Rowan Medallion Awards
2015

Descriptions and Criteria

Departments choose the medallion recipients based on the criteria found in this document.

http://www.rowan.edu/president/senate/medallion.html
Joseph Robert Sorelle Scholar-Athlete Award for the College of Business  
**PERPETUAL**
This award honors the memory of Joseph Robert Sorelle, an alumnus of the Class of 1988. He was an accounting major, passed the CPA exam the first time, then went on to law school and was a member of the Pennsylvania and New Jersey Bars. The sponsors are Dr. George Romeo and Mr. Anthony J. Lisa.

**Criteria:**
Business student who is also a varsity letter winner. If more than one, highest GPA.

Tevis M. Goldhaft Leadership in Business Award  
**PERPETUAL**
Dr. Tevis M. Goldhaft served as a member of the University Board of Trustees from 1968 to 1981. This medallion is donated by Dr. Goldhaft to recognize a business student who exhibits strong leadership.

**Criteria:**
- Recognition among faculty and students
- Academic achievement
- Personal academic goal
- Active leadership in student club
- Active involvement in other related student organizations
- Faculty recommendation

Management Institute Outstanding Business Student  
**PERPETUAL**
This award, donated by the Management Institute, is given to a student who excels in professional, volunteer, research, and leadership activities in the College of Business.

**Criteria:**
- Superior academic achievement
- Leadership role in student professional chapter
- Civic activity

Robert D. Lynch Award for Leadership in Human Resources Management  
**PERPETUAL**
Dr. Robert Lynch was a professor in the Department of Management and MIS until his retirement in 1999. This medallion has been established in his honor and is presented to a student who excels in the field of human resources management.

**Criteria:**
- Minimum 3.0 GPA
- Membership in National Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM)
- Leadership in SHRM student chapter

Leo C. Beebe Excellence in Marketing Management Award  
**PERPETUAL**
This award is presented to a student who has shown excellence in marketing management. It is given in honor of Leo C. Beebe, who was a professor in the College of Business from 1972 to 1985, and served as dean for most of those years.

**Criteria:**
- Scholarly achievement
- Outstanding work or educational experiences
- Campus/university involvement
Parthenia J. Vandermark Creative Arts Award  
PERPETUAL
Parthenia J. Vandermark served as chairperson of the Art Department for many years. Awarded to a senior Art major who demonstrates excellence in creative arts, this medallion is perpetually funded with a gift by the late Ms. Vandermark.  
Criteria:
• Creative achievement  
• Academic achievement

Rodney E. Gates Award for Excellence in Art Education  
PERPETUAL
This medallion is awarded to an outstanding Art Education major who has exhibited scholastic and artistic excellence, involvement in professional organizations, and community service. It is funded by Mr. Rodney E. Gates.  
Criteria:
• Active role in art education  
• Artistic achievement  
• Membership and leadership in student club

Harvey and Harriet Alpert Creative Achievement in Fine Arts  
PERPETUAL
This medallion is given to a senior Art major who has produced high level studio work in and out of the classroom and has shown curiosity and passion in art. It is donated by Harvey and Harriet Alpert.  
Criteria:
• Overall GPA 3.5 or above.  
• Recommended by at least two faculty members, one being a studio advisor.  
• Student must produce high level studio work and also create art work outside class requirement, and show a curiosity for art, a passion to produce art, and be judged a positive member of his/her class by fellow students and instructors.  
• Student must complete a substantive body of work that will be represented to the College in the form of a Senior Thesis show. This work must be unified and connected in style and theme, not just a collection of accumulated work, but the result of a well-planned thesis.  
• Student must write an artist statement and act as a curator of the exhibit including announcements to publicize the exhibition.  
• All announcements, publicity, etc., must include that the artist is a recipient of the Harvey and Harriet Alpert Creative Achievement in Fine Arts Award.

Hal Vogel Award for Excellence in Advertising  
PERPETUAL
The Hal Vogel Award for Excellence in Advertising is given to an Advertising major who excels in that field.  
Criteria:
• Minimum 3.0 GPA  
• Leadership qualities in advertising  
• Active in department activities  
• Good representation with outside professionals

Excellence in Communication Studies Award  
PERPETUAL
This medallion is awarded to a student who has made an outstanding contribution to the university community and demonstrates academic capability, responsibility, and leadership.  
Criteria:
• Minimum 3.0 GPA overall  
• One of the highest GPAs in concentration  
• Demonstration of academic capability, responsibility, and leadership

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Jack Gillespie Award for Excellence in Journalism  
**PERPETUAL**
This medallion honors Jack Gillespie, Professor Emeritus, and is awarded to a student who demonstrates journalism skills, commitment to quality campus publications, and dedication to the art and craft of writing. It is donated by Mr. Richard Ambacher, Professor Emeritus.

