2014 HONORS DAY - STUDENT LEADERSHIP ASSEMBLY
AWARD DESCRIPTIONS AND CRITERIA

- Outstanding Contribution to Residential Students
- Outstanding Contribution to Commuter Students
- Outstanding Contribution to Non-Traditional Students
- Outstanding Contribution to Graduate Students
- Silver X-Key Achievement Award
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- President’s Award for Excellence in Leadership
OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO RESIDENTIAL STUDENTS

This award is presented annually to a residential student who, through the course of their experience as a Resident Assistant, Resident Student Association member, and/or community member, has been able to further the mission of the University by improving the on-campus living learning environment.

Eligibility Criteria:
- Candidates must be current Xavier students living in a campus residence hall or apartment for more than a semester.
- Candidates must demonstrate commitment to academic achievement with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or above.
- Candidates must be considered in good standing with the University.
- Candidates should demonstrate embodiment of the mission and values of the on-campus living and learning environment and the Office of Residence Life.
- Candidates should demonstrate commitment to creating a safe and inclusive community where all people are welcomed, valued and nurtured.
- Candidates should demonstrate exemplary behavior, character, and role modeling.
- Candidates should be positive, collaborative team members who effectively communicate with peers, staff, and administrators.
- Candidates should demonstrate an openness and willingness for self-growth and personal and professional development.
- Candidates will likely demonstrate service to the Xavier community as a Resident Assistant or Resident Student Association member.

Eligibility Period: Entire career at Xavier through January 2014

Selection Process:
- Xavier faculty or staff members may nominate students via the online nomination form.
- Student Involvement will verify nominees’ eligibility for award consideration.
- Nominees will be notified of their award nomination and invited to complete an online application for full consideration.
- A selection committee will review the application materials based upon the above criteria.
- Honorees will be invited to the award presentation at the Student Leadership Assembly on Saturday, April 5.

OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO COMMUTER STUDENTS

This award is presented annually to a commuter student who has provided outstanding leadership to commuter students as a scholar, advocate, community member, and role model.

Eligibility Criteria:
- Candidates must be current Xavier commuter students.
- Candidates must be current Xavier students commuting for at least one semester.
- Candidates must demonstrate commitment to academic achievement with a cumulative 2.5 GPA or above.
- Candidates must be considered in good standing with the University.
- Candidates are actively involved with commuter related programs and/or initiatives.
- Candidates should be positive members of their current off campus community.
- Candidates’ work or involvement should exemplify Xavier’s mission and/or Jesuit heritage.

Eligibility Period: Entire career at Xavier through January 2014

Selection Process:
- Xavier faculty or staff members may nominate students via the online nomination form.
- Student Involvement will verify nominees’ eligibility for award consideration.
- Nominees will be notified of their award nomination and invited to complete an online application for full consideration.
- A selection committee will review the application materials based upon the above criteria.
- Honorees will be invited to the award presentation at the Student Leadership Assembly on Saturday, April 5.
OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENTS

This award is presented annually to a non-traditional undergraduate student who has provided outstanding leadership to non-traditional undergraduates through service, initiative, and dedication.

Eligibility Criteria:
- Candidates must be current Xavier University non-traditional undergraduate students, age 22 years and older.
- Candidates must demonstrate commitment to academic achievement with a cumulative 2.5 GPA or above.
- Candidates must be considered in good standing with the University.
- Candidates should be sensitive to the needs of the non-traditional student and advocate for non-traditional student concerns.
- Candidates should support non-traditional students in their efforts to succeed at Xavier and to feel a part of the campus community.
- Candidates should be exemplary role models for the non-traditional student.
- Candidates should provide outstanding service to the University with regard to non-traditional students.

Eligibility Period: Entire career at Xavier through January 2014

Selection Process:
- Xavier faculty or staff members may nominate students via the online nomination form.
- Student Involvement will verify nominees’ eligibility for award consideration.
- Nominees will be notified of their award nomination and invited to complete an online application for full consideration.
- A selection committee will review the application materials based upon the above criteria.
- Honorees will be invited to the award presentation at the Student Leadership Assembly on Saturday, April 5.

OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO GRADUATE STUDENTS

This award is presented annually to a graduate student who has provided outstanding leadership to graduate students through service, initiative, and dedication.

Eligibility criteria:
- Candidates must be current Xavier University graduate students.
- Candidates must demonstrate commitment to academic achievement with a cumulative 2.5 GPA or above.
- Candidates must be considered in good standing with the University.
- Candidates should be sensitive to the needs of graduate students and advocate for graduate student concerns.
- Candidates should support graduate students in their efforts to succeed at Xavier and to feel a part of the campus community.
- Candidates should be exemplary role models for graduate students.
- Candidates should provide outstanding service to the University with regard to graduate students.

Eligibility Period: Entire career at Xavier through January 2014

Selection Process:
- Xavier faculty or staff members may nominate students via the online nomination form.
- Student Involvement will verify nominees’ eligibility for award consideration.
- Nominees will be notified of their award nomination and invited to complete an online application for full consideration.
- A selection committee will review the application materials based upon the above criteria.
- Honorees will be invited to the award presentation at the Student Leadership Assembly on Saturday, April 5.
**SILVER X-KEY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

These awards recognize students’ well-rounded co-curricular involvement and contributions to the Xavier community. First year and sophomore students are eligible for the Silver X-Key based upon the breadth of their campus involvement and academic achievement.

Eligibility Criteria:
- Candidates must be current Xavier University first or second year undergraduates or first-year transfer students.
- Candidates must demonstrate commitment to academic achievement with a cumulative 2.75 GPA or above.
- Candidates must be considered in good standing with the University.
- Candidates must demonstrate well-rounded co-curricular involvement with experiences in at least three of the following categories: academics, athletics, leadership, spirituality, service/community, wellness, employment, and/or other.
- Candidates should demonstrate ability to reflect upon their co-curricular learning.
- Candidates should show significant signs of potential to become a well-rounded campus leader.

Eligibility Period: Entire career at Xavier through January 2014

Selection Process:
- Xavier faculty or staff members may nominate students via the online nomination form.
- Student Involvement will verify nominees’ eligibility for award consideration.
- Nominees will be notified of their award nomination and invited to complete an online application for full consideration.
- A selection committee will review the application materials based upon the above criteria.
- Honorees will be invited to the award presentation at the Student Leadership Assembly on Saturday, April 5.

**GOLD X-KEY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

These awards recognize students’ well-rounded co-curricular involvement and contributions to the Xavier community. Junior and senior students are eligible for this Gold X-Key based upon the breadth and depth of their campus involvement and academic achievement.

Eligibility Criteria:
- Candidates must be current Xavier University juniors, seniors or second-year transfer students.
- Candidates must demonstrate commitment to academic achievement with a cumulative 2.75 GPA or above.
- Candidates must be considered in good standing with the University.
- Candidates must demonstrate well-rounded co-curricular involvement with experiences in at least four of the following categories: academics, athletics, leadership, spirituality, service/community, wellness, employment, and/or other.
- Candidates should demonstrate depth of co-curricular involvement through growth in responsibility, commitment, and/or leadership in two of the aforementioned categories.
- Candidates should demonstrate ability to reflect upon their co-curricular learning.

Eligibility Period: Entire career at Xavier through January 2014

Selection Process:
- Xavier faculty or staff members may nominate students via the online nomination form.
- Student Involvement will verify nominees’ eligibility for award consideration.
- Nominees will be notified of their award nomination and invited to complete an online application for full consideration.
- A selection committee will review the application materials based upon the above criteria.
- Honorees will be invited to the award presentation at the Student Leadership Assembly on Saturday, April 5.
STUDENT EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

This award is presented annually by the On-Campus Employment Council 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 award is part of a national and regional competition sponsored by Midwest Association of Student Employment Administrators and NASEA National Association of Student Employment Administrators.

