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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 recognizes 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.”

Commuting Student Affairs Awards

Outstanding Commuter of the Year

Nattaly Shokrianpour

(Senior)

Nominated by: Lukas Miedreich

Nattaly has been involved in both her Hofstra and local communities. Her service as appropriations chair in SGA, her dedication to Hofstra Hillel, as well as her participation in an internship, makes her a well-rounded, outstanding commuting student!

Recreation and Intramural Sports Awards

Sports Club President of the Year

Chris Gebhard

Men's Ultimate Frisbee

Nominated by: Dennis Murphy, John McNeilly, John Zilvinskis

Dennis Murphy, a teammate, explains, "Throughout all the administrative tasks assigned to Chris, he does not complain about all the business he must take care of. He single-handedly deals with SGA and the Department of Recreation and Intramural Sports, arranges all our weekend trips for tournaments, including rides, hotels, and bid money. He scheduled the team's first-ever home tournament this semester with 14 teams coming to Hofstra. Organizing six fields, 14 teams, food, music, media and spectators is no easy job."

Sports Club of the Year

Roller Hockey

Nominated by: John McNeilly

The Roller Hockey club has grown tremendously as a team and is a proud representation of the Hofstra community. They symbolize a brotherhood that bands together to get the most out of their college experience. They have organizational goals that reach beyond the hockey rink. They have a vision of what they want their club to look like in the future and are taking the necessary steps to get there now. This is truly a first-class organization that measures themselves by their experiences and impact rather than victories and defeats.

Most Improved Sports Club of the Year

Women's Ultimate Frisbee

Nominated by: John McNeilly

In just their second year, Women's Ultimate Frisbee has grown into one of the strongest sport clubs on campus. Part of their growth comes from the welcoming and fun attitude that the women bring to all team events. This semester they hosted their first tournament (eight teams) on campus. They were awarded 1 out of 10 national sponsorships from Five Ultimate (an apparel company) as a growing program within the sport of Women's Ultimate Frisbee. They are a team-first organization with strong leadership and commitment.

Multicultural & International Student Programs Awards

International Student Leader of the Year

Chloe Panayiotou

(Senior)

Nominated by: Michelle Hall

"Chloe Panayiotou is such a driven young lady. I am nominating her as International Student Leader of the Year because she has functioned phenomenally on the HINT E-board. This year was very challenging, but Chloe worked hard. When there was chaos, she jumped right in and exemplified excellent leadership."

Cultural Club of the Year

NAACP

Nominated by: Ryan Greene

“The NAACP chapter here at Hofstra continues to set the bar to new heights year in and year out. I have never been more impressed with the substance and cultural aspects and programming of a student organization, and as an adviser, I have never been more proud of a group of students.”

Most Improved Cultural Club

HOLA

Nominated by: Pamela Phayme, Chelsea Cruz

“This year HOLA renewed their commitment to personal development and leadership opportunities for members, and executed several well-organized and thoughtful programs. Their presence and positive energy has been an undeniable force in the Hofstra community this year.” – Pamela Phayme

Cultural Club Leader of the Year

Sean Hutchinson

(Junior)

Nominated by: Ryan Greene, Titi Hodges

“Sean is consistently chosen to speak at marquis University events, like our recent dedication of Hofstra’s Dynamic Person of Color Sculpture winner, ‘Frederick Douglass Circle.’ He was also selected to stand-in for President Barack Obama during the media preparation sessions for the October 15, 2008 presidential debate. This was an honor the University wanted to bestow on Sean for all his fantastic work at Hofstra.” – Ryan Greene

Emerging Club Leader of the Year

Andreina Nunez

(Sophomore)

Nominated by: Pamela Phayme

“Andreina is professional, well-organized, and demonstrates a sincere commitment to not only her growth as a student-leader, but to the overall success of HOLA. She encourages her peers to think broadly, collaborate with others, and utilize creative resources within and outside the University community.”

Christian Fuscarino

(Sophomore)

Nominated by: Ryan Greene

“Christian realized he wanted to expand the social and cultural offerings for the LGBTQ community. He started his own club in the spring, the Hofstra Pride network, and it has emerged as a fast-moving, grassroots group that plans programs several days a week!”

