficiently and on time. He is very organized and is committed to achieving the goals of his organization through persistence and his motivated attitude.”

Nominated by: Annick Aska

🌀 **Most Improved Fraternity/Sorority of the Year** 🌀

Phi Epsilon Sorority

Excellence, Giving, Growing

“Over the past year, this organization has shown overall improvement in academics, recruitment, membership education, public relations and general operations. It has helped with various Hofstra blood drives by either recruiting donors or assisting at the drive. This sorority is well known for its annual Spaghetti Dinner, which consistently raises more than \$8,000. The money raised is donated to the Georgiann Berritto Scholarship and various cancer societies. Phi Epsilon has taken the necessary steps to make significant overall improvements to reach new levels of chapter excellence.”

Nominated by: Christine Black

∞ Cultural Club of the Year ∞

Pride Network

Fun, Open, Accepting

“The Pride Network defines Hofstra Pride. Members create a sense of community through weekly cultural events, holiday meals and celebrations, weekend parties and contests. They have a real and steady presence. It is especially admirable that they reach out to professors. It is clear that students are more at ease with all sexualities, including their own, because of this club. Thanks to the Pride Network, it’s ‘uncool’ to hate at Hofstra.”

Nominated by: Ryan Greene, Kimberly Rhyan, Christian Fuscarino, Anthony Crisci, Patricia Navarra

∞ Outstanding Commuter Award ∞

Hiba Qazi

Inspiring, Pride, Involved

“Hiba has been an inspiration to me. She has a sense of pride in every group she belongs to at Hofstra. She has been very involved throughout her years at the University. She has been involved in the Student Government Association and Muslim Student Association.”

Nominated by: Anita Ellis

∞ Welcome Week Coach of the Year ∞

Brittany Reed

Humble, Genuine, Giving

“One coach stood out among her peers for her calm demeanor and compassionate attitude while she volunteered alongside her team. Brittany always completed every task with a smile and volunteered for any project that needed support.”

Nominated by: Kimberly Rhyan, Jessica Robles

∞ Orientation Leader of the Year ∞

Eileen Rodriguez

Dependable, Outgoing, Dedicated

“Eileen’s enthusiasm was infectious and her dedication to her job and her staff was evident in how many positive reviews we received from students who attended orientation.”

Nominated by: Stanley Cherian

∞ Junior Woman of the Year ∞

Melanie Rosner

Dynamic, Smart, Dedicated

“Melanie lives and breathes Hofstra, and regardless of the activity, she does her best for Hofstra.”

Nominated by: Chris Botti

∞ **Serve Your Community Award (Club)** ∞
ONE

Compassionate, Educators, Team

“The members of ONE are inspired to take action in the community, locally and globally.”

Nominated by: Kimberly Rhyan

∞ **Serve Your Community Award (Greek)** ∞
Hermandad de Sigma Iota Alpha, Inc.

Passionate, Selfless, Dedicated

“This sorority has compassionately served the local community throughout the past year, striving to meet its needs.”

Nominated by: Kimberly Rhyan

∞ **Serve Your Community Award (Individual)** ∞
Kasie Boehm

Humble, Beautiful, Genuine

“A member of Human Action Campaign, ONE, Long Island Food Not Bombs, Schools for Schools, Serve Your Community and Progressive Student Union, Kasie is active in the community and seeks opportunities to make change without ever seeking recognition.”

Nominated by: Kimberly Rhyan

Nhaomie Douyon

Energetic, Compassionate, Open

“Nhaomie is a woman who passionately educates others and takes action to do what is right in her community. She’s driven by a desire to make a difference in her community through a heart of compassion.”

Nominated by: Kimberly Rhyan

Alana Hendrixson

Becoming, Radiant, Selfless

“Alana is on a journey toward becoming her best self. She is active in Schools for Schools, Phi Eta Sigma, and Long Island Young Life Leadership. She challenges her peers to actively participate in their changing worlds to make a difference.”

Nominated by: Kimberly Rhyan

∞ **Outstanding Club Leader of the Year** ∞

Brian Shoicket

Inspiring, Accepting, Inclusive

“In his three roles with Hofstra Concerts, Brian has expanded all boundaries and explored new options and opportunities to improve the organization.”

Nominated by: Sara Hinkle, Veronica Gerismo

∞ Anita Ellis Endowed Scholarship ∞

Michael Shulansky

Unwavering, Well-Rounded, Leader

“Michael’s unwavering devotion to IFSC exemplifies his strong moral fiber and character. Michael is a well-rounded person who has contributed significantly to the fraternity and sorority community. He is always trying to find ways to improve the Greek community. After the recent earthquake in Haiti, Michael made sure that the money raised at the IFSC Benefit Show was donated to the relief efforts in that nation. This type of philanthropy brought the Greek community together on an international level. His drive and abilities are truly an asset to the Greek community.”

Nominated by: Shannon Maguire

∞ Sorority of the Year ∞

Sigma Delta Tau

Compassionate, Committed, Hope

“This chapter strives to embody and fulfill its organization’s motto, ‘One Hope of Many People.’ This group maintained a progressive interest in serving the Hofstra community and cultivating leadership within the organization. It has co-sponsored numerous events with organizations on and off campus. This sorority was the first Greek organization to help raise money for Haiti. Members also visited a nearby nursing home in Hempstead Park where they held a Casino Night for the senior citizens. They have participated at Hofstra’s annual blood drives, and walks for multiple sclerosis and the Leukemia Lymphoma Foundation, to name a few. They held their first fashion show at Hofstra USA, with all proceeds benefiting their national philanthropy, Prevent Child Abuse America. These young women are committed to their community and to making the world a much better place.”

Nominated by: Mario Bolanos

∞ Woman of the Year ∞

Miranda Sulley

Dedicated, Unique, Articulate

“Miranda is an outstanding example of a bright, articulate Hofstra student and is a role model for Hofstra women.”

Nominated by: Donald Lubowich, Sara Gambord

∞ Sports Club of the Year ∞

Women’s Rugby Club

Winners, Competitive, Tough

“This year, the Women’s Rugby Club has experienced the greatest level of success in the program’s short history, winning its division, making it to the DIII National tournament, and winning the New Paltz Ruckfest Tournament. Based on the success of the club, the MET NY Rugby Union voted unanimously to move the program up to DII effective fall 2010. The team will be sending five players to the MET NY U23 All-Star Team! These women truly represent the best aspects of the entire sports club program - not to mention that they are the toughest group of women you will find anywhere on campus.”

Nominated by: John McNeilly

∞ Welcome Week Leader of the Year ∞

Kagen Yelmene

Friendly, Dedicated, Caring

“Kagen made significant contributions to the Hofstra community as a Welcome Week leader. She displayed untiring dedication and went above and beyond the call of duty to help new students.”

Nominated by: Kimberly Rhyan, Jessica Robles

∞ Who's Who Among College Students ∞

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Marissa Duque
Krista Fraioli
Kate Herron
Sean Hutchinson
Samuel Jaffe
Tammy Kim
Ashley Kowal
Anthony Lucci
Emily Miethner
Kellianne Nicholas
Edwin Raagas
Jessica Robles
Miranda Sulley
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