Eligibility Criteria: Contact Student Employment for details
- Candidates must be current Xavier University undergraduate or graduate students.
- Candidates must hold an undergraduate student employment position.
- Candidates must be employed for a minimum of 3 months full-time or 6 months part-time between July 1 and June 30.
- Candidates must demonstrate commitment to academic achievement with a cumulative 2.5 GPA or above.
- Candidates must be considered in good standing with the University.
- Candidates should demonstrate reliability, quality of work, initiative, professionalism, and uniqueness of contribution.

Eligibility period: Students are nominated for their contributions from July 2013 through June 2014 (anticipated).

Selection Process: Contact Student Employment for details
- Xavier supervisors, faculty, staff, and advisors may nominate student employees via the 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.
- Student Employment will verify nominees’ eligibility for award consideration.
- A selection committee will review the nominations based upon the above criteria.
- Honorees will be invited to the award presentation at the Student Leadership Assembly on Saturday, April 5.

ROB SIEBER AWARD

This award is dedicated to the memory of Rob Sieber, a past employee of the Recreational Sports Department, who demonstrated outstanding service and loyalty to the department and related programs. The recipient demonstrates outstanding service and leadership that positively impacts the Recreational Sports Department.

Eligibility Criteria:
- Candidates must be current Xavier University students.
- Candidates must demonstrate commitment to academic achievement with a cumulative 2.5 GPA or above.
- Candidates must be considered in good standing with the University.
- Candidates should demonstrate outstanding contributions to the Recreational Sports Department.
- Candidates should demonstrate embodiment of the mission and values of the Recreational Sports Department.
- Candidates should demonstrate enhancement of a Recreational Sports Department program, activity, organization, or project.
- Candidates should demonstrate exemplary behavior, character, or role modeling.

Eligibility Period: Entire career at Xavier through January 2014

Selection Process:
- Xavier faculty or staff members may nominate students via the online nomination form.
- Student Involvement will verify nominees’ eligibility for award consideration.
- Nominees will be notified of their award nomination and invited to complete an online application for full consideration.
- A selection committee will review the application materials based upon the above criteria.
- Honorees will be invited to the award presentation at the Student Leadership Assembly on Saturday, April 5.
DAVID 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 and to make the most of their college experience. The recipient of this award exemplifies these qualities.

Eligibility Criteria:
- Candidates must be current Xavier University first or second-year students.
- Candidates must demonstrate commitment to academic achievement with a cumulative 2.75 GPA or above.
- Candidates must be considered in good standing with the University.
- Candidates should demonstrate both depth and breadth of co-curricular involvement.
- Candidates should demonstrate loyalty and commitment to Xavier University.
- Candidates should lead with spirit, enthusiasm, and energy.
- Candidates should actively encourage others to get involved in the campus community.

Eligibility Period: Entire career at Xavier through January 2014

Selection Process:
- Xavier faculty or staff members may nominate students via the online nomination form.
- Student Involvement will verify nominees’ eligibility for award consideration.
- Nominees will be notified of their award nomination and invited to complete an online application for full consideration.
- A selection committee will review the application materials based upon the above criteria.
- Honorees will be invited to the award presentation at the Student Leadership Assembly on Saturday, April 5.

SALLY WATSON LEADERSHIP AWARD

This award is dedicated to the memory of Sally Watson, Xavier’s former Assistant to the Vice President for Student Development and the Director of Orientation. Sally was committed to working with students and helping them grow as student leaders and 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. The recipient of this award exemplifies these qualities.

Eligibility Criteria:
- Candidates must be current Xavier University juniors, seniors or second-year transfer students.
- Candidates must demonstrate commitment to academic achievement with a cumulative 2.75 GPA or above.
- Candidates must be considered in good standing with the University.
- Candidates should demonstrate an unselfish leadership style and care for the individual person.
- Candidates should focus on helping other students grow as leaders and as compassionate individuals.
- Candidates should demonstrate genuine concern for other students and a commitment to making Xavier a better place.