Orientation and New Student Programs Awards

New Student Award

Lukas Miedreich

Nominated by: Nattaly Shokrianpour, Kayleigh Tompkins, Stephanie Caruso

“Luke has already demonstrated leadership qualities in being the former vice president of his hall council. He is also an active member of SGA, constantly bringing legislation to better the University for the students he represents. Luke’s legislations include altering the Blue Beetle schedule to be more accommodating to students. He has helped with the computer leasing program and fund-raising for MusicFest. Luke makes sure that his voice is heard and works hard to speak for those he represents.” – Stephanie Caruso

Outstanding Orientation Leader

Emily Miethner

Nominated by: Professor Beth Ocko

“Emily is the face of Hofstra Pride (she actually is one of the Hofstra faces seen on a rotating basis on our home page). Since she has arrived at Hofstra she has engaged at the highest and most intense levels with various aspects of Hofstra academics, sports, theater, clubs, and student activities. She is tireless and enthusiastic, making it all look easy although she is busy every minute! Her activities include Ultimate Frisbee, Phi Eta Sigma, Hofstra American Marketing Association, The Spectrum Players, ambassador for Admission, orientation and senior orientation leader, undergraduate assistant in Printing and Publications, and the Fine Arts Lab, and co-founder and president of H.A.G.A. (Hofstra Association of Graphic Arts).”

Residential Programs Awards

Living/Learning Communities Student-Leader

Veronica Kennedy

(Sophomore)

Nominated by: Christopher Muller

“Veronica is currently a sophomore who has taken on a huge leadership role within the Upper-Class Civic Engagement House living learning community in Nassau Hall. This young woman has been instrumental in assisting my team with the success of developing the framework for the living/learning community, and she served as the Civic Engagement floor president. She has done a tremendous job in numerous creative initiatives to keep her floor active and engaged within the larger Hofstra community.”

Outstanding Floor Council Leader

Alexa Mulee

(First-Year Student)

Nominated by: Mia Casey

“Alexa has been the driving force behind the Enterprise and Vander Poel Hall Councils. This year she has taken an almost nonexistent hall council and turned it into a fully thriving one. She has done this completely voluntarily and is not provided with any perk or compensation for her hard work. Alexa has also put a great deal of effort into programming for all community members. In addition, she was able to transform an inactive organization into a programming powerhouse within her area.”

Outstanding RSA Member

Te’Osha Baker Bunch

(First-Year Student)

Nominated by: Christina King

“Te’Osha has been a most dedicated member of the Resident Student Association, attending every meeting and encouraging other hall council members to get involved. She has supported numerous events by volunteering to sit at atrium tables, work EU movie nights, and has invested her own money to purchase items for events. Te’Osha is an enthusiastic student-leader and also served as the chair for the Pop! Goes the 90s!” dance.

Student Leadership and Activities Awards

Blue Leadership Program

Haylee Ferington
Adriana Figueroa
Michael Hershfield
Christine Nebiar
Edore Ohimor
Jillian Parlante
Norman Powell



Natasha Puri
Lisa Stefanowski
Kimberly Taft
Lindsey Tate
David Toft
James Wells

Program members participated in six workshops and completed five hours of community service. The leadership model for the Blue Leadership Program is based on a foundation of theories and processes which connect to 12 areas of leadership. The program is focused on action, and provides steps each week to guide the student toward establishing a leadership identity. Community service is listed as the last action step, which occurs during Hofstra Volunteer Week.

Serve Your Community Awards

Individual Award

Jacquis Watters

(Sophomore)

Nominated by: Kimberly Rhyan



Jacquis is a very active member of the Hofstra community. She is an RA, a member of Phi Sigma Sigma, and serves on the Dean of Student's Conduct Board, but she always has time to help out with community service. She helped coordinate an outreach project with the Boys and Girls Club during Hofstra Celebrates the Holidays. The model she developed for this project will be used for years to come. As Kimberly Rhyan states, "As only a sophomore, Jacquis has the ability to lead others, explore opportunities to expand horizons, and be involved in campus organizations, campus-wide initiatives and the greater community."

