

Student Life, Activities, and Honors



North Georgia College & State University offers students the opportunity to become directly involved in the leadership and management of the organizations affecting student life. Opportunities for practical experience in leadership and personnel management, for character development, and for assumption of responsibility are derived directly from the structured organization of the university's diverse student body.

Following is a brief explanation of the NGCSU student government and campus organizations, as well as the manner in which resident students are organized for daily living, and some of the basic regulations by which all students are expected to gauge their conduct. Rules and regulations governing student conduct are included in the Student Handbook. All students are provided with copies of the handbook at the beginning of each year and are held responsible for having a knowledge of its content.

Leadership Development

The many student organizations, the Corps of Cadets, the Resident Assistant program, the INTRO program (new student orientation), and the classroom environment encourage leadership development in students. Holding student offices, managing a military unit or a floor in one of the residence halls, attending leadership workshops and leading an orientation group all develop leadership, management, and communication skills among students.

North Georgia College & State University offers a variety of training programs to enhance student leadership development. These include leadership academics through a Leadership Minor and Military Science courses, resident assistant workshops, and Adventure Training (INTRO leaders). Also, an Adventure Challenge Course (ropes course) is offered both as a leadership development course for all student organization leaders and as a class in the Department of Health and Physical Education. The course is designed to promote coordination, self-confidence, problem-solving skills, and trust. Workshops, speakers, and film series are held for all students interested in leadership development.

In addition to experiential leadership development outside the traditional classroom environment, a number of departments offer classes in which leadership styles and dynamics are studied in depth.

Student Government Association (SGA)

NGCSU's Student Government Association (SGA) is composed of elected representatives from each class on campus and executive officers from the student body at large. It is the umbrella student organization on campus.

The SGA is the coordinating body for various student activities, organizations, and class elections; and it is a medium for communication between the administration/faculty and the student body. The SGA annually prepares a budget recommending the allocation of student activity fees.

Corps of Cadets

The Corps of Cadets is the student led military organization for all military students. The corps is structured to produce highly educated men and women of character. Cadets are placed in leadership positions of increasing responsibility over an 8 semester period of time.

A four year experience in the Corps of Cadets will ensure graduates are prepared for successful leadership in either the U.S. Military or Civilian Sectors of American Society.

Qualified Cadets can earn an Officer's Commission in the United States Army, United States Army Reserve, or the National Guard.

Student Activities Board (SAB)

The Student Activities Board (SAB) is the planning and programming body for student activities on the NGCSU campus. Any student interested in a variety of campus activities can contribute her/his ideas and talents by actively participating on the board.

The Student Activities Board, headquartered in the Student Center, is a comprehensive program of student activities planned and executed by enthusiastic students. Six board committees (Ideas and Issues, Random Acts, Publicity/Public Relations, Social Activities, Recreation and the Movie Crew) work with many phases of campus life to provide worthwhile educational, social, and cultural programs for the university community. The SAB is a laboratory for living and a classroom for the education of the whole person.

Recreational Sports

The Department of Recreational Sports is dedicated to providing a high-quality recreational programs for the students of NGCSU. Our programs offer diverse and challenging ways to increase physical fitness while promoting emotional well-being. Our new Student Recreation Center features a variety of cardiovascular equipment, strength equipment, weight machines, and resistance training instruments. Fitness Programs and Services include group exercise, personal training, and orientations. The Center also houses a three (3) court gymnasium, a rock climbing wall, and walking track.

NGCSU Intramural Sport activities offer students the opportunity to compete in a structured and friendly atmosphere. Popular sports include flag football, softball, basketball, ultimate frisbee, and dodge ball.

Also included in the Department of Recreational Sports is the Outdoor Pursuits program, which is dedicated to finding exciting and alternative ways to exercise and interact with other students in the great outdoors. Services include guided trips as well as camping equipment rental.

Commuter Students

All students are required to live on campus unless they meet one of the qualifications listed under the section "Housing & Living Accommodations."

Along with the Commuter Council, which is described below, there are many services for commuting students. This information can be found through the Coordinator of Commuter Services Office located in room 317 in Hoag Student Center.

Commuter Council

The Commuter Council serves as a unifying body for commuting students and works to integrate commuters fully into the total life of the university. Additionally, the council represents the views and concerns of commuter students to the university and works to facilitate effective communication among commuters, resident students, faculty, and staff.

