2019-2020 LEADERSHIP & CORNERSTONE AWARDS

Alaina Duessel

Hometown: Pittsburgh, PA

Legacy: Creativity

Major: Bachelor of Science, Biology (Pre-Vet Focus) and Environmental Science

"This club allows students like me, who have a passion for the arts, but are busy taking other classes to fulfill major requirements, to be involved in the art community."

Kelsey Evans

Hometown: New Kensington, PA

Legacy: Advocacy

Major: Political Science and Psychology

"As I reflect over the past few years, I truly believe that the peer educator role has been successful in making a difference in reducing student distrust and rumors surrounding Title IX."

Jason Ferrante

Hometown: Pittsburgh, PA

Legacy: Community Engagement

Major: Environmental Studies and Political Science

"While it's been a cumulative effort to help rebuild the student trust on campus, I believe my contribution is that I've helped to guide student voice into policy changes."

Sarah Foster

Hometown: Pittsburgh, PA

Legacy: Compassion

Major: Biology

"I never expected the overwhelming number of thank-you emails from faculty and staff...Professor Haywood sent a particularly memorable response. He wrote, 'We are all touched by your extension of support. It has warmed our hearts and given us great reason to focus on positive, beautiful things, just as Professor Wissinger would have wanted."

Adele Gilman

Hometown: Potomac, MD

Legacy: Mentorship

Major: Biochemistry and Spanish

"Moving forward, I hope the bridges formed through the sports mentoring program will grow, strengthening the bonds between Allegheny and Meadville. At the same time, I also hope the program itself can serve as an example to my fellow Gators that they have the ability, resources, and support to positively impact the Allegheny and Meadville community..."

Sarah Koussa

Hometown: Westlake, OH

Legacy: Advocacy

Major: Biology

"While the impact that I had on my patients may not have been on a monumental scale, I believe that affecting a few people can be just as meaningful as affecting hundreds when you're in a small, tight-knit community like Meadville."

Maria Salazar

Hometown: Pittsburgh, PA

Legacy: Mentorship

Major: Neuroscience

"I learned that you never stop being a mentor and that every action you take is an example for the younger generations. I learned that asking for help takes a lot of courage but it is necessary because it helps you grow. I learned you cannot change people but you can advise them and encourage them to do better."

Elizabeth Schumacher

Hometown: Tiffin, OH

Legacy: Education

Major: Biochemistry

"We believe that our work has and will continuing to debunk the common misconceptions about Title IX and create a better relationship between the office and the students."

Jesse Tomkiewicz

Hometown: Freeport, PA

Legacy: Equity

Major: Political Science and Philosophy

"The Coalition for Labor has had many concrete successes during my four years here and I am proud to have been a leader. This movement will continue long after I am gone to make sure that our workers are given the respect and dignity they deserve."

2019-2020 Community Building Award

Abdi Lungundi

"Abdi is a great leader. He leads by example and has provided both assistance and inspiration to many Allegheny students, Theta Chi members, and the youth in his own community."

2019-2020 Community Building Award

Gabby Miller

Gabby has dedicated herself to bridging the Allegheny and Meadville communities. She wants Meadville to be a safe and welcoming space for all Allegheny students and she wants Allegheny to be a safe and welcoming space for Meadville residents. Gabby has done so much good work to build meaningful community."

2019-2020 Inspiration Award

Bret Kelly

"Bret is one of the most vital pieces to the baseball team. His leadership on and off the field is second to none. He exemplifies the character traits of becoming an influential leader long after his athletic career ends. He is looked at by his peers as someone they can trust, count on, and as someone that raises the program standard."

2019-2020 Outstanding Organization Award

Orchesis

"People would be wowed to see how so many individuals across all disciplines and years of study come together, annually, to put together what is one of the most successful community building and inclusive events on campus. It is an interdisciplinary space that respects diversity, student autonomy and creativity, and team building.

2019-2020 Ethical Leader Award

Sarah Shapley

"Sarah is a Davies Leader and past Fulbright scholar recipient. She leads with passion, honesty, and integrity... she has a passion for working with the community and connecting students to its various opportunities

2019-2020 Bridge Award

Charles Ross

"Charles exemplifies balance in leadership, academics/scholarly advancement and recognition of the intersectionality and importance of multiple identities... He [was] the president of MOCAA... was the keynote speaker for the MLK Day Brunch and Dinner... he was also a student athlete, actively involved with football."