Miranda Sulley

(Sophomore)

Nominated by: Shawn Brennan



Miranda has been truly dedicated to bettering the community she lives in. Miranda finds time to volunteer at the Mary Brennan Inn every Friday afternoon and also tutors students at a local elementary school twice a week. As Shawn Brennan states of Miranda, "Her passion for helping others is truly unique, and goes above and beyond the call of duty when it comes to volunteering in the community."

Club Award

6th Element

Nominated by: Kimberly Rhyan

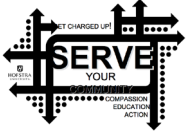


They have created an annual charitable event called the "Jump-off Talent Show." 6th Element has become a community-based organization that holds events not for any selfish cause, but strictly to give to those who need it as well as bring events of substance to Hofstra University. As Kimberly Rhyan states, "This organization is growing because they take initiative to grow, learn, serve and create positive programming with purpose."

Greek Award

Alpha Kappa Psi

Nominated by: Mario Bolanos



This Greek organization strives to embody and fulfill their organization's mission within Hofstra. Their governing ideals are brotherhood, knowledge, integrity, service and unity. Their community service involvement consisted of the Sept. 11th Memorial. This year, in spring 2009, Alpha Kappa Psi went to the Saltzman Day Care Center and spent a great deal of time with the kids and read them children's books and gave them each a stuffed animal. This shows an organization that is serving the Hofstra staff by spending some quality time with Hofstra children. Also, they were featured on BET for their global poverty candlelight vigil.

Welcome Week Leader Awards

Outstanding Welcome Week Coach

Jessica Robles

(Junior)

Nominated by: Kimberly Rhyan

Jessica stepped up from being a Welcome Week volunteer to a Welcome Week coach when she was needed. As a coach, she showed dedication to not only the program but to the new students and her Welcome Week volunteers. As Kimberly Rhyan states, "She took action when it was needed and invested her time to make a difference in both her peers' lives and new students that were transitioning to college. She went above and beyond the call of duty."

Outstanding Welcome Week Volunteer

Christopher Nipal

(Sophomore)

Nominated by: Jaclyn Congello

Being a commuter, Chris wanted to make an impact to help other commuting students feel more comfortable, so he became a Welcome Week volunteer. Through this position, he helped commuting students get the information they needed to be successful at Hofstra. As Jaclyn Congello states, "Chris applied to be a Welcome Week volunteer so he could have the wonderful opportunity to positively impact hundreds of first-year students and transfers."

Spirit Support Members of the Year

Cheerleading Student-Leader of the Year

Brittany Lucchesi

(Senior)

Nominated by: Christine Nowierski

Brittany has been on the Hofstra Cheerleading team for four years, which won three national titles during this time. As Christine Nowierski states, “She is a true leader and has been fully committed to the cheer program, and because of her dedication, Hofstra Cheer has grown to be recognized as one of the best in the nation.”

Pep Band Student-Leader of the Year

Jennifer Soehngen

(Senior)

Nominated by: Fred Motley

Jennifer is a true leader of the Pep Band. She has the ability to communicate with the Pep Band director, the Spirit Support graduate assistant, and the 65 members of the Pep Band. As Fred Motley states, “Jennifer has shown her leadership in a superlative fashion throughout her tenure.”

Dance Team Student-Leader of the Year

Sarah Engel

(Senior)

Nominated by: Kelly Olsen

As Kelly Olsen states, “Sarah has been full of energy since her first day auditioning for a spot on the Hofstra Dance Team. She is always willing to help others and dedicates so much of her time to the University and our team. She is an extremely talented dancer and has been a huge asset to the team for four years.”

The Great Teammate Award

Alexandra Laks • Chrissie Wilson

Nominated by: Dr. Merry-McVey Noble

The Office of Student Leadership and Activities recognizes these teammates for being creative and responsible, while sharing accountability and producing harmony and community. Truly, they are the embodiment of teamwork. They recruited 600 students, faculty, staff and community members to participate a fund-raising effort, which raised more than \$49,000.

Alexandra Laks is an incredible young woman and has spent the past 10 months co-chairing Relay for Life (for the second year in a row).

Chrissie Wilson is an incredible young woman; in the face of a tremendous personal loss, she dedicated her time and energy to co-chairing Relay for Life, to help find a cure for cancer (the disease that took her mother from her just seven months ago).