**Criteria:**
- Minimum 3.0 GPA
- Excellence in reporting and writing
- Publication of articles
- Positive and enthusiastic attitude

Claudia Cuddy Award for Excellence in Editing and Publishing  
**PERPETUAL**
This award honors a student who excels in editing and/or page layout and also contributes extensively to publications, especially on campus.

**Criteria:**
- GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Contributions to publications
- Exceptional ability in editing and/or page layout

Anthony J. Fulginiti Award for Excellence in Public Relations  
**PERPETUAL**
This medallion is donated by Anthony J. Fulginiti, a member of the Department of Public Relations/Advertising and founder of Rowan’s chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA). The award recognizes a senior who excels in public relations.

**Criteria:**
- Superior academic GPA
- Leadership position in PRSSA
- Significant internships
- University service
- Community service

Litwin Family Medallion for Excellence in Strategic Public Relations Writing  
**PERPETUAL**
Given by the Larry Litwin family, this award honors a public relations major who demonstrates outstanding strategic writing.

**Criteria:**
- Superior academic GPA
- Outstanding strategic (persuasive) public relations writer, with research component
- Has completed department, college, university, and community service
- Being published in a mainstream publication would be a plus
- Student is required to write a 250-word essay on why they should be the medallion recipient

Anne Sceia Klein Professional Advisor Medallion for Outstanding Professionalism  
**PERPETUAL**
Given by Anne Sceia Klein, this award honors a student who has shown outstanding professionalism in public relations. Anne Sceia Klein, APR, Fellow PRSA, is president of Anne Klein & Associates and a member of the Rowan University Public Relations Hall of Fame.

**Criteria:**
- Superior academic GPA
- Leadership position in PRSSA
- Leadership in student firm, PRaction
- Significant internships
- University, college, and community service

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Wanda Kaleta Award for Excellence in Cinema & Media Studies

This medallion is named in memory of the mother of Dr. Kenneth Kaleta, a professor in the Department of Radio/TV/Film, and is awarded to the individual who excels in cinema and media studies. It is donated by friends and family of Mrs. Kaleta.

Criteria:
- GPA
- Academic success in Radio/TV/Film critical studies
- Contributions and participation in professional research
- Contributions to department research
- Professional potential in area of study

Donovan Family Award for Excellence in Radio, TV, and Film

This medallion is donated by Mike Donovan, a professor in the Radio/TV/Film Department, and his wife, Linda, and is awarded to a student who excels in radio, TV, and film.

Criteria:
- Superior academic GPA
- Demonstration of the attitude, ethics, and behavior of an industry professional
- Commitment to Radio/TV/Film Program academic and co-curricular activities

Bierman Family Award for Excellence in Media Production

This medallion is donated by Dr. Dianne Garyantes in honor of Dr. Joseph Bierman’s long history with Rowan University. It is awarded to a student who excels academically and creatively in the area of media production.

Criteria:
- GPA
- Academic success in the Radio, Television and Film program
- Contributions and participation in Radio, Television and Film co-curricular activities
- Professional potential in area of study

Excellence in Writing Arts Award

This medallion is awarded to a senior who has demonstrated outstanding course performance, strong leadership skills, and excellent career potential as a writer and as a teacher of writing. It is perpetually funded by the faculty of the Writing Arts Department.

Criteria:
- Candidate for BA in Writing Arts
- Minimum 3.5 GPA
- Recommendation of the Writing Arts faculty
- Excellent performance
Daniel P. Stanley Health and Exercise Science Alumni Award  Ed1
PERPETUAL
Sponsored by the Department of Health and Exercise Science, this medallion honors Dr. Daniel P. Stanley, Professor Emeritus. It is awarded to an alumnus or alumna for excellence in the field of physical education.
Criteria:
• Alumnus/alumna of Rowan University (Undergraduate and/or Graduate Health & PE Program)
• Successful teaching for five or more years
• Membership in state and/or AAHPERD associations
• Presentation Clinician, or consultant for various professional health and physical education conferences
• Recognized as an outstanding teacher by some professional organization (optional)
• Served as a cooperating teacher for Rowan University student teachers

