

WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY

2020-2021 LEADERSHIP AWARDS NOMINATION PROCESS

Why Submit? Every year West Chester University likes to honor its outstanding organizations and student leaders through a formal awards ceremony. Every student, club faculty/staff advisors, and all organizations at WCU are eligible as we recognize them for outstanding leadership. If you have an outstanding individual, student organization, or club faculty/staff advisor that you would like to nominate, here's how.

How do I submit a nomination? Please go to the website of the Office of Student Leadership & Involvement at <http://bit.ly/wculeadaward> and click on the Annual Leadership Awards link. **(It is preferable for you to submit using either Firefox or Chrome)** You will see a link to submit a nomination. Simply attach a typed letter of support **(one page or less, single-spaced, size 10 or larger font, one inch margins)** for an individual or group whom you feel is deserving of one of the awards listed **OR** fill in the box area on the electronic submission sheet to explain why your nominee(s) is/are worthy of consideration. Please include your name and email address on the nomination letter, as well as, the full name and email address of the person you are nominating.

Only one page? Yes, we only accept a one page nomination, but that can be single-spaced with wide margins. Because of the number of award nominations we receive, we have found that nominators can do a great job of nominating with just one page.

Who Can Nominate? Letters will **only be accepted** from current students, WCU faculty/staff and recent alumni (defined as December 2020 graduates) Individuals and groups can be nominated several times by different people – there is no limit to the number of nominations that a group or individual receives. You may also self-nominate. *If you have questions, please call Patricia Riley at (610) 436-2117 or by e-mail: priley2@wcupa.edu*

Nomination letters are due NO LATER THAN Friday, March 26 by 11:59 p.m.

All nominations must be submitted at <http://bit.ly/wculeadnom21>
(It is preferable for you to submit using either Firefox or Chrome)

Nominate for the Following Organization Awards:

Best Student Club Collaboration Award

This award will be presented to those clubs & organizations that have an event that is sponsored by two or more organizations to have a program or a series of programs that benefit the campus community. These programs could be educational, philanthropic, consciousness raising, entertaining, or feature cultural diversity understanding. Programs will be judged on the following: originality, creativity, value to the community, and degree to which the program has fulfilled its intended purpose. Examples of programs could be debates, panel discussions, social media challenges etc That helped to bridge or build community in a virtual environment that otherwise may not have connected otherwise. *(Eligible program nominations will have occurred between March 1, 2020 and March 24, 2021)*

Most Innovative Organization Award

The past year has led to all organizations adapting and innovating. This award will be presented to a club or organization that has made significant strides towards adapting to the remote learning to achieving their goals and mission. Please include details on how the organization has transformed itself since March of 2020.

Matthew J. Bricketto Organization of the Year Award

This award will be presented to a club or organization that has demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities. Such qualities may have been displayed through involvement in student activities, leadership development, organizational programming, and/or service. Please include information on how this organization has impacted the campus community.

Organization Program of the Year:

This award will be presented to a group or groups who have provided the most out-standing program to the campus, with consideration to those who have focused on philanthropic, consciousness-raising, entertaining, social, cultural diversity, or educational topics. Programs held will be judged on the following (as it applies): originality, creativity, values to the community, and degree to which the program has fulfilled the intended purpose, specify how the program was delivered virtually, hybrid. *(Eligible service nominations will have occurred between March 1, 2020 and March 24, 2021)*

Student Organization Community Service Award:

This award will be given to a group/organization that has created, participated in, and coordinated a wide variety of community service projects that have made a difference in our community. Please cite specific examples. *(Eligible service nominations will have occurred between March 1, 2020 and March 24, 2021).*

Outstanding New Student Organization Award

This award is given to an undergraduate student organization that has only been recognized by the University for **up to three years**. The nomination letter needs to demonstrate in its narrative how the mission and vision of the student organization has contributed to the growth and development of the organization and how, through the actions and deeds of the members since recognition was granted, the organization has benefited the campus environment. Specific information on membership growth, programming, and support services provided to members will benefit nominations.

Nominate for the Following Individual Awards

Citizen Leader Award

This recognition will be presented to those Students, faculty, or staff member who, in their daily life, understand and embody the virtues of honor, character and civility, embracing diversity, empathy, team-work, and social responsibility.