The Great Teamwork Award

Pride Network

Nominated by: Office of Student Leadership and Activities

For being a new organization, this group of students has made a tremendous impact on the Hofstra community. Realizing that making an impact on the Hofstra community cannot be done without the support and help of other organizations and offices, the Pride Network has sought out partnerships with the Office of Student Leadership and Activities, Multicultural & International Students Office, Hofstra chapter of NAACP, APO, and numerous other organizations. This teamwork has helped make their events some of the most successful at Hofstra.

Fraternity/Sorority Awards

Most Improved Sorority or Fraternity of the Year

Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity, Inc.

Nominated by: Mario Bolanos

“Tau Kappa Epsilon is the most improved fraternity of the year. They have worked hard and tried to reestablish themselves within the Greek community. This organization is active within the Greek community, and has been participating in every Greek event on campus.”

Fraternity of the Year

Alpha Kappa Psi

Nominated by: Mario Bolanos

This fraternity is always serving Hofstra in numerous ways and looking out for the best interests of their fraternity and Hofstra students as well. They host events with The Career Center and they also went to the Saltzman Day Care Center where they spent some time with the kids, read children’s books, and gave them stuffed toys. This fraternity is always supporting the rest of the Greek community and trying to co-sponsor different events with Greek organizations as well as other departments. Alpha Kappa Psi consistently tries to improve the image of Greek Life.

Sorority of the Year

Omega Phi Beta

Nominated by: Mario Bolanos

This group hosts numerous events and is always trying to co-sponsor events with not only other student groups, but with Hofstra departments as well. They have performed at Family Weekend and Homecoming. At Homecoming, it was great to see them building a float with the other Greek organizations. Overall, this group is a hardworking organization that has helped not only women, Greek life and the Hofstra community, but also the Hempstead community as well.

Fraternity President of the Year

Ryan Rubino

(Sophomore)

Nominated by: Mario Bolanos

As Mario Bolanos states, “Ryan has worked hard and has done everything in his power to help his organization, by being a positive role model in Greek Life. Ryan believes in the core values of his organization, and lives by the example of his core values. Numerous Greek members respect Ryan; he always tries to do the best thing for his chapter. He has shown true leadership skills by having his own chapter respect his decisions. His brothers have admired his love and devotion. Ryan has sponsored events and has made sure that his brothers participate in numerous events on campus, including Homecoming, Welcome Week, and Family Weekend.”

Sorority President of the Year

Leesa Oberholdzer

(Senior)

Nominated by: Susan Guarrieri, Mario Bolanos

Leesa not only leads, but she also sets an example by volunteering. She always asks if there is anything that her sorority can do for others, and always makes sure that her sorority sisters help at various events. Leesa always encourages her sisters to be the best.

Highest Fraternity GPA

Alpha Kappa Psi

Nominated by: Mario Bolanos

This fraternity is able to maintain the academic ideals of the University while also juggling its role as a philanthropic, recreational and character-building organization.

Highest Sorority GPA
Alpha Theta Beta

Nominated by: Mario Bolanos

This organization encourages academic achievement, respect for learning, and development of organizational skills that prepare women to attain their desired goals in life.

Anita Ellis Endowed Scholarship

Kerry Dougherty

(Senior)

Nominated by: Sarah Galleano, Kimberly Rhyan

“For the three-and-a-half years I have known Kerry Dougherty, she has shown an exemplary attitude towards her sorority and the Greek community as a whole, as well as putting her best foot forward within the realm of the Hofstra community. Within the Greek community, Kerry has also been recognized as an outstanding leader. She received the Most Improved Sorority President for the 2007 school year, as well as held the position of a Sigma Rho Chi for two years in a row.” – Sarah Galleano

Danica Ruhalter

(Junior)

Nominated by: Mario Bolanos

Danica’s unwavering devotion to her sorority exemplifies strong moral fiber and character. She has held positions within her sorority as director of social events, and this semester, she is the director of public relations. She is a trustworthy individual and it is for these reasons that she was elected as vice president of the Panhellenic Council. Her drive and abilities are truly assets to the Greek community.