3B Orthopaedics Athletic Training Student Excellence  Ed2
PERPETUAL
This award goes to a senior specializing in athletic training who demonstrates excellence and plans to pursue a graduate degree in athletic training.
Criteria – based on 100 points:
• GPA in Athletic Training (30 points)
• Clinical evaluations, Junior and Senior years (30 points)
• Outside activities (extracurricular, Athletic Training Club, volunteer activities, conference attendance) (40 points)

Evelyn M. Reade Health & Exercise Science Award  Ed3
Annual Award
Dr. Evelyn M. Reade, a member of the Department of Health and Exercise Science from 1946 to 1972, served as department chairperson and dean of women. This medallion is donated in her memory to a deserving Health and Exercise Science major.
Criteria:
• Senior HES major who has maintained a GPA of 2.85 or better

Health Promotion and Fitness Management Award  Ed4
Annual Award
This medallion, donated by the Department of Health and Exercise Science, is awarded to a graduating Health Promotion/Fitness Management student who excels in academics and is committed to community service.
Criteria:
• GPA
• Extracurricular involvement
• Professional development

John A. Rocco Postbaccalaureate Award for Excellence in Secondary Teaching  Ed5
PERPETUAL
Donated by Mr. John Harris, this award honors Dr. John A. Rocco, a long-time educator and friend of public and higher education. The award recognizes a student who excels in teaching.
Criteria:
• GPA
• Demonstrated skill in interpersonal relations with students and faculty
• Demonstrated excellence in presenting content and motivating learners
• Demonstrated high competency in subject matter field

Leonard L. Mancuso Award for Excellence in Secondary School Student Teaching  Ed6
PERPETUAL
This medallion, donated by Dr. Thomas J. Gallia, Vice President for University Relations, is named in memory of Leonard L. Mancuso. It is awarded to the outstanding secondary school student teacher of the year, as determined by the Rowan University student teacher supervisory team.
Criteria:
• GPA
• Demonstrated skills in interpersonal relations with students and faculty

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• Demonstrated excellence in presentations of a variety of teaching skills
• Demonstrated subject matter competency in the field

**Thomas J. Gallia Award for Excellence in Secondary Science Teaching**

**PERPETUAL**

This award honors Dr. Thomas J. Gallia, Vice President for University Relations, and former member of the College of Education. The medallion is awarded to a student who exemplifies commitment to teaching in the Secondary Sciences. It is donated by an anonymous educator.

**Criteria:**
• GPA
• Demonstrated skills in interpersonal relations with students and faculty
• Demonstrated excellence in teaching and motivating strategies in science
• Demonstrated subject matter knowledge in the field of science

**Ida & Jeff Margolis Award for Social Studies and Multicultural Teaching**

**PERPETUAL**

This award is presented to a secondary education student who demonstrates excellence in teaching social studies and exemplifies commitment to multicultural education.

**Criteria:**
• GPA
• Implementation of teaching competencies
• Contribution to his/her school where he/she did student teaching
• Dedication to and practitioner of multicultural education
• Knowledge of social studies

**Stanton B. Langworthy Award for Excellence in Foundations of Education**

**PERPETUAL**

This medallion is awarded to an individual exhibiting academic excellence and professionalism in the area of foundations of education. It is donated by Dr. Morton Tener.

**Criteria:**
• GPA
• Knowledge in Foundations of Education
• Illustrated excellent research skills
• Dedicated to cultural diversity
• Subject matter competency

**Marion Rilling Award for Excellence in Early Childhood Education**

**PERPETUAL**

This award honors the late Dr. Marion Rilling, professor of Elementary and Early Childhood Education, former dean of the College of Education, and dean of the Graduate School. Sponsored by Dr. Christy Faison, Dr. Thomas Gallia, and friends, it is awarded to a student who demonstrates excellence, creativity, and commitment to teaching children in preschool through grade three.

**Criteria:**
• excellent GPA
• demonstrates excellence in working with young children
• creativity, initiative, and enthusiasm for profession of teaching

**Susan Taber Excellence in Elementary Mathematics Education Award**

**PERPETUAL**

This award honors the memory of Dr. Susan Taber, Professor and former Chair of the Department of Elementary/Early Childhood Education, and is sponsored by members of the Department of Teacher Education. The medallion is awarded to a student completing dual majors in Mathematics and Education: Specialization in Elementary Education, who demonstrates academic excellence in mathematics and in elementary education and exemplifies enthusiasm and a commitment to teaching mathematics at the elementary level.