Eligibility Period: Entire career at Xavier through January 2014

Selection Process:
- Xavier faculty or staff members may nominate students via the online nomination form.
- Student Involvement will verify nominees’ eligibility for award consideration.
- Nominees will be notified of their award nomination and invited to complete an online application for full consideration.
- A selection committee will review the application materials based upon the above criteria.
- Honorees will be invited to the award presentation at the Student Leadership Assembly on Saturday, April 5.
**WELLNESS LEADERSHIP AWARD**

This award is presented annually to two graduating students who have demonstrated consistent and outstanding leadership and exceptional dedication to the support of student wellness.

Eligibility Criteria:
- Candidates must be current Xavier University graduate or undergraduate students, graduating in the current spring semester.
- Candidates must demonstrate commitment to academic achievement with a cumulative 3.0 GPA or above.
- Candidates must be considered in good standing with the University.
- Candidates should demonstrate consistent and outstanding leadership to positively impact student wellness.
- Candidates will likely demonstrate service to the Xavier community through membership in a wellness-related organization such as, but not limited to, Student Health Advisory Council, Peer Educators, XSADDED, Active Minds and/or Xavier Students Against Sexual Assault.

Eligibility Period: Entire career at Xavier through January 2014

Selection Process:
- Xavier faculty or staff members may nominate students via the online nomination form.
- Student Involvement will verify nominees’ eligibility for award consideration.
- Nominees will be notified of their award nomination and invited to complete an online application for full consideration.
- A selection committee will review the application materials based upon the above criteria.
- Honorees will be invited to the award presentation at the Student Leadership Assembly on Saturday, April 5.

**AMBASSADOR AWARD**

This award honors a student who demonstrates a commitment to internationalizing the campus and increasing cultural awareness through involvement and leadership in campus programs, academic projects and/or community involvement.

Eligibility Criteria:
- Candidates must be current Xavier University students, including students in the Intensive English Program.
- Candidates must demonstrate commitment to academic achievement with a cumulative 2.75 GPA or above.
- Candidates must be considered in good standing with the University.
- Candidates should actively share a diverse perspective with the Xavier community, especially through academic projects, campus programs, and/or community involvement.
- Candidates should demonstrate the ability to find balance between incorporating themselves into a community which is not their home community while maintaining their sense of cultural identity.
- Candidates should display strong character, follow through on commitments, and serve as a positive example for Xavier students.
- Candidates will likely have studied abroad and returned to campus or may be enrolled at the University from another country.

Eligibility Period: Entire career at Xavier through January 2014

Selection Process:
- Xavier faculty or staff members may nominate students via the online nomination form.
- Student Involvement will verify nominees’ eligibility for award consideration.
- Nominees will be notified of their award nomination and invited to complete an online application for full consideration.
- A selection committee will review the application materials based upon the above criteria.
- Honorees will be invited to the award presentation at the Student Leadership Assembly on Saturday, April 5.
**DIVERSITY LEADERSHIP AWARD**

This award is presented annually to a student who has significantly contributed to a campus culture of equity and inclusion. The recipient demonstrates leadership for intercultural or intra-cultural education; social justice movement building; and/or strategies that advance Xavier’s Diversity and Equity Plan.

Eligibility Criteria:
- Candidates must be current Xavier University students.
- Candidates must demonstrate commitment to academic achievement with a cumulative 2.5 GPA or above.
- Candidates must be considered in good standing with the University.
- Candidates should demonstrate leadership through one or more of the following: intercultural or intra-cultural education, social justice movement building, and/or strategies that advance Xavier’s Diversity and Equity Plan.

Eligibility period: Students are nominated for their contributions from July 2013 through June 2014 (anticipated).

Selection Process:
- Xavier faculty or staff members may nominate students via the online nomination form.
- Student Involvement will verify nominees’ eligibility for award consideration.
- Nominees will be notified of their award nomination and invited to complete an online application for full consideration.
- A selection committee will review the application materials based upon the above criteria.
- Honorees will be invited to the award presentation at the Student Leadership Assembly on Saturday, April 5.

**DOROTHY DAY AWARD**

Named for the co-founder of the Catholic Worker movement, this award honors two graduating students who embody a commitment to deepening their spirituality, pursuing justice, and promoting pluralism.

