

A CELEBRATION OF STUDENTS: ACHIEVEMENT, SCHOLARSHIP, AND CREATIVE WORKS

Excellence Awards Ceremony

The ceremony will begin in a few minutes



LOYOLA
UNIVERSITY CHICAGO



WELCOME

Keaira Williams and Alexandra Brist

Maroon & Gold Society Members

Thank You – Student Quartet

Joey Daso

Aaron Freedman

Axel Juárez

Land Acknowledgement Statement

The Loyola University Chicago community acknowledges its location on the ancestral homelands of the Council of the Three Fires (the Ojibwa, Ottawa, and Potawatomi tribes). We recognize the tragic legacy of colonization and genocide that still impacts Native American lives today. As a Jesuit university, we recognize our responsibility to understand, teach, and respect the past and present realities of local Native Americans and their continued connection to this land.

Opening Reflection

Fr. Tho Vu, S.J.

Chaplain

OPENING REMARKS

Shannon Howes, PhD

Director for Assessment & Assistant to the Vice President
for Student Development

Intercollegiate Athletics Award

Kristen Rusbarsky

Assistant Director, Business and Finance, Athletics
and

Jim Osowski

Vice President at PNC, Illinois

PNC Achiever

The *PNC Achiever* award is presented to deserving student-athletes who display well-rounded achievement through leadership in the classroom, in the community, and in competition.



Samantha Galanopoulos

**PNC Achiever Award
Female Student Athlete**



Sam Galanopoulos

Sam Galanopoulos was the backbone of the 2023-24 Women's Basketball team, not only leading the team in minutes, assists, field goals made, 3-point percentage, and scoring, but also helping the team to their first A10 Tournament victory. She ends her time with the Maroon and Gold as a team captain, starting 79 consecutive games, leading LUC in assists for the past three seasons, and surpassing 1,000 career points, joining an elite group of Rambler student-athletes. Off the court, Sam serves as President of Loyola's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and was the only student on the search board for the university's provost.

Chris Devaney

**PNC Achiever Award
Male Student Athlete**



Chris Devaney

In his two years at Loyola, New Zealand native Chris Devaney helped the Ramblers Cross Country team to back-to-back A-10 conference titles in 2022 and 2023, while also taking home the individual title both years. In the most recent season, Devaney set a course record at the conference championship, now owning the 3rd fastest time in A-10 Championship history, and became an All-Academic Athlete and First Team All-American at the NCAA Cross Country Championships with a 31st place finish. Additionally, Devaney holds four top-10 times in the Loyola Track record books, owning the overall outdoor 10k record and ranking second in the indoor 5k.

Arrupe College 2015 Award

Dr. Jennifer Boyle, PhD

Senior Associate Dean, Academic Affairs and Director of Operations, Arrupe College

and

David Keys

Associate Dean for Student Success, Arrupe College

Arrupe College 2015

The *Arrupe College 2015* award is presented to a student who embodies the spirit of transformative education in our institution, who has used their gifts and talents to be successful, and who has contributed significantly to building and advancing the Arrupe College mission.

Elizabeth Onofre

Arrupe College 2015 Award Recipient



Elizabeth Onofre

Elizabeth's commitment to education, community, and social justice makes her stand out as the recipient of the Arrupe 2015 Award. Elizabeth maintains a 4.0 GPA while cultivating belonging at Arrupe College through her leadership as President of both the Graphic Novel Club, and the Dreamers and Allies Student Organization (DASO). Elizabeth is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, a finalist for the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Scholarship and a nominee to the All-USA Academic Team. Elizabeth will pursue her bachelor's degree in Computer Science with the aim of contributing professionally to equitable access to technology and a more just world.

Spirit of Laudato si' Awards

Megan Conway

Program Manager

Office of Sustainability

Spirit of Laudato si'

The *Spirit of Laudato Si' Sustainability in Service* award is presented to students for their efforts to implement sustainability on campus or in community.

