2013 Leadership Award & Recognition Descriptions

Clubs and Organizations Highlighted within Our Slide Show

Athletic Team Captains - Members of an athletic team selected to lead and motivate their team throughout the season and academic year.

Campus Conversations on Race Facilitators - Students facilitate discussion on race and ethnicity through community meetings and within academic courses.

Individual Enrichment Program Summer Session Staff - Student mentors and teachers selected to enrich the academic experience and learning community of incoming students selected to participate in this program. These students also provide academic support throughout the year.

Judicial Board - Members of the Judicial Board are recognized by the Student Affairs Office for their work and dedication to protect all student rights and uphold the College community standards.

National Residence Hall Honorary - The National Residence Hall Honorary is the service organization of the National Association of College and University Residence Halls (NACURH) aimed at recognizing student leaders who are active within the residence areas on campus. NRHH honors the top 1 percent of residential students across the country for their contributions to the quality of on-campus life.

Orientation Leaders - Team of leaders selected to welcome our new students and engage them in our college community during our orientation sessions throughout the year.

Peer Advisors - This group of students is being recognized for their dedication to assisting first year students with their college life transitions. Peer Advisors mentor 15-20 first year students and guide students concerning social and academic involvement. Peer Advisors are required to create programs, make connections with their advisees and mentor them through their first year.

Resident Advisors - Resident Advisors have successfully completed an extensive selection process and rigorous training program. They assist with personal and group problems, coordinate activities and programs, and ensure that guidelines for community living are upheld. RAs are instrumental in helping the residents on their floors/sections get to know each other, forming the basis of a community.

Residence Area Advisory Board Members - Advisory Boards are the student governance system in each of the residence areas. They focus their attention on quality of life issues which affect the residents that they represent. Advisory Boards identify improvements that should be made, discuss community expectations, assist in addressing problem behaviors, and plan activities aimed at bringing the community closer together.

SGA Executive Cabinet, Student Senate & Class Officers - Each year members of the Executive Cabinet, Student Senate and Class Officers are recognized by SGA for their hard work and dedication.

Student Ambassadors - Student Ambassadors serve as tour guides for prospective students and their families, as well as facilitate discussions during Admission events and conduct other work necessary to help ease a family’s mind during the college selection process. Our Ambassadors are also involved on campus, taking on many leadership roles.

Student Athletic Advisory Committee - The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) is made up of student-athletes assembled to provide insight on the student-athlete experience. SAAC is also part of a national network that offers input on the rules, regulations and polices that affect student-athletes’ lives on NCAA member institution campuses.

Staff and Volunteers for Service Programs: Adams Youth Center, BART, E3, Learning Outside of the Classroom, Pathways, STICS, UNITY, Write Stuff. Alternative Spring Break Members, LEAD Academy Staff and Americorps Student Leaders in Service - These students are recognized for consistently and unselfishly giving of their time and energy to better their community.

Awards Highlighted within the Program

Athletics

Randall Warren “Unsung” Hero Award - This award is presented annually to a senior who best exemplifies determination, dedication, and competitiveness in a manner which encourages the underlying spirit of the entire Intramural Program.

James T. Amsler Service Award - This award is presented annually to a senior who has worked throughout his/her college years for the betterment of the intramural program.

Center for Service & Citizenship

The 2012-2013 Steve Green Community Engagement Scholar Award - This award recognizes the Steve Green Community Engagement Scholar, and reflects and honors Professor Emeritus Steve Green and his wife Sue Walker's many years of community leadership and service. Applicants are selected based on their leadership, service and citizenship, and must develop and facilitate a substantial community service project during their upcoming academic year.

The Massachusetts Campus Compact Newman Civic Fellows Award - The Massachusetts Campus Compact Newman Civic Fellows Award honors inspiring college student leaders who have demonstrated an investment in finding solutions for challenges facing communities throughout the country. Newman Civic Fellows are recommended by presidents from MACC member colleges and universities to acknowledge motivation and ability in public leadership. Through service, research, and advocacy, Newman Civic Fellows are making the most of their college experiences to better understand themselves, the root causes of social issues, and effective mechanisms for creating lasting change.

Lorraine B. Maloney Service Award - In celebration of sustained service to the community promoting ideals of volunteerism, this award is conveyed each year to a deserving member or organization of the MCLA community.

Service Program of the Year - This award recognizes a student or student group who has successfully developed and coordinated a community service program that has positively impacted both the program volunteers and those the program serves. This recipient demonstrates a strong sense of civic engagement, leadership and a passion to make a positive difference.

Inter-Greek Council

Greek of the Year Award - This award is presented to a member of the Greek community who maintains a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.5 and is continuously making significant contributions to better the relationship between MCLA, North Adams, and the Greek community.