**Criteria:**
• GPA of 3.5 or better
• Demonstrates subject matter knowledge in the field of mathematics
• Demonstrates creativity in elementary education, specifically in the teaching of mathematics at the elementary level
Excellence in Elementary Education Award
PERPETUAL
This medallion is sponsored by the Department of Teacher Education and recognizes an outstanding student in Elementary Education. The recipient demonstrates both academic excellence and commitment to teaching elementary students.
Criteria:
• GPA of 3.75 or better
• Demonstrates excellence in interpersonal skills with elementary faculty, parents, and students
• Demonstrates subject matter competency in all elementary subjects, both in instructional design and implementation
• Demonstrates a commitment to teaching at the elementary level

Cecil F. Miller Special Education Award
PERPETUAL
Dr. Cecil F. Miller served as a member of the Department of Special Education from 1972 to 1979. This medallion is donated in his memory by the Department of Language, Literacy, and Special Education to a student who exemplifies leadership in Special Education.
Criteria:
• 3.0 GPA or above
• Personal community service
• Professional development
• Membership and participation in related organizations

Evelyn Slobodzian Excellence in Reading Award
PERPETUAL
Dr. Evelyn Slobodzian, Professor Emerita, was a member of the Department of Reading from 1961 to 1980. She served as chairperson for many years. This medallion is donated in her memory by the Department of Language, Literacy, and Special Education for academic excellence and distinguished service.
Criteria:
• Must be an undergraduate reading certification student
• Must have completed the program no later than the summer session following graduation
• Must have a minimum GPA of 3.5 for the reading courses
• Must have an overall GPA minimum of 3.0
• Must have demonstrated service beyond normal course requirements

Robert L. Donaghay Award for Excellence in School Nursing
PERPETUAL
This medallion, donated by Robert L. Donaghay, Professor Emeritus, is awarded to the graduating school nursing major with the highest grade point average.
Criteria:
• Highest GPA in the School Nursing program
• Graduating with BA degree
Clarence Slater Award for Excellence in Chemical Engineering

Established by Dr. C. Stewart Slater, the founding chair of the Chemical Engineering Department, this medallion is awarded to an outstanding graduating senior in the department. The award is named in memory of Dr. Slater's father, Clarence, who was an eminent educator in Southern New Jersey, with 40 years of service as a teacher, department head, and administrator at Atlantic City High School.

Criteria:
- Student GPA (Chemical Engineering courses weigh heavily)
- Undergraduate research (i.e., the student’s ability to excel in their junior/senior clinic project)
- Activities in support of the Chemical Engineering Department

Ralph Alan Dusseau Award for Civil and Environmental Engineering

This medallion is presented to a student who has established an outstanding record of service, scholarship, leadership, hard work, and dedication in the field and is donated by Dr. Ralph A. Dusseau, founding chair of the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering.

Criteria:
- Hard work
- Dedication
- Ability to overcome obstacles
- Service
- Scholarship

C. Ernest O’Neal Award for Electrical and Computer Engineering

Presented to an electrical and computer engineering student with an outstanding academic record and who has demonstrated strong leadership in professional societies, this award is sponsored by Dr. John L. Schmalzel, founding chair of the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department.

Criteria:
- Top 5% GPA of graduating seniors
- Strong leadership
- Active in Student Chapter of IEEE

Tirupathi Reddy Chandrupatla Award for Excellence in Mechanical Engineering

Sponsored by the Department of Mechanical Engineering, this award is presented to the student who best demonstrates character, leadership achievements and potential, the attitude of a team player, and a strong GPA.

Criteria:
- Student must be academically strong, as shown by his or her cumulative GPA.
- Student is of outstanding character, as noted by the faculty in the department.
- Student exemplifies the goals, aspirations, and spirit of the department.

Irene Elizabeth Tracey Award for Excellence in Engineering

Awarded to an engineering student who has demonstrated excellence in scholarship, leadership, service, and character. This award is presented by faculty in the College of Engineering in memory of Irene Tracey, mother of Dr. James Tracey, founding dean of the College of Engineering.

Criteria:
- Academic excellence
- Service to profession and institution
- Exemplary character
- Strong leadership qualities
Corann Okorodudu Award for Excellence in Africana Studies

Annual Award

Funded through donations from the Steering Committee for Africana Studies, this award is presented to the graduating senior with the highest GPA in the concentration.

Criteria:
• Overall cumulative GPA of 3.0 as a minimum
• GPA of 3.0 or better in the concentration
• Highest GPA in the concentration
• Evidence of academic leadership and service, directly inclusive of African descendant groups.

Excellence in Environmental Studies Award

Annual Award

This award is presented to a graduating student who excels in the field of environmental studies.

