A&S&E Academic Awards Committee

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

- 7 January 2011. 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.
- 28 January 2011. Second electronic reminder to department chairs and assistants about academic award nominations.
- 11 February 2011. Award nominations due by 5pm.
- 24–25 February 2010. Nomination packets distributed to committee members. Because of the large number of nominations and the short time to read them, we divided the committee into two groups. Each group was assigned half the nominations, although people had the option of reading all of them. Members were asked to rank their top three or five favorites for each award depending on the number of prizes allocated.
- 2 March 2011, 4:00–8:00pm. Meeting in Dowling Hall at which the committee conferred and selected winners for all 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.
- 15 April 2011, 7:30pm. 111st Honors Convocation in Cohen Auditorium. The lovely ceremony took place in Cohen this year, which meant we had more than enough seats. Because Committee Chair Grossman was in Moscow, Dean James Glaser served admirably as host for the evening. One successful innovation was that all the award winners came to the stage at the end of the ceremony for a group photo with President Lawrence Bacow, Provost Jamshed Bharucha, and Dean Joanne Berger-Sweeney. After the ceremony, people enjoyed a festive reception in Alumni Lounge.

Respectfully submitted,

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On behalf of the Academic Awards Committee:

Caroline Cao, associate professor, mechanical engineering
Joseph DeBold, professor, psychology
Thomas Downes, associate professor, economics
Anne Gardulski, associate professor, geology
Scott MacLachlan, assistant professor, mathematics
Mitchell McVey, assistant professor, biology
George Norman, professor, economics
Deborah Schildkraut, associate professor, political science (on leave fall 2010)
James Glaser, dean of academic affairs for Arts and Sciences, ex officio
Patricia Reilly, director of financial aid, ex officio
Bruce Reitman, dean of student affairs, ex officio
Support staff Joanne Ferguson, Yvelle Chery, and Joan Puglia

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