The Academic Awards Committee had the pleasant task of recognizing the stellar achievements and inspiring accomplishments of students (almost entirely undergraduate) in the School of Arts and Sciences and the School of Engineering. Important dates for the year were:

- 7 January 2012: 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.
- 27 January 2012: Second electronic reminder to department chairs and assistants about academic award nominations.
- 10 February 2012: Award nominations due by 5pm.
- 22-24 February 2012: Nomination packets distributed to committee members. Because of the large number of nominations and the short time committee members had 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.
- 7 March 2012, 4:00-8:00pm: Meeting in Dowling Hall at which committee members 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.
- 20 April 2012, 8pm: 112th Honors Convocation in Cohen Auditorium. The lovely ceremony took place in Cohen this year which meant that we had more than enough seats for everyone. Committee Chair Grossman served as host for the evening. After the ceremony, people enjoyed a festive reception in Alumni Lounge.

Respectfully submitted,
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