Clubs of the Year Awards

Outstanding Club Leader of the Year

Isabelle Goodman

(Junior)

Nominated by: Mike LaFemina

“In a given day, Isabelle can be seen running from meeting-to-meeting, to ensure everything is in order for the various events she runs throughout the year. She has been involved in Earth Day, debate events, and the Art of Healing, to name a few. Isabelle truly is committed to the Progressive Student Union’s cause, and has done everything in her power to educate the Hofstra community about the world that we live in.”

Religious Club of the Year

Newman Club

Nominated by: Pascale Ngo, Julia Matias

In the past year, the Newman Club has grown on Hofstra’s campus. It has become very active with the Interfaith Center and in educating others about Catholicism. As Julia Matias states, “The Newman Club leads by example, whether it’s extending their hands to the community through service work or finding ways to encourage dialogue on campus.”

Media Club of the Year

Nexus Yearbook

Nominated by: Lydia Pleiman

Nexus makes sure events are documented not only for current students, but for future generations of Hofstra students. Nexus Yearbook members work tirelessly to ensure that every event is covered and gets its fair time in the spotlight. As Lydia Pleiman states, “Nexus is unique in the fact that it does more than just take pictures, write articles and create a publication. The yearbook is invested in the community it serves.”

Social Club of the Year
Entertainment Unlimited

Nominated by: Office of Student Leadership and Activities

This year, Entertainment Unlimited has gone above and beyond previous years. Whether it is providing free movies to the Hofstra community every weekend, or organizing trips to various Broadway Shows and Six Flags, they ensured that the Hofstra community took a break from their work and had some fun.

Performance Club of the Year
SP!T

Nominated by: Office of Student Leadership and Activities

SP!T has had a very active semester. They have performed at several major University events, ranging from Rock the Debate to Admitted Students Day. As Christopher Botti states, “We can always count on them to be organized and put on an amazing performance no matter the venue.”

Politically/Socially Active Club of the Year
Students for a Greener Hofstra

Nominated by: Professor Neil H. Donahue

Students for a Greener Hofstra have participated in so many events for the Hofstra community this year and have been involved in many of the changes in Hofstra’s sustainability efforts. Professor Donahue states that Students for a Greener Hofstra “have helped create a community of active engagement in issues.”

Pre-Professional Club of the Year
National Association of Black Accountants

Nominated by: Pamela Phayme

The National Association of Black Accountants (NABA) is committed to empowering and connecting its membership to opportunities/resources in the fields of accounting and business. As Pamela Phayme says, “NABA members are dressed in business attire (ALWAYS) and are organized, timely, and thorough in their event execution. They are serious about their organization.” This dedication can be seen through their various events and working with other student organizations.

Academic Club of the Year
Anthropology Club

Nominated by: Kimberly Rhyan

This year the Anthropology Club went to Africa and came back inspired to make a change. They teamed up with the Hofstra Chronicle to raise money for an African Village. As Kimberly Rhyan states, “They are seeking to make a viable difference in a community outside their own comfort zone; they are dedicated and I see this as a sincere effort that will help generations of people in Africa.”

Division of Student Affairs Awards

Bovenaan Award

Sean Hutchinson

Tammy Kim

Kate Legnetti

Amanda Mastrangelo

Nattaly Shokrianpour

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 cocurricular activity has been distinguished by variety and quality. It purposely makes no distinction within the cocurricular areas of athletic, social, fraternal, religious, dramatic, musical, or political, except to see that its elected members are active in more than one of these areas.

Who's Who Among College Students

Paul Bernardino

Tineka Brown

Cindy Lam

Gabrielle MnKande

This honor is awarded to outstanding campus leaders of the year, and marks scholastic achievement. Who's Who Among College Students was established in 1934. Only students with senior status are eligible for this exclusive honor that is conferred by more than 1,000 schools in the country. Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges is one of the most highly regarded and long-standing honors programs in the nation, having earned the overwhelming respect of college faculty members and administrators.

Sophomore Man of the Year

Brian Marquis

(Sophomore)

Nominated by: Alex Del Giudice, Jared Berry, Tammy Kim

"Brian exemplifies Pride for Hofstra ... he works hard on campus, doing what he loves, and leading people with a heart filled with passion."