Greek Life (Fraternities & Sororities)

Membership in a Greek organization provides students with tremendous opportunities for lifelong friendships, leadership, social networking and development as well as the chance to help others through philanthropic events and community service projects. Our Greek students are scholars, athletes, and campus leaders. They are Cadets and civilians, as well as residents and commuters. Greeks positively contribute to, and benefit from, North Georgia College & State University collegiate experience.

NGCSU currently hosts seven national fraternities (Alpha Phi Alpha, Kappa Sigma, Pi Kappa Alpha, Pi Kappa Phi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Chi, and Sigma Nu), one local fraternity (Sigma Omega), and five national sororities (Alpha Gamma Delta, Delta Zeta, Kappa Delta, Phi Mu and Sigma Kappa.) The university has a deferred-recruitment program that requires students (freshmen and transfer) to attend NGCSU for one semester, adjust to college life and establish themselves academically, before participating in recruitment to join a fraternity or sorority. Formal recruitment takes place in January of each year.

Standards of Conduct

While the specific rules governing student conduct are spelled out in detail in the Student Handbook and in the Corps of Cadets Blue Book, the standards of conduct expected of North Georgia College & State University students are basically those prevailing in any well-ordered society comprised of intelligent, moral men and women. Minor infractions of rules are handled within the organizational structure of the Corps of Cadets and the residence life program. Serious breaches of the standards of conduct or university regulations are referred to the university discipline process. For details about the university discipline process, refer to the Student Rights and Responsibilities section of the NGCSU Student Handbook.

Vehicle Regulations

Any student may register and keep a vehicle on campus, provided the student is qualified to do so under the laws of the state of Georgia and the regulations of the university. All vehicles parked or operated on campus must be registered with the Office of Public Safety. A student's privilege to operate and/or possess a vehicle on campus may be revoked for good cause at any time. An access fee is charged to all students each semester to cover parking costs.

The university is not responsible for vehicle damage incurred in campus parking lots, nor does it guarantee a parking space for every permit issued.

Student Groups

Life at North Georgia College & State University is enriched by a variety of groups and organizations. Some of these organizations encourage and direct

the scientific, scholarly, artistic, or humanitarian interests of students, faculty, and administration. Some provide recognition for achievement. Others are purely social or combine learned interests with social recreation. No attempt is made in the following section to present a detailed account of all organizations and their activities. Full information is provided in the Student Handbook, which is made available to all students at the beginning of each year. Student organizations include the following:

Honor Societies: Alpha Kappa Delta (Sociology), Alpha Phi Sigma (Criminal Justice), Beta Beta Beta (Biology), Beta Gamma Sigma (Business Administration), Council of Honor Societies, Iota Tau Alpha (Athletic Training Education) Kappa Delta Pi (Teacher Education), Mu Epsilon Delta (Honors Division, Health Sciences), Omicron Delta Kappa (Leadership), Phi Alpha Theta (History), Phi Eta Sigma (Freshmen), Pi Delta Phi (French), Pi Gamma Mu (Social Sciences), Pi Sigma Alpha (Political Science), Psi Chi (Psychology), Rho Tau (Honors Division, Pre-Physical Therapy) Scabbard and Blade (Military Education), Sigma Delta Pi (Spanish), Sigma Pi Sigma (Physics), Sigma Tau Delta (English), and Sigma Theta Tau (Nursing).

Academic Organizations: American Marketing Association, Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, Collegiate Chapter of MENC, Chinese Club, Collegiate Middle Level Association, Georgia Association of Nursing Students, HPE Majors Club, Math Club, MPA Student Association, Political Science Student Association, Pre-Dental Society, Psychology Club, Society of Chemistry, Spectrum Art Club, Students, Society of Physics Students, Student in Free Enterprise.

Religious Organizations: Baptist Collegiate Ministries, Campus Outreach, Canterbury Club, College Life/Young Life, Latter Day Saints Student Association, Newman Club (Catholic), Our Generation, The Well, Wesley Foundation (Methodist).