The *Spirit of Laudato Si' Sustainability in Learning* award is presented to students for their efforts incorporating sustainability into their academic experience through research, publication, or coursework advancing sustainability knowledge.

Spirit of Laudato si' Finalists



Amy Abueg



Robert Beaman



Kian Climaco



Ellie DeMilt



Camille Talkington

Ellie DeMilt

**Sustainability in Service –
Award Recipient**



Elizabeth "Ellie" DeMilt

Ellie DeMilt is nominated for her work as Co-President of Loyola's Food Recovery Network, as well as her role as one of the first Food Equity Coordinators for the School of Environmental Sustainability, which has allowed her to organize the recovery of almost 17,000 pounds of food from Loyola's campus, reducing waste and fighting food insecurity in the Rogers Park community.

Amy Abueg

**Sustainability in Learning –
Award Recipient**



Amy Abueg

According to her nominator, Amy Abueg lives and embodies the Catholic call to have a faith that does justice and Laudato si's call to integrate the Planet's story into the human story. In the nominator's words: "Amy excelled in an Ecospirituality course integrating this into her thinking and actions. Amy later applied for and became a student leader in Loyola's first LEAF retreat the following Fall- a retreat that incorporates Ecospirituality and faith in a community setting."

Student Employment Awards

Omega Cruz

Assistant Director, Employer Relations (Student Employment)
and

Taylor Tillman

Senior Career Advisor, Leadership Scholars Program
Career Services

Arrupe Person for Others Award

The *Arrupe Person for Others Award* is presented to a student employee who clearly serves others with a passion.

Arrupe Person For Others Award Nominees



Lilliana Dittrich

Psychology Department



Amara Grajewski

Forging Oppurtunitites for
Refugees in America



Rhea "V" Viswanathan

Office For Equity &
Compliance

Amara Grajewski

**Arrupe Person for Others
Award Recipient**



Amara Grajewski

"Amara is a tutor in our High Impact Tutoring program and consistently ensures each student she works with is given the most individualized support, both academically and socio-emotionally. By understanding the direct relationship between student happiness in the classroom and student achievement, Amara adapts the classroom to align with the needs of the student, ensuring the space can be welcoming to everyone. As soon as Amara walks into FORA, she greets students with a huge smile and asks them how they feel. Although this may seem like a small measure, it is a crucial practice to ensure students feel a sense of belonging in their environment."

Cura Apostolica

The *Cura Apostolica (person for the institution)* award is presented to a student employee who has demonstrated considerable care in their work tasks, commitment and attitude in promoting, developing and supporting the organization or institution where they are employed.

Cura Apostolica Nominees



Nathan Van Kampen
Forging Opportunities for
America



Trang Nguyen
Tutoring Center



Isabella Reyes
Commuter Student Life

Trang Nguyen

**Cura Apostolica Award
Recipient**



Trang Nguyen

"Trang goes above and beyond to ensure her contributions to the team allow for more effective and efficient processes and procedures. The phrase that can be heard the most from Trang is "What can I do next?" Trang manages schedule change requests of 120+ undergraduate peer leaders and helps monitor the email inbox to accomplish this task. Trang contributes to making more effective administrative policies. Trang works extremely hard to ensure the Tutoring Center functions at the highest level, while asking the most important questions to address complex situations to support our large staff. Trang has left a legacy that will remain for semesters to come."

Ignatian Spirit

The *Ignatian Spirit* award is presented to the team or staff of employees who work with passion and dedication as if they live each day to “go forth and set the world on fire.”