Criteria:
• Graduating senior at the end of the current academic year
• Must have completed at least 45 s.h. of coursework at Rowan prior to the spring semester of the current academic year
• Must have a record of outstanding performance in coursework required for an environmental studies degree (in general, a cumulative GPA > 3.5 for all coursework completed at Rowan University)
• Must have an outstanding record of involvement in research and/or volunteer opportunities within the university or within the environmental community

Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures Award

Annual Award

This medallion, donated by the Department of Foreign Languages and Literature, is awarded to a graduating student who excels in Spanish.

Criteria:
• Academic achievement
• Personal growth
• Leadership

Gary Hunter Excellence in History Award

PERPETUAL

This medallion, donated by the Department of History in memory of Professor Gary Hunter, is awarded to a senior who excels in upper division history courses, and for service to the department.

Criteria:
• GPA of 3.0 or higher
• Scholarly activity
• Student activity
• Community activity/service

George Geng and Ethel Brannan International Education Award

PERPETUAL

This award is given to an international student for noteworthy academics and service to the Rowan community. The award commemorates George Geng and Ethel Brannan, who were former presidents of the World Education Council, now called the International Education Council.

Criteria:
• 3.5 GPA/noteworthy achievement
• Graduating senior
• Service to Rowan community

Excellence in Law and Justice Studies Award

Annual Award

This medallion, sponsored by the Department, is presented to the graduating Law and Justice Studies major with the highest grade point average and at least 53 credits taken at Rowan University.

Criteria:
• Graduating senior in the current academic year with highest GPA
Francis Peacock Political Science Award
PERPETUAL
Francis G. Peacock, Professor Emeritus, served as a member of the Department of Political Science from 1946 to 1974. This medallion is donated in his memory by the Department of Political Science and the student Political Science Club.
Criteria:
• Graduating senior with highest cumulative GPA

Samuel E. Witchell Sociology Award
Annual Award
Dr. Samuel E. Witchell, Professor Emeritus, a member of the Department of Sociology from 1937 to 1972, served as dean of men during World War II and received an honorary doctorate from the University. This medallion is donated in his memory by the Department of Sociology to a student who best demonstrates the “sociological imagination.”
Criteria:
• Graduating senior sociology major with at least 90 semester hours in September of the academic year in which the award is given
• Overall GPA of at least 3.0 in February of the academic year in which the award is given
• Sociology course GPA of at least 3.5 in February of the academic year in which the award is given
• A minimum of 18 of the 33 semester hours needed in sociology having been completed by February of the academic year in which the award is given, with 12 of the 18 hours having been completed at Rowan University, and with at least 9 hours at the 300/400 level
• A student who best demonstrates the “sociological imagination”

Medallion for Economics Excellence
5-year-award, year 2
This award is given out by the Economics Program of the Political Science and Economics Department to a graduating senior Economics major with the highest GPA.
Criteria:
• Economics major who graduated last summer, this past December, or this coming May
• Highest GPA

Richard Scott Award for Excellence in GIS
5-year-award, year 2
This award is presented to a graduating student who excels in the field of Geographic Information Systems (GIS). Sponsors of this award are Dr. Richard Scott, founder of the GIS program at Rowan, and his wife Rose.
Criteria:
• Graduating senior at the end of the current academic year
• Must have completed at least 45 s.h. of coursework at Rowan prior to the spring semester of the current academic year.
• Must have a record of outstanding performance in coursework required for a degree in GIS (in general, a cumulative GPA > 3.5 for all coursework completed at Rowan University)
• Must have an outstanding record of involvement in research and/or volunteer opportunities within the University or within the environmental community.
W. Clarke Pfleeger Award for Musical Excellence  PA1

**PERPETUAL**
Dr. W. Clarke Pfleeger, Professor Emeritus, was a member of the Department of Music from 1947 until his retirement in 1988, serving as chairperson for many years. This medallion is donated in his memory by his wife, Lucille Pfleeger.

**Criteria**:
- Outstanding performer
- High GPA
- Visible in the Music Department
- Contribution to profession
- Outstanding representation

Bryna G. Goldhaft Dance Award  PA2

**PERPETUAL**
Bryna G. Goldhaft, the original sponsor of this award, was a longtime supporter of the University’s Dance Program and the Fine and Performing Arts. This medallion is donated by Dr. Tevis M. Goldhaft in her memory.

**Criteria**:
- Overall GPA
- Artistic excellence of candidate
- Contributions to the dance program
- Contributions to Dance Extensions

Phillip Graneto Excellence in Theatre Award  PA3

**PERPETUAL**
This medallion is awarded to a senior who has been an active leader in theatre student organizations and displays an all-around quality of academic and artistic excellence. It is donated by Phillip Graneto.

