2015 Spirit of Service Award

The Spirit of Service Award recognizes two non-graduating students who have demonstrated active engagement in addressing community concerns through individual or organizational initiatives and grown as active citizens through their work.

Application Process: A completed application includes the following:
- A list of your community engagement (include individual and group endeavors including service and volunteer work, community-based research, etc.)
- An essay (no longer than 500 words) that discusses “How have you been engaged with community and what have you learned/how have you grown from those experiences?”
- A completed recommendation form, preferably from a community organization or faculty/staff member (see information below).

Award Selection: A committee will select this year’s recipients based on the following criteria: depth of student engagement, commitment to achieving social justice through community partnerships, and growth as an active citizen.

Recognition: The award recipient will be announced at the annual Office of Community Engagement Active Citizens Celebration to be held on Wednesday, April 8, 2015. All nominees are invited and encouraged to attend the ceremony.

***Students that submit an application will also be eligible for the President’s Award for Service to the Community. This application will serve as the application for the President’s Award***

Please email applications to Elizabeth Miller (efmiller@wm.edu). Applications are due at 12p.m. on Wednesday, April 1st, 2015.

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Thank you for taking time to write a recommendation for a Spirit of Service Award nominee. Your perspective is of great value to us as we consider the diverse array of talented students that have applied for this award.

To help in our selection process, please answer the following questions.

**ACTION AND SOCIAL JUSTICE**
How has this student been actively engaged in the community (service and volunteer efforts, community-based research, etc.)?

**DEVELOPMENT AND LEVERAGING OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS**
How has this student developed relationships with the community through their involvement and how have they used these relationships to address community issues?

**EDUCATION AND STUDENT DEVELOPMENT**
How has this student grown from their involvement in community and what have they learned through their experiences?

Completed recommendations can be submitted with the student’s application or sent directly to Elizabeth Miller (efmiller@wm.edu) in The Office of Community Engagement.

Thank you again for your support in this selection process!

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