—Alex Del Giudice

"He demonstrates leadership through his words, character, personality, and his ability to motivate others from the Hofstra community to get involved."

—Tammy Kim

Sophomore Woman of the Year

Eileen Rodriguez

(Sophomore)

Nominated by: Pamela Phayme

"She is a smart, capable, and resourceful student-leader, who is well on her way to leaving a dynamic legacy at Hofstra. Eileen demonstrates leadership through her character, willingness to help others, and wonderful sense of humor."

Junior Man of the Year

Sean Hutchinson

(Junior)

Nominated by: Ryan Greene, Kimberly Rhyan, John McNeilly, Titi Hodges

“Sean can be described as ‘the’ campus leader.” – John McNeilly

“Consistency is just as important for a leader, but matched with Sean’s determination, it makes him unstoppable! Sean exceeds any standard for leadership by taking dreams and transforming them into walking realities.” – Kimberly Rhyan

“Beyond the important qualities of leadership, Sean is also someone who cares deeply for his fellow students and the students in high school in the greater New York community. He carries himself with a sense of purpose, pride and professionalism that many people often lack, and I have never seen someone this well-rounded as a junior in college.” – Ryan Greene

Junior Woman of the Year

Emily Miethner

(Junior)

Nominated by: Professor Beth Ocko

“Since she arrived at Hofstra she has engaged at the highest and most intense levels with various aspects of Hofstra. She is tireless and enthusiastic, making it all look easy. Emily’s enthusiasm, thoughtfulness and positive attitude is infectious and makes Hofstra a better and brighter place.”

Hofstra Man of the Year

Alexander Burt

(Senior)

Nominated by: Samantha Rozakis

“Alexander Burt is one of the most dedicated compassionate and humorous resident assistants at Hofstra University. He makes great efforts to get to know all residents and is always available. Alex not only represents Hofstra University as a resident assistant and soon-to-be senior resident assistant, but he also volunteers in the community with the Levittown Special Events committee and contributes to the education of the student body as a math tutor. He is a well-rounded individual that demonstrates leadership in the Hofstra community on a daily basis.”

Dr. Holly J. Seirup Award – Hofstra Woman of the Year

Jennifer Soehngen

(Senior)

Nominated by: Mary Coleman, Branka Kristic

“I’m consistently impressed by Jennifer’s attentive attitude, exemplary initiative, and dedication. Of all the students I’ve worked with, Jennifer shines the brightest. Jennifer also waitresses and is a senior residential assistant. Besides assisting with staff development and advising her residents, Jennifer volunteers her time to both the Hofstra and outside community with a smile on her face. Jennifer is a volunteer art teacher at her local church, instructing children how to construct inventive assignments. Furthermore, she’s an active member of “Relay for Life” and a model in SGA’s “Destination Runway,” which raises money for army families.” – Mary Coleman

Outstanding Educate '08/Debate '08 Student Volunteers

This award is being presented to candidates who demonstrated their Hofstra pride and exceptional leadership skills with regard to their volunteerism during Educate '08. Candidates for this award are being recognized by the Division of Student Affairs for their contributions, passion and dedication to Educate '08 and/or Debate '08.

Robin Doublebower

Nominated by: Kimberly Rhyan

“Robin was incredibly selfless as a volunteer; she had visions to see “Express Yourself” come to life. Not only did she dedicate hours of her time to the entire program, but she also single-handedly built the wood frame for the “Express Yourself” art panels. By sheer determination, her actions spoke louder than words. She made things happen because she followed through on her promises, and she completed tasks when it mattered.”

Jackie Finney

Nominated by: Anita Ellis

“Jackie’s leadership executed a concert that brought the Hofstra community together. During the summer and into the school year, Jackie did everything in her power to ensure this would be a great experience, and I can think of no better way to demonstrate a person’s Hofstra Pride than the dedication Jackie showed in creating an event to unite the entire Hofstra community.”

Tammy Kim

Nominated by: Vanessa Parent

“As a member of SGA, Tammy represented the University to the fullest extent. She participated in a number of programs, joined committees to plan Educate '08 events, and promoted Educate '08 via word-of-mouth and her own personal wardrobe. Tammy was the master of ceremonies at the Rock the Debate concert festival, due to her outstanding representation of the student body during the campaign.”