**Criteria**:
- Overall academic excellence as reflected by a cumulative GPA above 3.2
- Academic excellence in the major as reflected by a cumulative GPA in the major above a 3.2
- Frequent and focused participation in department production (both faculty and student directed in either performance or technical capacities)
- Active participation in departmental activities including leadership and participation in student clubs and organizations and/or contribution to department recruitment and retention initiatives

Joseph Robinette Excellence in Theatre and Dance Award  PA4

**PERPETUAL**
This medallion is awarded to a senior who has been an active leader in theatre student organizations and displays an all-around quality of academic and artistic excellence. It is donated by Joseph Robinette.

**Criteria**:
- Overall academic excellence as reflected by a cumulative GPA above 3.2
- Academic excellence in the major as reflected by a cumulative GPA in the major above a 3.2
- Frequent and focused participation in department production (both faculty and student directed in either performance or technical capacities)
- Active participation in departmental activities including leadership and participation in student clubs and organizations and/or contribution to department recruitment and retention initiatives

Ann B. Ward Creative Achievement in Fine and Performing Arts Award  PA5

**PERPETUAL**
Donated by Mrs. Sherman C. Ward, former member and chairperson of the Board of Trustees, this medallion is awarded for excellence in fine arts performance. Although the award is “housed” in the College of Performing Arts, students in the Department of Art are also eligible for this award.

**Criteria**:
- Significant accomplishment in a Fine and Performing Arts medium that has resulted in the creation of a work (or works) of art (including musical and theatrical works) and for which the artist has received significant recognition beyond coursework.
- Performance level of the highest standard, equal to that of any young performer/artist in the U.S.
- Consideration given to student’s other contributions to the University and/or community and to academic achievement.
Robert N. Renlund Preprofessional Award in the Allied Health Field

PERPETUAL

Established in memory of Dr. Robert Renlund, a faculty member in the Department of Biological Sciences, this award is given for excellence in premedical or preprofessional studies. It is donated by the Preprofessional Club.

Criteria:
• Must be a graduating senior at the end of the current academic year
• Must have completed at least 45 s.h. of coursework at Rowan University prior to the Spring Semester of the current academic year
• Must have a record of outstanding performance in coursework required for a biology degree (in general, a cumulative GPA > 3.50 for all coursework completed at Rowan University)
• Must have an outstanding record of involvement in the department or within the community of biology
• Must receive the support of a majority of faculty members that choose to participate in an election

Excellence in Biological Sciences Award

PERPETUAL

This award is presented to a graduating student who excels in the field. It is donated by the Biology Club.

Criteria:
• Must be a graduating senior at the end of the current academic year
• Must have completed at least 45 s.h. of coursework at Rowan University prior to the Spring Semester of the current academic year
• Must have a record of outstanding performance in coursework required for a biology degree (in general, a cumulative GPA > 3.50 for all coursework completed at Rowan University)
• Must have an outstanding record of involvement in research opportunities within the department or within the community of biology
• Must receive the support of a majority of faculty members that choose to participate in an election

Michael Miller Award for Excellence in Chemistry or Biochemistry

PERPETUAL

Donated by the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, this medallion is presented to a senior student who excels in chemistry or biochemistry, demonstrates leadership, and shows potential for advancing the chemical profession.

Criteria:
• GPA over 3.5
• Excellent senior in biochemistry or chemistry
• Demonstrates a leadership role
• Graduate school potential

Nhan Huynh Award for Excellence in Computer Science

PERPETUAL

Donated by members of the Computer Science Department, this award is named in memory of Nhan Huynh, a graduate of the Class of 1989. It is presented to the student with the highest GPA in computer science courses. Candidates will include include BSMS (4th year with undergraduate status) and MSBS (5th year with graduate status) students who have satisfied all requirements for the BS as of May of the current year, or December or August of the previous calendar year.

Criteria:
• Highest GPA in computer science courses
• Faculty recommendation

Note: Candidates will include include BSMS (4th year with undergraduate status) and MSBS (5th year with graduate status) students who have satisfied all requirements for the BS as of May of the current year, or December or August of the previous calendar year.

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Excellence in Liberal Studies Math/Science Award

Presented to the outstanding senior Liberal Studies major in the Math/Science concentration, this award recognizes academic achievement and the ability to communicate effectively in the subject areas. The sponsors are Dr. Janet Caldwell, Dr. Michael Grove, Dr. Gregory Hecht, Dr. Paul Laumakis, Dr. Karen Magee-Sauer, Dr. Eric Milou, Dr. Robert Newland, and Dr. George Randall.

