

## **2010 HONORS DAY - STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD DESCRIPTIONS**

### **X-Key Leadership Achievement Awards**

The silver and gold X-Key leadership achievement awards recognize students' co-curricular involvements and contributions to the Xavier community. A well-rounded student involved in a variety of activities during his/her career would qualify for these awards.

Criteria for evaluation:

The criteria used for this award is based on overall well-rounded experience, personal reflection and recommendations. Freshman/Sophomore and first-year transfer students may receive a Silver X Key. Junior/Senior and second-year transfer students may receive a Gold X-Key. A minimum GPA of 2.75 is required of all candidates.

Eligibility period: Entire career at Xavier up to January 2010

Selection process:

- A completed biography form with an attached reflection.
- One letter of recommendation from a faculty, staff member or advisor who has experience with the student is required.

The student is responsible for assuring their award materials are completed and submitted by the deadline listed. All award materials will be reviewed by a committee who will make selections based upon the previously listed criteria.

### ***Mary Elizabeth Gasiewicz Exemplary Achievement Awards***

*Students awarded an X-Key achievement award may also be considered for a Mary Elizabeth Gasiewicz exemplary achievement award. This one-year monetary award, based on criteria similar to the X-Key leadership achievement award and the student's unmet financial need, is directly applied to next year's tuition. One each will be awarded to a rising sophomore (\$4000), junior (\$5000), and senior (\$7000). To be considered, students receiving an X-Key must sign the appropriate line on the X-Key biography form granting access to the student's financial and academic information.*

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### **President's Awards for Excellence in Leadership**

The president's awards for excellence in leadership are given annually to junior, senior and graduate students who have demonstrated outstanding service and leadership for the benefit of the Xavier community during their career at Xavier. Four awards will be given. A minimum GPA of 3.0 is required of all candidates.

Criteria for evaluation:

Criteria for evaluation will include the student's demonstration of exceptional initiative and creativity, as well as the quality and impact of their contributions to Xavier. Their service may be characterized by, but not limited to, devotion of time and energy, commitment to humanistic concerns, and responsiveness to the needs of others. Consideration will be given to the effects of their leadership, particularly to the range and extent that other students are involved with or benefiting from the candidate's service. Scholarship will be considered an important aspect of leadership in identifying award recipients.

Eligibility period: Entire career at Xavier up to January 2010.

Selection process:

A committee evaluates candidates and recommends award recipients to the associate provost for student life and leadership and the president of the university.

- A completed biography form with an attached personal reflection
- A minimum of two recommendations from faculty, staff members, or advisors who have experience with the student is required.

The student is responsible for assuring their award materials are completed and submitted by the deadline listed.

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### **Advisor of the Year Award**

The advisor of the year award is presented by the student government association annually to a faculty, staff member or administrator displaying outstanding service, initiative and dedication in the position of advisor to a student organization.

Criteria for evaluation:

Candidates for this award should be accessible to the members in the student organization and support the officers during activities and events. The nominee should provide the necessary feedback to the members to ensure open lines of communication. In addition, he/she should know the proper procedures to follow for the administration of the organization. The candidate should be preparing for the future of the group, lead by example, be sensitive to students' concerns and be a motivator.

Eligibility period

Advisors are nominated for their work with the organization during the 2009 calendar year (spring semester 2009 through fall semester 2009).

Nomination process

Any student who is a member of a student organization may nominate his/her group's advisor by completing the nomination form.

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### **Diversity Leadership Awards**

Two diversity leadership awards are presented annually; one to a student and one to a faculty, staff member or administrator. They are presented to recognize persons who have made a significant contribution in the area of multicultural affairs and cultural diversity. Recipients will have supported and participated in multicultural programs and events; developed initiatives to promote multicultural awareness and understanding, engaged in activities designed to enhance the campus climate for diversity and demonstrated commitment to diversity issues through other endeavors.

Eligibility period:

Persons are nominated for their contributions during the 2009 calendar year (spring semester 2009 through fall semester 2009).

Nomination process:

Faculty, staff members, administrators and/or students may nominate one or more persons for these awards. For the nomination to be considered, you must explain your ranking for each statement on the nomination form. Additional statements may be attached to the form. Please direct any questions to the Office of Vice Provost for Diversity at 745-3885.