Eligibility Criteria:
- Candidates must be current Xavier University undergraduate students, graduating in spring 2014.
- Candidates must demonstrate commitment to academic achievement with a cumulative 2.5 GPA or above.
- Candidates must be considered in good standing with the University.
- Candidates should embody the three tenets of the Center for Faith and Justice Mission: deepening spirituality, pursuing justice, and promoting pluralism.
- Candidates should demonstrate outstanding contributions to programs from the Center for Faith and Justice.

Eligibility Period: Entire career at Xavier through January 2014

Selection Process:
- Xavier faculty or staff members may nominate students via the online nomination form.
- Student Involvement will verify nominees’ eligibility for award consideration.
- Nominees will be notified of their award nomination and invited to complete an online application for full consideration.
- A selection committee will review the application materials based upon the above criteria.
- Honorees will be invited to the award presentation at the Student Leadership Assembly on Saturday, April 5.
FATHER FRANCIS J. FINN, S.J. AWARD

This award is named for a remarkable Jesuit priest, who, during the 1920’s, served as pastor of St. Xavier Church and was a member of the Xavier Board of Trustees. He was a noted author of books for young Catholics. This award is presented by the Xavier National Alumni Association to a member of the graduating class who best exemplifies the qualities of Fr. Finn’s fictional heroes: strong spiritual values, leadership, and breadth of interest.

Eligibility Criteria:
- Candidates must be current Xavier University undergraduates, graduating in spring 2014.
- Candidates must demonstrate commitment to academic achievement.
- Candidates must be considered in good standing with the University.
- Candidates should exemplify the qualities of Father Finn’s fictional heroes: strong spiritual values, leadership, and breadth of interest.

Eligibility Period: Entire career at Xavier through January 2014

Selection Process: Contact the National Alumni Office for details
- Xavier faculty or staff members may nominate students via the National Alumni Office.
- The National Alumni Office will verify nominees’ eligibility for award consideration.
- Nominees will be notified of their award nomination and invited to complete an application for full consideration.
- The Executive Committee of the National Alumni Board will select the award recipient.
- Honorees will be invited to the award presentation at the Student Leadership Assembly on Saturday, April 5.

PRESIDENT’S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP

Recognizing Xavier’s highest achieving students, these awards are given annually to junior, senior and graduate students, who have demonstrated outstanding overall service, scholarship, and leadership for the benefit of the Xavier community during their collegiate career.

Eligibility Criteria:
- Candidates must be current Xavier University juniors, seniors or graduate students.
- Candidates must demonstrate commitment to academic achievement with a cumulative 3.0 GPA or above.
- Candidates must be considered in good standing with the University.
- Candidates must demonstrate outstanding leadership as measured by the quality, impact, and legacy of their contributions.
- Candidates’ must demonstrate exceptional scholarship through academic research, publications, and/or presentations.
- Candidates should demonstrate outstanding service to the Xavier community.
- Candidates should demonstrate exceptional initiative, creativity, and/or problem solving ability.
- Candidates should demonstrate well-rounded co-curricular involvement with experiences in at least four of the following categories: academics, athletics, leadership, spirituality, service/community, wellness, employment, and/or other.
- Candidates should demonstrate depth of co-curricular involvement through growth in responsibility, commitment, and/or leadership in two of the aforementioned categories.
- Candidates should demonstrate ability to reflect upon their co-curricular learning.
- Candidates should demonstrate exemplary behavior, character, and/or role modeling.

Eligibility Period: Entire career at Xavier through January 2014

Selection Process:
- Xavier faculty or staff members may nominate students via the online nomination form.
- Student Involvement will verify nominees’ eligibility for award consideration.
- Nominees will be notified of their award nomination and invited to complete an online application for full consideration.
- A committee will evaluate candidates and recommend award recipients to the Associate Provost for Student Affairs and the President of the University.
- Honorees will be invited to the award presentation at the Student Leadership Assembly on Saturday, April 5.