Criteria:
• Overall GPA
• GPA in major classes
• Contributions to university community

James M. Shafer Excellence in Mathematics Award

Dr. James M. Shafer was a member of the Department of Mathematics from 1965 to 1980. He was instrumental in the development of the Mathematics major at the University. This medallion is donated by the Department of Mathematics in his memory.

Criteria:
• Highest GPA in math major courses above Calculus II
• Math publications and competitions
• Number of math courses taken

Excellence in Nursing

This medallion is awarded by an anonymous donor to an outstanding nursing student.

Criteria
• Outstanding performance in course work leading to a BSN
• GPA over 3.5 for all coursework at Rowan
• Support of a majority of nursing faculty
• A graduating senior who is a Registered Nurse

Excellence in Physics Award

This award, donated by the Department of Physics and Astronomy, is presented to a Physics major who has demonstrated potential for continued academic or professional growth, and has significantly contributed to the department.

Criteria:
• Academic success in physics (GPA > 3.0)
• Academic success overall (GPA > 3.0)
• Demonstrated leadership in department activities
• Demonstrated excellence in research activities
• Demonstrated contributions to community

Paul Dike Award for Excellence in Physical Science

This award, donated by the Department of Physics & Astronomy and the Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry, is presented to a Physical Science major who has demonstrated potential for continued academic or professional growth, and has significantly contributed to the department activities.

Criteria:
• Academic success overall (GPA > 3.5)
• Demonstrated leadership in department activities
• Demonstrated contributions to community

Excellence in Psychology Award

This medallion, sponsored by the Psychology Department, is presented to an outstanding Psychology major who exhibits excellence in scholarship, service, leadership, and scholarly achievement in research.

Criteria:
• GPA
• Research/fieldwork
• Service
Larry Marcus Award for Excellence in Educational Leadership, Doctoral Studies

PERPETUAL
This medallion is given in memory and honor of Professor Laurence R. Marcus to a doctoral student who demonstrates excellence in his or her studies in Educational Leadership.

Criteria:
• In last semester of coursework in the doctoral program
• Distinguished work in the doctoral program
• Student’s leadership impact within the doctoral program

Charles Cammarota Award for Counseling in Educational Settings

PERPETUAL
This medallion is sponsored by Dr. Marie Cammarota and her daughter Sharon in memory of Dr. Charles Cammarota, former director of the Rowan University Counseling Center and longtime faculty member in the Department of Special Educational Services/Instruction, for excellence in the field.

Criteria:
• Demonstrated commitment to the profession of school counseling
• Student advocate
• Recommendations from Counseling in Educational Settings faculty

Donald Bagin Graduate Public Relations Award

PERPETUAL
This medallion, sponsored by the Public Relations/Advertising Department, is in honor of Donald Bagin, founder of the PR graduate program, and given to a graduate student who has earned a superior academic GPA, has shown significant work or internship experience, and shows a potential for substantial contribution to the PR field.

Criteria:
• Demonstrated scholarship
• Significant work or internship experience
• Superior academic GPA
• Potential for substantial contribution to the field of PR

Toni Libro Outstanding Master of Arts in Writing Student

PERPETUAL
This medallion is awarded to a Master of Arts in Writing student who has demonstrated outstanding course performance, exceptional writing ability, and strong professionalism. This award is sponsored by Dr. Antoinette Libro, former dean of the College of Communication.

Criteria:
• GPA above 3.6
• Currently in good academic standing with the Graduate School
• No incompletes on transcript
• Successful completion of Seminar I
• Writing shows promise for publication

Rinehart Potts Award for Excellence in Public Librarianship

AWARD STATUS TBD – program no longer exists

PERPETUAL
Donated by Dr. Christy Faison, Dr. Marilyn Shantz, and Dr. Holly Willett, this award is given to a graduate student who demonstrates excellence in public librarianship. It honors Professor Emeritus Rinehart Potts.

Criteria:
• A graduate student in the master’s degree program in public librarianship
• Demonstrates commitment to the profession
• Demonstrates excellence in school work through a GPA of 3.8 or better
• Demonstrates potential for leadership or creative service to the profession

Charles and Nancy Boltz Award for Excellence in School Librarianship

AWARD STATUS TBD – program no longer exists

PERPETUAL
Awarded to a graduate student in the School Librarianship Program who demonstrates excellence, enthusiasm, leadership, and service to the profession, this medallion is donated by the Friends of Campbell Library.