Ashley Kowal

Nominated by: Jayne Brownell

“Ashley was one of the most active and committed members of the Student Programming planning committees for Educate '08 and for Debate Week. I counted on her tremendously and she always came through. Ashley is one of those quiet pillars of strength. She didn’t look for the spotlight or the most glamorous jobs, but she was essential to the functioning of our committees.”

Tyler Green-Pope

Nominated by: Jayne Brownell, Susan Guarrieri

“I could always count on Tyler to voice a helpful opinion, respond quickly when needed, and offer his support when he saw that others needed it. His professionalism, follow-through and easy manner helped make Educate '08 and Debate Week a success.” – Jayne Brownell

“I believe he made more connections with faculty, administration, guest speakers and media than any other student, and really has a lot of pride in the University.” – Susan Guarrieri

Community Service Event of the Year

Roller Hockey Club

Led by Thomas Kostiw, the Roller Hockey club teamed up with St. Baldricks to raise money for children’s cancer research. HX Salon volunteered two hair dressers to shave the heads of 12 team members, as friends and family made donations in their name. More than 60 people were in attendance at the event. The Hofstra Chronicle gave the event a full-page write-up. It was a huge success and truly promoted awareness as people will continue to ask about their new haircuts until it grows back. The event raised more than \$4,800.

One Degree Award

The Division of Student Affairs recognizes students who have taken extra strides to go beyond the call of duty in an effort to positively impact the campus community. One Degree Award recipients are exclusively selected by members of the Division of Student Affairs, and are not nominated for this award.

Tineka Brown

(Senior)

“Tineka leads by example, as she is dedicated to the ideals of equity, social justice and equality. She frequently volunteers at a local Hempstead elementary school, and is currently planning a Genocide Charity Ball here at Hofstra University. Tineka is also a Tolerance Workshop facilitator at the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center of Nassau County, and she represents herself and Hofstra in this capacity. Finally, Tineka is a tutor for grades 5-8 at Infinite Tutoring in Freeport, New York.” – Ryan Greene

“Tineka is an extraordinary young woman with a humble leadership style. She was the student coordinator for the alternative spring break trip (she attended the previous year); she actively planned details of the trip and trained her peers for service. Her example motivates other students to be empowered through her passion for service. She has intertwined her academics with cocurricular endeavors, and has impacted her peers and the larger community through her integrity, maturity and leadership.” – Kimberly Rhyan

Nicholas Faranda

(Senior)

“Nicholas is the epitome of what it means to be a student-leader. In the past few years he has taken initiatives to revitalize the film series at Entertainment Unlimited, become a resident assistant (and eventually a senior resident assistant), and work in the Orientation and New Student Programs Office, all while maintaining his academic and social life. His positive attitude and infectious smile make it a pleasure to work with him on projects. In a few short years, Nicholas has managed to leave a positive mark on Hofstra by both action and accomplishment in cocurricular life; he has also created positive change within a student organization and its student membership, as well as contributed to the overall quality of student life.” – Stanley Cherian

Farrah Stuber

(Junior)

“Farrah has been an instrumental player in helping improve the lives of commuting students at Hofstra University, particularly in the past year. She has been involved in the reorganization and expansion of the Organization of Commuting Students, and has led the club effectively by herself this past semester. She uses a plethora of avenues to communicate to our commuters and as a result, has become the face of this population. Managing her Honors College schedule, observation hours and her busy job as our undergraduate assistant, Farrah still finds time to advocate for commuters on the various committees she is part of, and is enthusiastic and supportive of Commuting Student Affairs campus-wide programming initiatives, as well as many other Division of Student Affairs events.” – Arianne Romeo

Student Government Association Awards

Student Affairs Adviser of the Year

Christopher Botti

Nominated by: Jared Berry

Selected by: Student Government Association

Chris joined Hofstra over the summer and has been nothing but an asset to the Student Government Association in various facets ranging from database assistance to Web site updates. Chris has taken on many new tasks full swing, including initiatives in class councils and strides to go completely electronic with all SGA paperwork for clubs and organizations.



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