Military Organizations: Aggressors' Platoon, Blue Ridge Rifles, Color Guard, Corps Chaplains of Boars Head Brigade, Golden Eagle Band, Order of Colombo, NGCSU NCO Club, NCO Club, NGCSU Officers Club, Ranger Challenge, Scabbard & Blade, Service Rifle/Pistol Team.

Greek Letter Social Organizations: Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Delta Zeta Sorority, Interfraternity Council, Kappa Delta Sorority, Kappa Sigma Fraternity, Panhellenic Council, Phi Mu Sorority, Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity, Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, Sigma Chi Fraternity, Sigma Kappa Sorority, Sigma Nu Fraternity, Sigma Omega Fraternity.

Special Interest Organizations: Alpha Phi Omega, Boundless Expressions (Poetry), Community Leadership Connection, Commuter Council, Cycling Club, Dance Team, NGCSU College Democrats, Equestrian Club, Environmental Awareness Club (EAC), Gamma Sigma Sigma, Gay Straight Alliance, Graduate

Student Senate, Habitat for Humanity, International Student Association, Invisible Children, Lacross Club, Latino American Student Organization, Le Belle Voci Libertarians, Mountain Laurels, NGCSU Cyclops, NGCSU Orchestra, NGCSU Singers,, Patriot Choir, Project Dignity, Republicans, Rugby Club, The Saint, Saints of Anime, Service and Action Shooting Sports Program, Step Team, Student Activities Board (SAB), Student Council of International Affairs, Student Government Association (SGA), Student Theatre Guild, Swing Dance Club, The Saint Newspaper, Wrestling Club.

HONORS AND AWARDS

CAMPUS WIDE AWARDS

PRESIDENT'S LIST

Students who have a grade point average (GPA) of 4.0 while carrying 12 or more hours are placed on the President's List.

DEAN'S LIST

Students who have a grade point average of 3.5 while carrying 12 or more hours with no grade below "B" are placed on the Dean's List.

SENIOR HONORS

A student is graduated Summa Cum Laude if her/his overall grade point average is at least 3.9; Magna Cum Laude if the GPA is at least 3.7; Cum Laude if the GPA is at least 3.5.

PAUL M. HUTCHERSON OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD

The Alumni Association presents awards to male and female students of North Georgia College & State University who have exhibited by their personal conduct and behavior, as well as accomplishments on campus or in home or community life, those traits of personal character and human endeavors which reflect on themselves and their families an unusually high degree of credit and which also exemplify the highest ideals of citizenship encouraged of all students of North Georgia College & State University.

H. MICHAEL HYAMS LEADERSHIP AWARD

This award is given annually by the SGA to a senior who exemplifies outstanding leadership qualities. The award is named in honor of H. Michael Hyams, who served as Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students for 28 years at NGCSU.

HAWKINS CITIZENSHIP AWARD

This award, in the form of a key, is given each year to a graduating senior, selected by the entire faculty, who has been outstanding in general campus citizenship. The senior's name is engraved on a plaque which remains with the university in honor of those who have been selected.

SILER SCHOLARSHIP PLAQUE

This award is presented annually to the student who has earned the highest grade point average for not less than 50 semester hours at North Georgia College & State University.

STEWART MEMORIAL AWARD

Established by the family of the late Joseph S. Stewart, former president of North Georgia College & State University, this award is presented to the outstanding senior athlete who best exemplifies the characteristics most desirable of a North Georgia College & State University student.

WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Members of Who's Who are selected from the junior and senior classes and graduate students on the basis of scholarship; service to the university; contributions to and leadership in extracurricular activities; and spirit and cooperation with administration, faculty, and fellow students in furthering general university policies and ideas.

MARY ELIZA HOOD AWARD

This award is given to the female and male student who earn the highest number of points in the Who's Who selection process. The selection process involves both faculty and student input and recognizes academic excellence and participation in campus activities.

MR. AND MISS NGCSU

Established by the Student Government Association, this annual award is presented to the senior male and female students whose academic achievements, service, leadership, and contributions to campus life best exemplify the ideals and goals of North Georgia College & State University. This selection is made by vote of the student body. The award consists of a plaque presented to the recipients at NGCSU's annual Spirit Night.

DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

Biology

BEN W. SANDERS AWARD

This award is presented to the outstanding graduating biology major, selected by the faculty.

BIOLOGY ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This award is presented to the graduating biology major with the highest overall academic average.