Criteria:
• A graduate student in the master’s degree program in school librarianship
• Demonstrates commitment to the profession
• Demonstrates excellence in school work through a GPA of 3.8 or better
• Demonstrates potential for leadership or creative service to the profession
Recognition and Service Medallions (Total Awards = 4) (2 are perpetual)

These four awards are chosen by staff in the respective areas.

Lawson J. Brown Senior Scholarship Award – 4.0 GPA RI
PERPETUAL
Dr. Lawson J. Brown served as a member of the university community from 1962 to 1982, where he was a faculty member, chairperson of the Department of Education, and Vice President for Academic Affairs. This award is donated by Dr. William C. Morris, former dean of the College of Fine and Performing Arts, and Dr. Maxine Colm, a former member of our university community, to a student who has earned a 4.0 GPA, having at least 45 credits at Rowan.

Criteria:
• 4.0 GPA
• At least 45 credits earned at Rowan

Note: In the case of several students having a 4.0, the students are ranked by number of credits they have earned at Rowan. If there is still a tie, the grades from their previous school might be considered.

Kathleen M. Murry Academic Excellence and Service Award R2
PERPETUAL
This medallion is donated in memory of Kathleen M. Murry by her family and is awarded to a graduating senior who has achieved academic excellence and has demonstrated commitment to volunteerism and community service.

Criteria:
• SGA leadership position
• Length and type of community service activities over the past 3-4 years
• Student development programs/conferences
• Student federal/institutional employment (Admissions Ambassador and Center for Service Learning and Volunteerism)

Note: This award is chosen by the staffs of the Center for Service Learning and Volunteerism in conjunction with the Student Leadership Programs staff.

Earl W. Hinton and Dolores Copeland Award for Volunteerism R3
Annual Award
This medallion is awarded to an EOF/MAP student who has demonstrated the spirit of EOF/MAP through outstanding leadership and community service exhibited by positive contributions to improve the academic, intellectual, and personal development of others.

Criteria:
• Service to the community and others
• Exhibits effective leadership to the department, college, and University
• EOF/MAP student who will graduate in May

Note: This award is chosen by the staff of EOF/MAP.

Nancy Fox Award for Embracing the Rowan Spirit R4
Annual Award
This award is presented by the Student Government Association to a senior who exemplifies the qualities of outstanding scholarship, service, and leadership within the university community.

Note: This award is chosen by the Student Leadership Programs staff.

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Recognition & Service Awards by Nomination

(TOTAL = 3)
(ALL PERPETUAL)

These three awards are chosen by nominations from faculty, students, staff, and/or university organizations.

Robert D. Bole Humanitarian Award

PERPETUAL

Dr. Bole served as a dean and faculty member in the Department of Educational Leadership from 1952 to 1979. The Bole Hall and Bole Hall Annex were named in his honor.

Sponsors: Barbara Bole Williams and Edie Huston

Presented to an individual whose lifestyle and activities display compassion and concern for the well-being of others. This person’s commitment should be evident through involvement in and service to the university.

Criteria:
• Senior who is graduating this May or graduated last December or last summer
• Exhibits compassion in working with others
• Outstanding service to the university community
• GPA of 2.5 or higher
• Letter of nomination from an administrator, faculty, or staff member – no more than one page

James M. Lynch, Jr. Courage in Adversity Award

PERPETUAL

Dr. Lynch spent 22 years at Rowan (Glassboro State) where he served as the dean of students and later as a member of the Department of Educational Leadership.

Sponsor: Dennis J. Lynch

Presented to an individual who has overcome circumstances of extreme hardship to achieve an education. This person has persevered through personal, academic, and/or emotional odds to achieve success.

Criteria (also refer to description above):
• Senior who is graduating this May or graduated last December or last summer
• Letter of nomination from an administrator, faculty, or staff member – no more than one page
• Personal essay by the nominee – no more than one page

To the nominee: Your essay should address the life circumstances that were overcome, and how your Rowan experiences have contributed to your goals and achievements. One typed page.

Thomas E. Robinson Leadership Award

PERPETUAL

Dr. Robinson served as the third president of the University, holding the position from 1952 to 1968, the longest tenure of any of our presidents.

Sponsors: Vernon and Edie Huston

Presented to an individual who has provided outstanding leadership to the student body and the university community.

Criteria:
• Senior who is graduating this May or graduated last December or last summer
• Highly visible in campus activities
• Exhibits outstanding leadership
• Represents strong moral character
• GPA of 3.0 or higher
• Letter of nomination from an administrator, faculty, or staff member – no more than one page