Department of Communication  
Undergraduate Awards  
2019

Each spring semester, the Department offers awards to outstanding seniors in six categories. Nominations may come from instructors, fellow students, or as self-nominations. Applications for nominations are available on our website (See Undergraduate Program – Scholarships & Awards) and 108 Switzler Hall. Nominations must be submitted to 108 Switzler Hall no later than 5:00 pm, Friday, March 22, 2019.

Each nominee will be contacted and asked to submit a resume and a letter to the selection committee describing their experiences as a communication major, and speaking specifically to the criteria we are seeking in the nominees (see below). A faculty group will select the finalists and recipient of each award, and the award recipients and finalists will be announced at our COMM WEEK Awards Celebration on Thursday, April 21st at 5:30 pm in Stotler Lounge, Memorial Union.

Focus Area Awards

1. Outstanding Senior in Interpersonal & Family Communication (Mary-Jeanette Smythe Award)*
2. Outstanding Senior in Political Communication
3. Outstanding Senior in Organizational Communication
4. Outstanding Senior in Mass Media

Criteria: Each of these four awards is given to a senior who is a student scholar, student leader, and engaged in community service. As student scholars, the winners may have worked on research projects, earned high GPA’s, or taken a more difficult academic path. As student leaders, the winners may have provided leadership to a department club, a campus club, or other campus organizations. A winner will also show civic engagement by providing service work to their community, either in Columbia or elsewhere. A student can only be nominated in one of the four areas.

5. Outstanding Senior in Media Production Award (The G. Joseph Wolfe Award) is given to a senior who has demonstrated both creative and technical abilities in all phases of media production and has provided noteworthy involvement with student and/or community production activities. The award is named after a retired faculty member who taught courses in television production, broadcast history, media law, and film theory.

6. The Outstanding Senior in Service and Leadership (The Loren Reid Award) is given to a senior who has demonstrated exceptional leadership skills through their participation in student activities for the department, campus or community. The award is named after one of the first faculty members in the department and a national leader of the communication discipline. He taught courses in public address, rhetoric, and persuasion.

*The Outstanding Senior in Interpersonal & Family Communication (The Mary-Jeanette Smythe Award) is named after a professor emerita who taught in the department for her entire academic career. She taught courses in interpersonal and relational communication, nonverbal communication, and gender, language and communication.

Nominating form on the next page

Students may nominate themselves or a friend. Faculty and instructors are also encouraged to nominate outstanding seniors.
I want to nominate ______________________________________________________________ to be considered as a recipient of the following awards:

Nominee’s email ______________________________________________________________

_____ Outstanding Senior in Interpersonal & Family Communication

_____ Outstanding Senior in Organizational Communication

_____ Outstanding Senior in Political Communication

_____ Outstanding Senior in Mass Media

You may also nominate this person for the following two awards, if appropriate.

_____ Outstanding Senior in Media Production

_____ Outstanding Senior in Service and Leadership

Provide a brief explanation as to why you believe this is a strong candidate to receive this award. Criteria: Student Scholar, Student Leader, and Civic Engagement. (See other side of this form for a more detailed description of the criteria. Please attach a separate document to this application form with your endorsement.

If this is a self-nomination, please include a copy of your resume, and an elaboration as to how you meet the criteria.

For each student you nominate, we will ask them to submit a resume and a letter describing their involvement with the department, with examples of student leadership and civic engagement. All materials must be received in 108 Switzer Hall no later than Friday, April 5th.

Name of Nominator ____________________________________________________________ Date of Submission ____________________________

Nominator’s email ____________________________________________________________