Chapter of the Year Award - This award recognizes the Greek chapter that has the highest combined grade point average.
Residential Programs & Services

Rho Pi Sigma Inductees - MCLA Chapter of the National Residence Hall Honorary - The National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) is an organization that recognizes the top 1% of the nation's residence hall students for their exceptional leadership and efforts to promote a higher standard of involvement and interaction within the residence areas. Requirements include the completion of one full year of residence at MCLA, a minimum overall GPA of 2.5, good campus citizenship, and active involvement on a Residence Area Advisory Board or RPS committee.

Heather Fischlein Memorial Resident Advisor Scholarship - This scholarship honors a current Resident Advisor who exceeds all the expectations of the position; serves as a positive role model for fellow staff and students; actively supports the mission and programs of RPS and the College; and reflects Heather’s spirit, positive attitude, and practice of consistently going above and beyond to build a positive community amongst students and staff. A minimum GPA of 3.0 is required.

Outstanding Resident Student Scholarship - This scholarship is given to a sophomore or junior resident student who has truly made a difference in the lives of his or her fellow resident students. Requirements include a minimum GPA of 3.0, good campus citizenship, positive contributions to the campus-at-large; active involvement in the daily activities of the residence areas; and active membership on a Residence Area Advisory Board or RPS committee.

Student Government Association

Distinguished Service Award - Given to graduating seniors who have been at MCLA for at least two years, the recipients of this award have made positive contributions to the College community above and beyond what is expected; demonstrated leadership which has positively directed and influenced others; and achieved success in making quality contributions to the College community while achieving a high grade point average.

Club Executive Board Member of the Year - This award recognizes an executive board member of an SGA recognized club or organization who has worked above and beyond expectations and has shown true leadership and responsibility to the group and the campus community.

Club/Organization Excellence Award - This award is presented to an SGA recognized club or organization that has displayed excellence above and beyond Student Government’s expectations. This group has displayed outstanding teamwork abilities, as well as made a positive impact within the College community throughout the year. This club/organization has provided consistent positive direction and inspiration to others while serving the North Adams community.

SGA Executive Board Member of the Year Award - This award recognizes an executive board member of the SGA who has worked above and beyond expectations and has shown true leadership and responsibility to the group and the campus community.

Outstanding Senator Award - The Outstanding Senator Award is given to a student senator who displays leadership above and beyond what is expected of him/her during the past year in the Student Government Association.

Advisor of the Year Award - Awarded annually, the club advisor award is presented to an employee of the college who provides outstanding service above and beyond what is expected. This advisor provides consistent positive direction, inspiration and support to all club members.

Student Development

MCLA Leader Achievement Award - This award is given to a student(s) who has demonstrated service above and beyond what is expected to improve an organization. He/she must have demonstrated strong leadership skills that have provided positive direction and influence to others in the organization or the development of a group.

Program of the Year Award - This award recognizes a student leader or group that has organized an event/program that was creative and successful with an influence of co-curricular and academic experiences.

Unsung Hero Award - This award is presented to a student who consistently works toward making their club or group/organization successful, while not always receiving the recognition deserved. This person is one who has grown and developed into a strong student leader within our community.

Student Affairs

MultiCultural Advancement Award - This award recognizes student commitment to the advancement of cultural diversity within the College and the surrounding community. The award is given to a graduating senior who has consistently promoted dialogue on multicultural issues and worked toward building interpersonal acceptance on campus.

“29 Who Shine” - This award is an initiative of the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education (DHE) to recognize and celebrate the academic achievements, student leadership, and community service of public college and university students in the Commonwealth. The honorees embody the vibrant future that we all envision for the Commonwealth.

Rising Star - Awarded to a student with 60 or less credits, or is in his/her first year at the College, the recipient of this award demonstrates potential for future leadership and has had a direct impact on improving the quality of the campus and community life.

Behind the Scenes Star - This award honors a student who has consistently and unselfishly given time and energy in support of co-curricular programs. This recipient has not sought any other recognition in a volunteer capacity and has not held an executive position within any club or organization this year.

Outstanding Senior Leader - Given to a senior graduating in December 2012 or May 2013, this award honors a student who has demonstrated outstanding leadership during his/her senior year.

Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities & Colleges Award - The Who’s Who program annually honors outstanding campus leaders across America for their scholastic and community achievements. MCLA’s recipients are graduating Seniors whose academic standing and participation in extracurricular activities and community service are decidedly above average.

The Vice President’s Award for Distinguished Leadership, Scholarship and Service - The award represents extraordinary leadership and service to MCLA and the surrounding community. Serving as an exemplary model for the continued development of services or programs, the recipient of this award has contributed significantly to the MCLA community throughout his/her tenure. The recipient shows outstanding potential beyond MCLA and the impact of his/her contributions will have a lasting effect on students and staff.