2019-2020 Helping Hand Award

Anna Meyer

"Anna is one of the most caring, genuine and hardworking individuals... Anna frequently gives a lot of her time, effort, and energy into projects that benefit this campus"

2019-2020 Alyson Lewandowski Award

Judith Carrillo

"Judith is someone committed to learning, understanding, and building community. This year as Bonner Senior Intern she has spent countless hours working to include and welcome the first year Bonners to Meadville and Allegheny. Judith always greets students warmly and is engaging, making sure they feel at home."

2019-2020 Emerging Leader Award

Jamir Wilson

Jamir is someone who has taken initiative from the very start. He has been committed to making Meadville his home, making an effort to explore the community, get to know local business. He is someone who is full of potential and will make a big impact on Allegheny and Meadville."

2019-2020 Innovation Award

Medha Nag

"Medha along with her co-president revived the formerly dormant South Asian Club. She shows true dedication to everything she does as well as demonstrating courage and leading with the in the organization."

2019-2020 Innovation Award

Masha Serguievski

In her role as American Reads First District Coordinator,
Masha has shown exceptional leadership and innovation.
Particularly around training her student volunteers - she
reflects on the need of volunteers and the culture and needs of
the community and school to build success."

2019-2020 Justice Award

Manuel Soares

"Manny has shown himself to be someone committed to creating change, speaking out in moments of injustice, and opening dialogue to help educate and inspire others to live out Allegheny's Statement of Community."

2019-2020 Justice Award

Taylor Marzouca

"Taylor is a top student who, since her first semester, has been engaged in community justice work both on and off campus. She has demonstrated a deep commitment to democratic life and social equality... she is determined to bridge theory to praxis and live her ideals."

2019-2020 Scholar/Leader Award

Zoe Soilis

Zoe has been a four year starter for Allegheny Women's Basketball and team captain her junior and senior year. She has stayed positive through times of adversity and always modeled strong work ethic in and outside of the classroom."

2019-2020 Scholar/Leader Award

Kamryn Randall

"Kamryn is someone that exemplifies the type of leading from behind in the best ways possible, she encourages others, allows room for others to shine, and is dedicated to her work. All while maintaining a high standard of academics leading her to get multiple full ride offers to law school."

2019-2020 Dean's Award

Elyse Cinquino

"Elyse is a constant steadying force on ASG, as well as a tenacious go-getter who constantly works for the betterment of the community. She has a care of this campus and fellow students that is rare and some might say unmatched. With her leadership on various projects, she's championed several projects which have directly benefited the knowledge and experience in the community."

2019-2020 Dean's Award

Sarah Young

"Sarah has shown the ability to be self-reflective, approachable and willing to guide anyone to success. Her emotional maturity, stellar academic record, and dedication to community work and global citizenship truly speak for itself in terms of the transformative impact she's had on people within the College, Meadville, and abroad."

2019-2020 Sorority Woman of the Year

Erin Hartwiger

"Her openness and friendliness to members of other chapters is a vital part of the way that she works, in subtle everyday interactions, to improve overall conditions for the community. Since taking on a formal position as Panhellenic President, Erin has thrown herself wholeheartedly into further contributions to that community. She not only meets the requirements of her position, but works in countless nonvisible ways to reflect on where we are and where we can go while also meeting the day to day needs of members of the Panhellenic community, regardless of their chapter affiliation."

2019-2020 Fraternity Man of the Year

Peyton Capristo

"Peyton has been more engaged than any student I know in thinking about what "fraternity" means in today's climate and how we can think critically about the role fraternity plays currently and in the future of a student's college experience. Peyton has lead by example in his own organization, on IFC executive board, and on campus in general and I believe he deserves to be recognized for the hard work he has put in thus far as IFC president."

2019-2020 Fraternity of the Year

FIJI

"We dominate in service hours, have a well rounded and really good use of philanthropy donations, and a strong chapter GPA. Our brotherhood is diverse and dynamic and brings like minded individuals together to achieve the common goal of excellence. Excellence is the achievement of Friendship, Knowledge, Morality, and Service. We live by our 5 values daily and hold each other accountable to be the best day in and day out."

"Our brothers love each other. We have spent extra time this semester growing bonds. Our motto is "Not for college days alone" and I firmly believe that the bonds we grew this semester and last semester have left the chapter in a better position.

This chapter is home for every single brother."

2019-2020 Sorority of the Year

Kappa Kappa Gamma

"We are young, caring, and empowering women who have made a large impact on our campus this past year. We have rebranded who we are and because of our changes and willingness to be better we stand out from other applicants."

"For the first time in a while, we have put on several new events that we have not done before. Not only have all of our proceeds from all of these events gone to our philanthropy, but they have hit each tier, allowing donations to all of our partners and philanthropies."