Ignatian Spirit Award Nominees



Elanor Craig
Career Services



Remonda Fathalla
Career Services



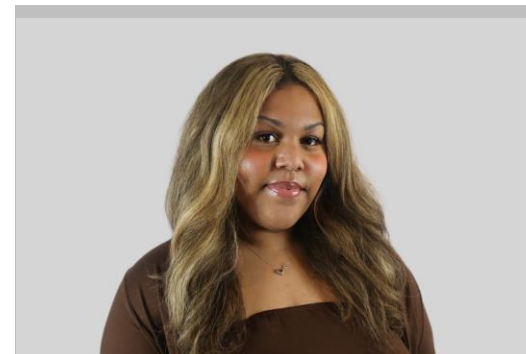
Elyse Hall
Career Services



Delaney Hayes
Career Services



Aishat Iyiola
Career Services



Angelina Jackson
Career Services

Ignatian Spirit Award Nominees



Janelle LeRoy
Career Services



Megan McCarthy
Career Services



Val Mossi
Career Services



Hiba Rizvi
Career Services



Erin Ryan
Career Services



Caitlyn Shelley
Career Services

Ignatian Spirit Award Nominees



Vivian Klos

Department of Programming



Imelda Dominguez

Department of Programming



Sara Sadok

Department of Programming



Diego Capetillo

Department of Programming

Ignatian Spirit Award Nominees



Serena Thakkar

Department of Programming



Miyah Fluery

Department of Programming



Jordyn McLean

Department of Programming



Ryan Avalos

Department of Programming



Camila Garica

Department of Programming

Ignatian Spirit Award Nominees



Sarah Stemmler
Study Abroad Office



Patrick Sheehan
Study Abroad Office



Keaira Williams
Study Abroad Office

Ignatian Spirit Award Recipients



Sarah Stemmler
Study Abroad Office



Patrick Sheehan
Study Abroad Office



Keaira Williams
Study Abroad Office

Study Abroad Ambassadors

"Our student ambassadors have a desire to set the world on fire with their passion for global awareness and advancing Loyola's promise of preparing people to live extraordinary lives through the characteristics of a Jesuit Education.

Patrick is passionately and intentionally helping our future educators expand their horizons to better support our diversifying society.

Sara has excelled dedicating her well-learned lessons and skills abroad to achieve new ideas, better solutions, and vital answers, exemplifying the *commitment to excellence* characteristic of a Jesuit education.

Keaira advocates on behalf of her peers, has shown tremendous care for students and staff, and has demonstrated leadership for her peers in the creative advertising realm."

Core Element

The *Core Element* award is presented to students for their service and contributions to the Loyola community.

Viktoria Barber

**Core Element Award
Recipient**



Viktoria Barber

"Viktoria approaches her work with the utmost professionalism and dedication. Viktoria is motivated to make improvements in processes as well while her work reflects a high level of accuracy and knowledge. Viktoria has taken the lead on processing Payroll and HR documents (EPAF process) for over 200 student leaders who work in our office and across our multitude of residence halls. Viktoria is one of a very small number of student employees that can be given a task (with little direction) and exceed expectations in every way. Viktoria has established herself as an expert for all things payroll, finance, purchasing, and budgeting."

Idiake Irumundomon

**Core Element Award
Recipient**



Idiake Irumundomon

"Dee is a natural leader. He exhibits *cura personalis* through his dedication to serving our campus community and beyond, modeling leadership, outstanding work performance, and unmatched work ethic. Dee is driven by excellence and consistently has a positive attitude no matter what the challenge. Whether it's performing administrative responsibilities like leading committee meetings and developing agendas, organizing community service projects, establishing and maintaining consistent communication with our community partners, or mentoring fellow students, Dee consistently goes above and beyond to make a positive impact on the team."

Talissa Key

**Core Element Award
Recipient**



Talissa Key

"In her multiple roles, Talissa embodies the NACE Core Competencies when providing students with the care they seek in Tutoring Center spaces. She is a welcoming and recognized face within the Tutoring Center for student workers, professional staff, and students alike. Talissa routinely solves problems of space, forgotten attendance, or emergency illness and is often the go-to for answers by her colleagues. Talissa has ease building rapport with students and staff, is a team player, and is considered by many as the "face of the TC". Talissa has become a pillar of life in the Tutoring Center and stands out as one of our most accomplished leaders."

Student Employee of the Year

The *Student Employee of the Year* award is presented to one student employee for their outstanding contributions, achievements, and their positive impact on the university.