Madeleine Wing Adler Emerging Leader Award

This award focuses on the first year or second year student leader (student with less than 60 credits) who has shown the most promise of leadership. The promise could be displayed through leadership roles or active participation in student organizations, academia, or service.

Diane DeVestern Ethical Leadership Award

This award is given to a student leader who demonstrates strong ethical principles in service to others. Nominations should discuss how the nominee has exhibited ethics and integrity. This award is given in tribute to Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, Diane DeVestern, for her long-standing commitment to the students of West Chester University.

Beverly A. Domenick Award for Leadership

This award is given to a student leader who displays the following characteristics: practical, resourceful, responsible decision-making, integrity, compassion for others, and the ability when leading to know when to “just do it”. This award is given in memory of Beverly Domenick, a long-time employee and friend of Student Affairs.

Thomas J. Purce Organization Advisor of the Year

This award will be given to an advisor who has served a West Chester University group above and beyond expectations. This individual may be new to the position or may have been working with the group for several years. *(only nominations from students will be considered)*

People's Choice Award

This award will be presented to an individual at WCU (student or employee) who has a genuine concern for others, is committed to serve and has gone above and beyond the call of duty for the betterment of the campus community. Please include in your letter how this person has impacted you and/or the student body.

Senior Leader Award

This award focuses upon the senior leader (student with 90 or more credits) who has shown the most capable leadership ability throughout his/her years at WCU. The individual's leadership ability may have been displayed through excellence in student organizations, academia, or service.

WCU Leader Award

This award will be presented to a West Chester University student who has held a variety of leadership positions and demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities. Please include information on how this nominated individual has impacted the campus community.

Golden Ram Award

This award is given to an undergraduate student who demonstrates high involvement, creates positive experiences through the campus community, impacts student life at WCU and enhances the Golden Ram spirit. This award recognizes a student who makes contributions to the University through participation in student organizations, WCU traditions and university events.

Outstanding Graduate Student Award

The Outstanding Graduate Student Award recognizes a graduate student leader who has made extraordinary contributions to his or her scholarly, campus, and/or wider communities. The recipient should demonstrate strong leadership skills through such activities as peer mentoring, teaching, research, publishing creative work, and service, employment and/or participation in professional association activities.

Leadership in Sustainability Award

This award will be presented to an individual or organization who has made significant efforts towards helping our University be more sustainable in all its efforts. The student or organization nominated must have made a difference at West Chester University through their personal efforts to be more sustainable in their daily lives, encouraging their peers to become more sustainable, and/or working to make WCU a more sustainable community.

Outstanding Mentoring Award

This award will be given to an outstanding student leader who has assumed the role of mentor for a fellow student or group of students at West Chester University. The definition of mentor is “to teach or gives advice or guidance to a less experienced and often younger person”. Any student leader who has been a mentor to someone else on campus can be considered for this award. The nomination letter must discuss how this person’s mentoring has directly impacted those he/she mentored.

Outstanding Public Service Award

This award will be presented to an individual who exhibits an ongoing commitment to community service. Recipients should demonstrate a strong desire to serve their community and regularly participate in public service opportunities. Students selected for this award will receive a scholarship from the WCU Foundation. Nominator for this award has a series of questions to answer found in the award section on RamConnect

Toni H. Kampf Paraprofessional Student Leader Award

This award is presented in honor of Toni H. Kampf to a student paraprofessional employed by West Chester University who exemplifies strong leadership qualities in their role as an on-campus employee, in their student organization, and holds at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA. This award recognizes a student for a strong work ethic in their on-campus job, academic excellence, and dedicated membership in at least one campus organization where they have demonstrated tremendous leadership. The nomination letter must include GPA of nominated student, a narrative regarding their efforts in their on-campus job, and description on how they have contributed to the success of their campus organization. *Nominations will only be accepted by current students, faculty or staff.*

All Award Nominations are due NO LATER than March 26, 2021 at 11:59 PM <http://bit.ly/wculeadawards>

The 24th Annual Leadership Awards Ceremony will be hosted online on the WCU Leadership YouTube Channel on April 29th at 7pm.