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### **Outstanding Contributions to Students Living Off Campus**

The award for outstanding contributions to students living off campus is presented annually to a student who has provided outstanding leadership in the area of advocacy via service, initiative and dedication to this population of students.

Criteria for evaluation:

Candidates for this award should be students who live off campus (a student who does not live in university owned housing). Candidates may be undergraduate or graduate students. Nominees should be sensitive to the needs of off campus students and be active in advocating on behalf of their concerns. Additionally, they should be individuals who motivate off campus students to get involved and to feel a part of the Xavier community.

Eligibility period:

Candidates for this award are nominated for their contributions during the 2009 calendar year (spring semester 2009 through fall semester 2009).

Nomination process:

Faculty, staff members, advisors and other members of the Xavier community are encouraged to nominate students who live off campus for this award by completing the relevant nomination form.

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### **Outstanding Contributions to Non-Traditional Students**

The award for outstanding contributions to non-traditional students is presented annually by the office of student life to a student who has provided outstanding leadership to non-traditional students via service, initiative and dedication to this population of students.

Criteria for evaluation:

Candidates for this award should be undergraduate or graduate non-traditional students (25 years and older). Nominees should be sensitive to the needs of the non-traditional student and advocate for their concerns on campus. Additionally, the nominee should support them in endeavors to succeed at Xavier and to feel a part of the campus community.

Eligibility period:

Candidates for this award are nominated for their contributions during the 2009 calendar year (spring semester 2009 through fall semester 2009).

Nomination process:

Faculty, staff members, advisors and other students are encouraged to nominate non-traditional students for this award by completing the nomination form.

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### **Outstanding Contributions to Graduate Students**

The award for outstanding contributions to graduate students is presented annually by the office of graduate services to a student who has provided outstanding leadership to graduate students via service, initiative and dedication to this population of students.

Criteria for evaluation:

Candidates for this award should be graduate students (25 years and older). Nominees should be sensitive to the needs of the non-traditional student and advocate for their concerns on campus. Additionally, the nominee should support them in endeavors to succeed at Xavier and to feel a part of the campus community.

Eligibility period:

Candidates for this award are nominated for their contributions during the 2009 calendar year (spring semester 2009 through fall semester 2009).

Nomination process:

Faculty, staff members, advisors and other students are encouraged to nominate non-traditional students for this award by completing the nomination form.

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### **Loyola Medal for Commitment to Ministry**

Xavier's Campus Ministry Loyola Medal honors the Jesuit ideal of commitment to ministry. This commitment is witnessed through the student's spiritual development, service and faith in action. The Loyola Medal is presented annually to a senior who best exhibits this ideal.

Criteria for evaluation:

Seniors are nominated for the Loyola Medal based on their contribution to Campus Ministry programs during their entire undergraduate years at Xavier.

Eligibility period:

Seniors who are nominated for the Loyola Medal for their contributions during their entire undergraduate career at Xavier.

Nomination process:

*Nominations for this award are generated separately and due to Campus Ministry: January 15<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon*

A senior may be placed in nomination by a faculty or staff member, or a current Xavier University undergraduate student. After being nominated, the candidate submits a completed Nominee Form by the deadline date to the office of Campus Ministry. The recipient of the Loyola Medal is determined by a committee of Campus Ministry staff members.

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### **Dorothy Day Medal**

The Dorothy Day Medal, named for the co-founder of the Catholic Worker movement, is awarded to two Xavier seniors who have excelled in their pursuit of peace and justice. Those recognized have demonstrated a commitment to service, social analysis and the promotion of justice.

Criteria for evaluation:

The Dorothy Day Medal is awarded to two graduating Xavier students who vision structures and substructures the world needs to be more in accord with God's word and whose faith-filled service works toward these goals.

Nomination process:

*Nominations for this award are generated separately and due to Dorothy Day House by January 13<sup>th</sup> by 12 noon.*

Any student, faculty or staff member may nominate a student by completing the nomination form. Those individuals nominated will be asked to describe how Dorothy Day inspires them to work for peace and justice. Please direct any questions to the Dorothy Day House at 745-3046.