Viktoria Barber

**Student Employee of the
Year Award Recipient**



Diversity Awards

Jamie Capetillo

Assistant Director of Leadership and Social Justice
Center for Diversity and Inclusion
and

Derrick Pooyouma

Coordinator
Center for Diversity and Inclusion

CDI Emerging Leader

The *CDI Emerging Leader* award is presented to a first- or second-year undergraduate student who has motivated other members of the University to strive for excellence.

This individual embraces diversity and serving humanity through learning, justice and faith. Not only is this individual constantly working to better themselves, but they are also dedicated to the growth of their peers.

Larkin Lee

**CDI Emerging Leader
Award Recipient**



Larkin Lee

Larkin Lee has been heavily involved in Community Service & Action programs. She is a Loyola4Chicago (L4C) leader and was a delegate for the 2023 Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice (IFTJ). As an L4C leader, Larkin is an active volunteer and supports the participants of her group. She supports the “doing,” the learning, and the personal growth that the L4C invites. Larkin understands that creating a just world requires advocacy. She demonstrated a commitment to justice through her IFTJ participation by joining the migration reform team and led a visit with Senator Mazie Hirono, Larkin’s home state of Hawaii representative.

CDI Social Justice in Action

The *CDI Social Justice in Action* award is presented to a current Loyola undergraduate, graduate/professional, or Arrupe College student who has demonstrated leadership in assisting the University in responding to its commitment to diversity.

This student has worked to develop a university community that appreciates and respects all facets of diversity. This student's leadership initiatives are in the forefront of exploring issues regarding diversity and they are actively working to expand their knowledge in the service of humanity through learning, justice, and faith.

Rhea "V" Viswanathan

**CDI Social Justice in
Action Award Recipient**



Rhea "V" Viswanathan

Rhea "V" is a junior, majoring in Biology, with minors in Race and Ethnicity and Women and Gender Studies. They are a returning Resident Assistant in Francis Hall, an RAI Idealist with CDI, a member of the LUC American Medical Women's Association (AMWA) PR chair, and a Gannon scholar. They are conducting an undergraduate research project funded by the LUROP social justice fellowship focusing on trans healthcare. They are hoping to attend medical school upon graduation to become an OB/GYN and begin to tackle the disparities within the healthcare system that marginalize LGBTQ+ folk and the BIPOC community.

CDI Father Arrupe

The *CDI Father Pedro Arrupe* award is presented to a graduate/professional student that has made an outstanding contribution to their department, to students, and the Loyola community.

This individual has promoted diversity, equity, and inclusion and found an appropriate balance between their educational goals and the desires to help underrepresented population/community succeed.

Tatum LeClair

**CDI Father Arrupe
Award Recipient**



Tatum LeClair

Tatum Leclair is a 4th year PhD candidate in applied social psychology. She is a co-chair of Enhancing Diversity in Graduate Education, and member of Alpha Sigma Nu. She has volunteered for the Office of Institutional Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, and within the psychology department, the Committee on Diversity Affairs and the Racial Justice Examen. Outside of LUC, she is a cofounder of A Safe Haven for Asians and Asian Americans. Tatum hopes to pursue a career in diversity, equity, and inclusion, and apply her expertise on the psychology of prejudice, intergroup relations, and coalition building between minorities.

CDI Transformative Educator

The *CDI Transformative Educator* award is present a faculty member who has demonstrated a commitment to student development and has gone beyond their administrative role to address the needs and concerns of underrepresented students.

This individual provides students with the opportunities to explore issues regarding diversity, identity development, multicultural education, social justice, and leadership initiatives. This ultimately enhances the retention, matriculation, and success of historically underrepresented students.

Dr. Savina Balasubramanian

**CDI Transformative
Educator Award Recipient**



Dr. Savina Balasubramanian

Dr. Balasubramanian's research interests include gender, sexuality, and reproduction, science, technology, health, and medicine, political and historical sociology, global and transnational sociology, race and ethnicity, law and society, sociology of social knowledge, Asia and Asian America, and qualitative methods. Her work has appeared in *Gender & Society*, *Political Power and Social Theory*, and the *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*. Dr. Balasubramanian has also received awards from the American Sociological Association and the Society for the Study of Social Problems. She teaches both undergraduate and graduate courses and was a nominee for the prestigious Ignatius Loyola Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching.

