

ACADEMIC AWARDS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT
2008-2009
22 May 2009

The Academic Awards Committee had the pleasant task of recognizing our undergraduates' stellar achievements and inspiring accomplishments. Important dates for the year were:

- 9 January 2009: First electronic mailing to faculty, chairs and program directors about academic award nominations. Department chairs and assistants also received a hard copy of this information.
- 6 February 2009: Second electronic reminder to department chairs and assistants about academic award nominations.
- 20 February 2009: Award nominations due by 5pm.
- 2-4 March 2009: Nominations packets distributed to committee members. Members asked to rank their top three or five favorites for each award.
- 10 March 2009, 4:30-8:00pm: Meeting in Dowling Hall at which committee members conferred and selected winners for all 31 general prizes and scholarships. Departmental prizes and scholarships were determined by the respective departments; competitive prizes and scholarships such as the Anne E. Borghesani Memorial Prize and the Marshall Hochhauser Prize were determined by their respective committees.
- 24 April 2009, 7:30pm: 109th Honors Convocation in Distler Performance Hall. This year was the first time the ceremony took place in Distler, which proved to be a most hospitable venue. With faculty and guest presenters seated on the stage, there was more than enough seating available for the award recipients and their families. The lobby area outside the auditorium was ideal for a reception after the ceremony. We look forward to returning to the Granoff Music Building again next year.

Respectfully submitted,

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