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### **David B. Streicher Spirit of Xavier Award**

This award is dedicated to the memory of David B. Streicher. A 1992 graduate, Dave embodied the qualities that make Xavier great: a lifelong pursuit of learning, commitment to service, dedication to the community, faith in God and love for all those around him. Dave was a fountain of energy and an unfailing source of friendship and support. He constantly celebrated life while continuously encouraging his peers to get involved on campus and to make the most of their college experience. His leadership, immeasurable and rare, lives on at Xavier today!

Criteria for evaluation:

This award is to recognize a first- or second-year student. Emerging leaders who exemplify the qualities with which David impacted lives and lived life. The student needs to be in good academic and social standing, exhibit a commitment to diversity in all areas of involvement, demonstrate loyalty and commitment to Xavier, lead with spirit, enthusiasm and energy, and actively encourage others to get involved.

Nomination process:

Any student, staff member, or faculty member may nominate persons deserving of this award by completing the nomination form.

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### **Sally Watson Leadership Award**

This award is dedicated to the memory of Sally Watson who died on Sept. 2, 1995. Sally was Xavier's assistant to the vice president for student development and the director of orientation for more than 11 years. Sally was committed to working with students and helping them grow not only as student leaders, but as caring, thoughtful individuals. Her unselfish leadership style and care for each person were two characteristics that made Sally a much loved colleague, administrator, and friend.

Criteria for evaluation:

Candidates for this award should be a junior or senior who has demonstrated leadership in a variety of ways. An unselfish individual who is more concerned about getting things accomplished than about being recognized for their efforts. A person who helps other students develop their leadership abilities, genuinely cares about fellow students and demonstrates a commitment to making Xavier a better place.

Nomination process:

Any student, staff member or faculty member may nominate persons deserving of this award by completing the nomination form.

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### **Club/Organization of the Year & New Club/Organization of the Year**

The award for club/organization of the year and new club/organization of the year is presented annually by the student government association to the club/organization that has shown exceptional leadership from both advisor and officers. The club/organization has shown the initiative to improve their organization and impact the Xavier community through dedication to the organization's mission statement in accordance with the Xavier University mission.

Criteria for evaluation:

All clubs/organizations in good standing with the University and demonstrating active involvement with the Xavier Community.

Eligibility period:

Clubs/organizations eligible for this award are nominated for their contributions during the 2009 calendar year (spring semester 2009 through fall semester 2009).

Selection process:

Faculty, staff members, advisors, organization officers and other members of the Xavier community are encouraged to nominate clubs/organizations for this award by completing the nomination form. Then student government reviews their record in addition to the nomination for selection.

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## **Student Employee of the Year**

The award for student employee of the year is presented annually, by the on-campus employment council and the Career Services Center, to a student who while working and attending college, provided outstanding contributions and achievements in the areas of reliability, quality of work, initiative, professionalism and uniqueness of contribution. The student employee of the year is also a national and regional competition sponsored by MASEA (Midwest Association of Student Employment Administrators) and NASEA (National Association of Student Employment Administrators).

Criteria for evaluation:

Each nominee is evaluated on the following qualities: reliability, quality of work, initiative, professionalism, and uniqueness of contribution. Each of these qualities should be addressed in the nomination letter. In the case of a numerical tie on the evaluated qualities, uniqueness of contribution will be considered as the tiebreaker. Therefore be sure to highlight, in addition to the other qualities, the student employee's unique contribution to your department, office or community service site.

Eligibility Period:

The student must meet the qualifications listed below.

- 1) The student must be employed for a minimum of three months full-time or six months part-time between June 1 and May 31.
- 2) The student must be enrolled for the current academic year.
- 3) The student must be an undergraduate student or a graduate student who is performing in an undergraduate student employee position (not a graduate assistant or teaching assistant).

Nomination Process:

Supervisors, faculty, staff members, advisors and other members of the Xavier community are encouraged to nominate student employees for this award by completing the relevant nomination form along with a nomination letter highlighting the criteria for evaluation.

Only one nomination letter will be considered for each nominee. Therefore, each nominating department must choose one person within that department to write one letter of support for their nominee.

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