The Academic Awards Committee had the pleasant task of reviewing nominations for university-wide undergraduate academic awards, as well as for several departmental and interdepartmental prizes. In early January, award nominations were solicited from faculty members, department chairs, and program directors, and were due at the beginning of February. Award nomination packets were compiled by the Division of Undergraduate and Graduate Students for review by the committee. Assessment of candidates and selection of award recipients took place in late February and early March.

This year’s committee consisted of twelve faculty members appointed from a broad spectrum of departments in the School of Arts and Sciences, and one faculty member from the School of Engineering. There were also three voting ex officio members: the dean of academic advising and undergraduate studies, the dean of student affairs, and the director of financial aid.

Important dates for the year were:

- January 7, 2013: 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.
- January 28, 2013: Second electronic reminder to department chairs and assistants about academic award nominations.
- February 10, 2013: Award nominations due by 5pm.
- February 19-20, 2013: Nomination packets distributed to committee members. Because of the large number of nominations and the short time committee members had to read them, the committee was divided 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 candidates for each award.
- March 7, 2013, 4:00-8:00pm: Meeting in Dowling Hall during which committee members conferred and selected winners for all general prizes and scholarships. Departmental prizes and scholarships were determined by the respective departments; certain competitive prizes and scholarships such as the Anne E. Borghesani Memorial Prize and the Marshall Hochhauser Prize were determined by their respective committees.
- April 19, 2013: The 113th Honors Convocation was to have taken place in Cohen Auditorium that evening but was canceled on account of the University’s closure in the aftermath of the Marathon bombings and the Friday “lockdown” in several communities. Thanks to the creativity and flexibility of many people including President Monaco, a streamlined ceremony took place on May 1 at noon in the Interfaith Center. Winners of this year’s Presidential Awards for Citizenship and Public Service were also recognized at that time because the original Friday breakfast had to be rescheduled. Committee Chair Grossman served as host once again.

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