CDI Lifelong Commitment to Justice Award

The *CDI Lifelong Commitment to Justice* award is presented to a professional staff member who has shown a strong commitment to student development, and has gone beyond their administrative role to address the needs and concerns of underrepresented students.

Jo Anne Walsh

**CDI Lifelong Commitment
to Justice Award
Recipient**



Jo Anne Walsh

Fresh from the University of Iowa, Jo Anne joined advertising giant Young & Rubicam until later moving to Scholastic Inc. as Midwest Marketing Director developing & implementing quality “in-classroom” marketing programs. Exposure to quality education models via her children’s schools led Jo Anne to find a position in education at Loyola's Division of Student Development where she has been an Administrative Assistant for over 10 years. As she rides into the sunset of her career, Jo Anne enjoys being in a position where she can assist the quality work being done with and for our students, which you can feel the moment you step off the elevator to Damen 3rd floor.

Graduate, Professional, & Adult Student Awards

Lesley Haynes and Paige Patrick

Co-Presidents, Graduate, Professional, & Adult Council

Outstanding Student Leader

The *Outstanding Student Leader* award is presented to a graduate, professional, or adult student who has demonstrated a commitment to engagement with their fellow students through leadership. They have transcended the duties of their role and embodied the principles of Magis.

Nina Frankovic

**Outstanding Student
Leader Award Finalist**



Emma Kelley

**Outstanding Student
Leader Award Finalist**



Richa Khatiwada

**Outstanding Student
Leader Award Finalist**



Vanessa Mendoza

**Outstanding Student
Leader Award Finalist**



Emma Kelley

**Outstanding Student
Leader Award Recipient**



Emma Kelley

Emma Kelley is a fourth-year graduate student conducting research in the chemistry department. Besides her research, she is the President of the Women in STEM Council, the national intern for the Women's Chemist's Committee, and an ACS Chemistry Ambassador, in addition to many other service contributions at Loyola and beyond. Her passion for service can be seen in her work mentoring undergraduates and inspiring women to join STEM fields. She is a leader with empathy and commitment to others.

Outstanding Graduate, Professional, & Adult Student Organization Award

The *Outstanding Graduate, Professional, & Adult Student Organization* award recognizes a student organization that is either a graduate student organization or a student organization with majority Graduate, Professional, & Adult students that promotes and embodies the organization's mission and has shown a commitment to the university's mission.

Loyola Stands

**Outstanding Graduate,
Professional, & Adult
Student Organization
Recipient**



Loyola Stands

In the past year, Loyola Stands has spearheaded several community conversations addressing complex topics such as the intersection of domestic violence and gun violence, extreme risk protection orders, and how to stop traumatic bleeds. These conversations are held across both undergraduate and graduate campuses, engaging professionals of all backgrounds, fostering interdisciplinary collaboration. One of their most notable accomplishments and enduring traditions is the Community Advocacy and Violence Prevention Summit, organized for the past four years.

Maroon & Gold Society

Keaira Williams and Alexandra Brist

Maroon & Gold Society Members

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The *Maroon & Gold Society* recognizes rising seniors who have demonstrated a commitment to leadership, academic excellence, and service to others.

These student leaders exemplify holistic development – the fusion of the academic, the personal, the spiritual, and the character dimensions of student development.