BRYAN L. REDD JR. BIOLOGY LEADERSHIP AWARD

This award is presented to the graduating biology major, selected by the faculty, who demonstrated outstanding qualities of leadership within the department.

School of Business

ACCOUNTING EXCELLENCE AWARD

Given by the Northeast Georgia Chapter and Education Foundation of the Georgia Society of CPAs, this award goes to the graduating accounting major with the highest grade point average.

FINANCE EXCELLENCE AWARD

Given by the faculty of the Department of Business Administration to the student graduating in finance with the highest grade point average for the entire four-year program.

MANAGEMENT EXCELLENCE AWARD

Given by the faculty of the Department of Business Administration to the student graduating in management with the highest grade point average for the entire four-year program.

MARKETING EXCELLENCE AWARD

Given by the faculty of the Department of Business Administration to the student graduating in marketing with the highest grade point average for the entire four-year program.

OAKES-FREEMAN AWARD

Honoring professors Newton Oakes and Lorimer Freeman, this award is given annually to the business administration major graduating with the highest grade point average for the entire four-year program of study.

WALL STREET JOURNAL AWARD

Given by the publishers of the *Wall Street Journal*, this award is based upon classroom leadership and intellectual curiosity and is given to a graduating senior in business, selected by the faculty.

Chemistry

CHEMISTRY GRADUATE AWARD

This award is presented annually to an outstanding student majoring in chemistry. The recipient is chosen from students who have completed at least 24 semester hours of chemistry with at least a 3.2 grade point average and are in the top 10 percent of their class.

CHEMISTRY SERVICE AWARD

This award is presented annually to the chemistry major who has rendered outstanding support to the department.

Education

CHRISTOPHER S. SHARP EDUCATION AWARD

This award is presented annually to an outstanding senior education student, based upon faculty recommendations, academic achievement, and potential to become an exemplary classroom teacher.

English

DESMOND BOOTH AWARD

This award, in honor of professor Desmond Booth, is presented to the senior English major who, in the judgment of the English faculty, is the most outstanding student.

Gender Studies

SIMONE DE BEAUVOIR AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN FEMINIST THEORY AND PRACTICE

This is a cash award given annually to a student for outstanding work in gender studies.

Health and Physical Education

THE HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION MAJORS' CLUB AWARD

This award is presented annually to the senior physical education major who has demonstrated superior achievement in the areas of academics, extracurricular activities, and participation in the Health and Physical Education Majors' Club.

History & Philosophy

SARAH DREW HISTORY AWARD

This award is presented annually to a university graduate with academic excellence and dedication to the discipline of History.

PHILOSOPHY AWARD

This award is presented annually to a university graduate with academic excellence and dedication in the study of Philosophy.

Mathematics and Computer Science

WALTER J. CARPENTER MATHEMATICS AWARD

Each year the faculty members of the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science select a recipient of this award on the basis of mathematical performance and potential from among those students who have received credit for MATH 2460 during the two most recent semesters, but who have not earned a total of more than 90 semester hours. Normally, the recipient will be a freshman or sophomore.

CLARK MEDAL

Each year the faculty members of the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science select a recipient for this medal, based on mathematical ability and performance from among those students who have completed the calculus sequence and two courses at the 3000-4000 level.

MARION C. WICHT COMPUTER SCIENCE AWARD

The recipient of this annual award will be chosen by the faculty members of the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science from among those students who have completed CSCI 2700 and at least two other courses in computer science at the 3000-4000 level. The recipient (usually a senior) will be chosen based on ability and performance in the field of computer science.

Military

NATIONAL DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION

This award is given to an MS IV student. It is based on academics, performance in ROTC classes, performance at Advanced Camp, participation in campus activities, and demonstrated leadership.

AMERICAN LEGION POST DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA JEP TANKSLEY SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

This award is given to an MS I student. It is based on academic performance and support of the university and Corps programs.

AMERICAN VETERANS AWARD

This award is given to an MS II student. It is based on academic and military standing.

ARMED FORCES COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS ASSOCIATIONS HONOR AWARD

These awards are presented to junior cadets majoring in one of the sciences, mathematics, engineering, or computer science. The recipient must intend to enter the military as a career officer in one of these fields. The award is based on demonstration of military leadership and moral character, as well as activity in campus organizations.

