

EXEMPLARS OF SERVICE: AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS FOR SERVICE

Another way that the tradition of “Education for Service” can be tracked is to follow the lists of names of persons who have been recognized for exemplary service over the years. The following recognitions are announced annually at the University.

STUDENT AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS



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The Phylis Lan Lin Scholarship in Social Work (Established in 2000). This award is provided annually by Dr. Phylis Lan Lin for the purpose of promoting social work values and encouraging diversity among social work students. It is presented to social work students, chosen by the program faculty, who have demonstrated commitment to the social work profession through community service, leadership in the community, strong grade point average, and academic achievements.



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The Kate Ratliff Award in Psychology (Established in 1990). Kate Ratliff was a professional psychologist and a member of the Behavioral Sciences faculty until her untimely death in 1990. Although only 32-years-old at the time of her death, she was well known for her achievements as a licensed clinical

psychologist, an active researcher, and a dedicated social activist. As a tribute to her contributions, the Kate Ratliff Award for outstanding community service was established. The award is presented annually to a student in Psychology who exemplifies Dr. Ratliff’s commitment to academic excellence and social activism.



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Leila Anderson Christian Service Award (Established in 1982). Given by Dr. Robert Brooker in memory of the woman who made it possible for him and his brothers to go to college, this annual award is given to the student who displays excellence in Christian service. This award is administered by the Lantz Center for Christian Vocations.

The Peters “Good Neighbor” Award (Established in 1984). This award was instituted by Dr. Robert Brooker in honor of Hobart and Etta Peters to recognize the person (faculty, staff or student) at the University of Indianapolis who best exhibits by word, deed, and attitude the qualities of neighborliness. This award is administered by the Lantz Center for Christian Vocations.

The Lantz Center Medallion for Christian Service (Established in 1999). Students who complete the sequence of coursework in the Christian Vocation and Formation curriculum offered by the Lantz Center are eligible to be commissioned for Christian service. At the commissioning service, they receive the Lantz Medallion following their individual presentation of commitment statements and their respective rules of life.

The Outstanding Student Volunteer Award. Nominations are solicited from faculty for the presentation of this award based on the following criteria: Students who demonstrate service without monetary reward, who are committed to volunteerism, who have an impact on the community, and who display qualities of leadership.

The Student Affairs Award for Outstanding Student Leadership. This award is presented annually to outstanding students who have excelled outside the classroom. Nominations are solicited from Student Affairs staff and student organization leaders. In addition to academic achievement and campus citizenship, particular consideration in the selection process is given to students whose exceptional leadership in volunteer, elected, or appointed positions has contributed significantly and positively to the mission of the University and to the quality of life for its students.

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ALUMNI AWARDS



The Harvey Showalter Award (Established in 2000). The honor recognizes a graduating senior who embodies the spirit of the late Harvey M. Showalter '41, who epitomized the University's motto "Education for Service" by serving the University as a student and an alumnus and by serving the community as an active volunteer and leader.

The Distinguished Young Alumni Award. This award recognizes and honors an alumnus and/or alumna of the University who, while still relatively young, has made outstanding contributions to his or her community. Nominees for this award shall be graduates of the University, be 35 years of age or younger, demonstrate commitment to the University's mission of "Education for Service," be outstanding in their profession, and/or have made outstanding contributions to their community.

The Distinguished Alumni Award. This award recognizes outstanding professional accomplishments or long standing devoted service in a chosen occupation or profession. The level of accomplishment or service must clearly distinguish the alumnus/alumna among his or her peers. The individual must have rendered service to others in such a direct and profound manner as to have materially improved the quality of life for others over a significant period of time or achieved and sustained a significant regional or national reputation for accomplishments and service in a particular profession.

Distinguished Faculty/Staff Alumni Award. This award recognizes current faculty or staff who are alumni and who have demonstrated consistent dedication and superior service at the University. Award nominees must be University of Indianapolis alumni currently employed as either faculty or staff (full-time, part-time, or adjunct). They must demonstrate a commitment to the University's mission, "Education for Service," and show a record of outstanding contributions to their profession. These contributions may or may not have come during their University tenure but must reflect highly on the University.

FACULTY & STAFF AWARDS & UNIVERSITY-WIDE RECOGNITIONS



The Lantz Center Medallion for Christian Service (Established in 1999). In addition to the student recipients, selected members of the Christian Vocations community at the University of Indianapolis are given the Lantz Medallion in recognition of their service as mentors for students in the Christian Vocations program. This ecumenical recognition is named in honor of G. Benjamin Lantz, the sixth president of the University of Indianapolis (1988–1998).



The Jerry Israel Interfaith Service Award (Established in 2005). Awarded annually by the Office of Ecumenical & Interfaith Programs, this award is named after the seventh president of the University of Indianapolis (1998–2005), and recalls the ways that Jerry Israel challenged faculty, staff, and students (particularly in the wake of September 11, 2001) to dare to engage one another with respect and hospitality and to learn to have conversations with one another about their respective religious convictions that would yield clarity, understanding, and enjoyment.



The "basin & towel" recognition (Established in 2004). This award, created by *The Crossings Project*, honors outstanding faculty and staff exemplars of "Education for Service" whose contributions to service in various spheres (neighborhood, civic, religious, state, nation, international) have enriched the culture of "Education for Service" by imaginative leadership and creative initiatives that have enabled students at the University of Indianapolis to engage in service in transformative ways.