Maroon & Gold Society: 2024 – 2025 Cohort



Esma Ajanovic



Adnan Aldaas



Matthew Andrusko

Maroon & Gold Society: 2024 – 2025 Cohort



Jake Gabriel Bartilad



Colette Benoit



Benjamin Bryan

Maroon & Gold Society: 2024 – 2025 Cohort



Jaimee Cibulka



Michael Clausen



Clare Cockman

Maroon & Gold Society: 2024 – 2025 Cohort



Madeline Ganshert



Benjamin Hofmann



Hannah Jaghab

Maroon & Gold Society: 2024 – 2025 Cohort



Anton Jahn-Vavrus



Rohan Jaiswal



Haaris Malik

Maroon & Gold Society: 2024 – 2025 Cohort



Elena Martinez



Anmol Patel



Nayeli Rodriguez

Maroon & Gold Society: 2024 – 2025 Cohort



Farheen Saiyed



Adib Shethwala



Gabe Smit

Maroon & Gold Society: 2024 – 2025 Cohort



Kamran Tejumola



Vir Trivedi

Maroon & Gold Society: 2024 – 2025 Cohort



Rhea "V" Viswanathan



Sierra Wann

Damen Award

Mark C. Reed, EdD

President, Loyola University Chicago

Astrid Beltrán

Assistant Vice President for Diversity & Student Engagement

Jim Flavin

Director of Special Projects & Strategic Initiatives

Will Rodriguez, PhD

Assistant Vice President & Dean of Students

Damen Award

The *Damen* award is presented to individuals who have been a source of inspiration to the Loyola community in the ways they have committed themselves to our Jesuit ideals.

Recipients exemplify leadership in the community, live their lives in the spirit of Loyola, and light the way for other students to follow.

Ailynn Duarte

Damen Award Recipient



Ailynn Duarte

Ailynn Duarte is a senior biology major. She serves as both a Fellow and Student Research Assistant through the prestigious Mulcahy Research Fellowship. As a student leader and volunteer in Community Service and Action's Loyola 4 Chicago program, Ailynn actively contributes at organizations such as Centro Romero. Additionally, she extends her compassion to patient care as a technician at Northwestern Medicine. Ailynn's dedication to both academic excellence and community service is further acknowledged through her receipt of the esteemed Building Community Bridges Scholarship. Her nominator stated that Ailynn is "deeply committed to her personal growth in the service of others."

Katie Jabaay

Damen Award Recipient



Katie Jabaay

Katie Jabaay is a senior psychology major. As a Provost Undergraduate Research Fellow at the Activity Matters Lab, she studies the intricacies of psychological phenomena. She has also been a Summer Research Intern at the University of Missouri. Katie is a trained Advocate with The Line, supporting students who have experienced sexual assault or harassment. Her commitment to fostering a supportive community is evident through her role as a Resident Assistant in Residence Life. Katie also serves as the president of the Loyola Bioethics Club. Katie's nominator wrote that she has "a gift for understanding issues related to social justice."

Luke Mathews

Damen Award Recipient



Luke Mathews

Luke Mathews is a senior specializing in molecular and cellular neuroscience. He volunteers as a tutor at Immanuel Lutheran Church, and is an organic chemistry Supplemental Instructor at the Tutoring Center, aiding other students academically. Luke is a Mary Rudis Research Fellow in the Department of Political Science. He also works as a Front Desk Assistant at the Center for Student Engagement, and is the treasurer of the Chess Club. Luke's nominator wrote that his "desire to serve his peers and community shows through his various involvements, on campus student employee position, and his advocacy in these organizations."

Liam More O'Ferrall

Damen Award Recipient



Liam More O'Ferrall

Liam More O'Ferrall, a senior biology major, is a leader at the St. Thomas of Canterbury Soup Kitchen program, a Community Service Coordinator for the American Medical Student Association, and a Volunteer for Community Service and Action's Loyola 4 Chicago Program at Centro Romero. As co-Founder and Community Partner Coordinator of Heart for the Unhoused Chicago, Liam advocates for people who are experiencing homelessness. Liam is also the Chief of Staff for the Rambler Brotherhood Project. Liam's nominator said that he facilitates "spaces for connection and growth for other students. Liam exemplifies Magis and being a person for and with others."