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Be a member of the graduating class, top 25% of academic and ROTC classes, commissioning, and have demonstrated loyalty and patriotism, dependability and good character, adherence to military discipline, leadership ability, and a fundamental and patriotic understanding of the importance of ROTC training.

DISTINGUISHED MILITARY STUDENT (DMS)

Distinguished Military Students are so designated because of outstanding qualities of leadership and high moral character, a definite aptitude for and interest in military service, and an overall academic standing in the upper half of the university class, the upper third of the ROTC class and the PMS order of merit list.

DR. JOHN H. AND MARGARET OWEN OUTSTANDING SHOOTER AWARD/ SCHOLARSHIP

This award is given to the team member who holds the highest shooting average for the year and is in good academic standing.

GRETCHEN BLASCHKE SCHOLARSHIP/ GOLDEN FEATHER AWARD

Presented annually to a female cadet, recognizing academic excellence and significant contributions to the Corps of Cadets. Selection of recipient is made by the Commandant of Cadets. The award was established in 1982 in memory of Cadet Gretchen Anne Blaschke.

LAMAR PITTARD AWARD

This award was established in 1973 in memory of Captain Lamar Pittard, a 1969 graduate of the university who was killed in an accident in Germany in 1971. While a student at NGCSU, Pittard was a proud member of the Blue Ridge Rifles Drill Team. Because of his interest in the drill team and his desire to perpetuate its goals, this award was established by his family to recognize annually the outstanding member of the Blue Ridge Rifles. The award consists of an engraved trophy and a monetary award. Additionally, a plaque is on permanent display in the Brooks Pennington, Jr. Military Leadership Center recognizing past recipients.

MILITARY HISTORY AWARD

The Association of the United States Army presents an award annually for excellence in the study of military history in ROTC units.

MILITARY ORDER OF WORLD WARS

Desires to become an officer, excels in all military and scholastic aspects of the ROTC program at the time of selection and presentation of the award.

OLD GUARD OF THE GATE CITY GUARD

Outstanding leadership, military competence, military academic achievement, and personal character.

GENERAL RAYMOND G. DAVIS PATRIOTS AWARD, VFW 12002

Outstanding leadership potential, demonstrated moral character, values, dedication to the preservation and promotion of Scottish-American customs, traditions, and heritage.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WAR

Enrolled in ROTC, good academic & military standing, demonstrated achievement and concentrated effort in academic & military subjects and/or demonstrated capability and diligence in a related activity of the ROTC program.

OTHER MILITARY AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

In addition to the above recognitions, awards are presented annually from the Association of Military Colleges and Schools of the United States, the Department of the Army, the Association of the United States Army, The Reserve Officers Association, the American Legion, the Sons of the American Revolution, the Society of the War of 1812, the Daughters of the Founders and Patriots of America, The Military Officers Association of America, the Retired Officers Association, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Colonel William Candler Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. There are numerous scholarships provided by Alumni and organizations supportive of the Corps of Cadets

Modern Languages

MOST PROMISING CHINESE STUDENT AWARD

This award is given to an intermediate student in Chinese deemed by the Chinese faculty as demonstrating great promise in Chinese studies.

MOST PROMISING FRENCH STUDENT

This award is given to an intermediate student in French deemed by the French faculty as demonstrating great promise as a French major.

MOST PROMISING SPANISH STUDENT

This award is given to an intermediate student in Spanish deemed by the Spanish faculty as demonstrating great promise as a Spanish major.

MOST PROMISING GERMAN STUDENT

This award is given to an intermediate student in German deemed by the German faculty as having demonstrated great promise in Germanic studies.

OUTSTANDING FRENCH STUDENT AWARD

This award is given to an upper-level French student selected by the French faculty as its most outstanding student.

OUTSTANDING SPANISH STUDENT AWARD

This award is given to an upper-level Spanish student selected by the Spanish faculty as its most outstanding student.

Nursing

SARAH LEE PATRAM NURSING SCHOLARSHIP/AWARD

This award was established in 1986 for the student pursuing an associate degree in nursing who demonstrates outstanding academic and clinical characteristics in nursing. It is in recognition of the first head of the Department of Nursing and the founder of the Associate Degree in Nursing program.