Esam Shah

Damen Award Recipient



Esam Shah

A senior biology major, Esam Shah is vice president of the Muslim Student Association, as well as the treasurer for the American Medical Student Association. Esam dedicates his time to academic support as a Supplemental Instructor at the Loyola Tutoring Center. Esam contributes to scientific inquiry as a Research Assistant in Dr. Pickett's Zebrafish Lab. In addition, he is a volunteer tutor for Forging Opportunities for Refugees in America (FORA). His nominator shared that "Esam's commitment to his different organizations and leadership opportunities have helped foster a welcoming environment for students of all different backgrounds."

Rushabh Shah

Damen Award Recipient



Rushabh Shah

Rushabh Shah, a senior majoring in biology, is a volunteer leader for the Bringing Art to Life Dementia Therapy Program. He is also a member of the Loyola Community Engagement Fellowship, where he spearheaded the creation of a community garden. Rushabh serves on the Executive Board of the Rambler Brotherhood Project. Rushabh contributes to scientific inquiry as an undergraduate researcher in the Sanger Biology Lab. In addition, he is a student employee for Damen Event Services. His nominator wrote that Rushabh "lives the Jesuit mission" and said "I cannot think of a better person to receive this prestigious award."

Rylie Steur

Damen Award Recipient



Rylie Steur

Rylie Steuer, a senior majoring in psychology, is a member of the Loyola University Chicago Psychology Association. Rylie has been a Peer Advisor supporting first year students, as well as a fiscal officer for Loyolathon. Rylie's commitment to service is demonstrated through her involvement with Labre Ministry, where she engages with people who are experiencing homelessness, and her volunteer work as an International Language and Culture Instructor at Loyola's Rome Center campus. Rylie's nominator praised her for being a "well-rounded leader" who is "hardworking, dedicated, and passionate."

Grace Tylutki

Damen Award Recipient



Grace Tylutki

Grace Tylutki, a senior exercise science major, embodies a commitment to health and community. She is a student intern at the cardiopulmonary rehabilitation facility at Northwest Community Hospital in Arlington Heights, and a Group Fitness Instructor both on campus, and at Urban Athlete. Grace's leadership is recognized through her membership in the Maroon and Gold Society, and her role as a Campus Ministry Retreat Leader. Another significant role held by Grace was as a Lead Peer Advisor within the New Student Programs area. Her nominator recognized that Grace has "demonstrated an established array of skills, robust academic and programming experience."

Alyssa Votava

Damen Award Recipient



Alyssa Votava

Alyssa Votava is a senior double majoring in marketing and management. As vice president of internal affairs for Delta Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc., she fosters a supportive environment. Alyssa's leadership extends to the broader Sorority & Fraternity Life community as vice president of operations and president of the Multicultural Greek Council. Additionally, she is an Ambassador for the Center for Student Engagement. Alyssa's commitment to scholarship is recognized through her initiation into the Alpha Sigma Nu Honor Society. Her nominator wrote that Alyssa "has demonstrated the Jesuit ideals of being a person for others by always supporting her peers."

Matt Westmeyer

Damen Award Recipient



Matt Westmeyer

Matt Westmeyer, a senior majoring in secondary education and English, exemplifies dedication to education and writing. He is one of the Lead Peer Advisor in the Office of New Student Programs, as well as being a Writing Tutor, and the Advertising Committee Head at the Writing Center. Matt's pursuit of academic excellence is evident through his work as an Interdisciplinary Honors Program student. Matt's hard work is recognized by his nominator, as well as his ability to help students to "connect with communities and opportunities around campus where they feel like they can be their authentic selves."

Closing Remarks

Mark C. Reed, EdD

President

Loyola University Chicago

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Omega Cruz (Career Services)

Aaron Durnbaugh (Office of Sustainability)

Shannon Howes (Student Development)

David Keys (Arrupe College)

MacKenzie Rotherham (Center for Student Engagement)

Kristen Rusbarsky (Athletics)

James Thomas (Center for Diversity & Inclusion)

Keaira Williams (Maroon & Gold Society)

Thank You

Aramark

Campus Reservations

Student Complex

Urban Agriculture Program

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