SARAH LEE PATRAM SCHOLARSHIP/ AWARD

The Scholarship/Aaward was established in 1984 honoring the first Head of the Department of Nursing, Ms. Sarah Lee Patram. This Scholarship/Award recognizes outstanding students in the Associate of Science in Nursing degree program. Students selected for this prestigious recognition must be in the ASN program with a GPA of 3.0 or higher. In addition, to be eligible for this scholarship/award, a student must be involved in at least one community or organizational activity which is quite an accomplishment for a student in a program of study as rigorous and time consuming as the ASN program is, and demonstrate strong effective communication skills with peers, faculty, clients, and co-workers.

B.S.N. LEADERSHIP AWARD

This award is given to a student in good academic standing who demonstrates independent judgment and critical thinking, who is willing to explore new ideas and take risks to maximize learning, and who is a positive influence upon peers.

Performing Arts

DISMUKES DISTINGUISHED MUSICIAN AWARD

This award is a cash award, given annually to a student for outstanding contribution to and achievement in the music program.

ELLA RAY OAKES DRAMATIC EXCELLENCE AWARD

This award is given annually to an outstanding student who has exhibited excellence in drama as well as one who has made a significant contribution to theatre within the Department of Fine Arts.

Physical Therapy

OWEN PHYSICAL THERAPY DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR

Named in honor of NGCSU President Emeritus and Mrs. John Owen, this award is given annually to the full-time physical therapy student who best exemplifies the characteristics of a clinical scholar. The recipient of this award exceeds the standard for academic achievement, clinical competence, and contributions to the profession of physical therapy. The Physical Therapy Distinguished Scholar demonstrates a high regard for knowledge, values helping others, respects the human need for dignity and quality of life, and possesses the leadership qualities characteristic of superior North Georgia College & State University students. The recipient will receive a plaque and a check for \$500, and her/his name will be inscribed on a permanent plaque which will remain in the Department of Physical Therapy.

Physics

OUTSTANDING PHYSICS GRADUATE AWARD

Each year the faculty members of the Department of Physics select a recipient for this award, based on academic performance and contributions to the department. A minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 overall in physics is required for award eligibility.

Political Science and Criminal Justice

ROBERT PEEL AWARD

Each year, this award is given by the faculty of the Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice to the student graduating in criminal justice with the highest grade point average for the entire four-year program, determined by the close of spring semester of the senior year.

FRANK SMITH AWARD

Each year, this award is given by the faculty of the Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice to the student graduating in political science with the highest grade point average for the entire four-year program, determined by the close of spring semester of the senior year.

PI SIGMA ALPHA AWARD

This award is presented each year by the faculty of the Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice to the student composing the best research paper during the academic year.

Psychology and Sociology

JIM G. COONE COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

This award is presented annually to the Psychology or Sociology major making significant contributions to community service.

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT IN THE COMMUNITY COUNSELING DEGREE PROGRAM

This award is for the outstanding graduate student in Community Counseling and is based on scholarship, research, service to the department and community, and character.

OUTSTANDING STUDENT OF PSYCHOLOGY AWARD

This award is presented annually to the outstanding graduating senior in psychology as determined by the psychology faculty.

OUTSTANDING STUDENT OF SOCIOLOGY AWARD

This award is presented annually to the outstanding graduating senior in sociology as determined by the sociology faculty.

Visual Arts

HAL B. RHODES III OUTSTANDING ARTIST OF THE YEAR AWARD

Presented each year to the Senior who best exemplifies the campus leadership departmental commitment, scholarly and artistic achievement, and professional dedication asked of Art Area majors.

BOB OWENS AWARD

Presented each year to a Visual Arts major based on artistic achievement. This award, which includes a monetary prize, is in honor of Department of Fine Arts founder Bob Owens. It was established in 2007 by Gwen Owens.

TOMMYE SCANLIN AWARD

This award is given to an outstanding student artist for his/her achievement and contribution to the Department of Fine Arts as determined by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas (Tommye) Scanlin.

ELLA RAY OAKES DRAMATIC EXCELLENCE AWARD

This award is given annually to an outstanding student who has exhibited excellence in drama as well as one who has made a significant contribution to theatre within the Department of Fine Arts.