Nomination Request
The DeBow Freed Award for Outstanding Leadership as an Undergraduate Student
Spring 2015

It is a pleasure to seek nominations of undergraduate student leaders. The Selection Committee for the DeBow Freed Award for Outstanding Leadership as an Undergraduate Student is requesting nominations from the ranks of first year on campus through fourth year on campus to receive the 17th annual DeBow Freed awards. The award breakdown is as follows:

- First Year Award (female, male) - $100 Each
- Second Year Award (female, male) - $250 Each
- Third Year Award (female, male) - $500 Each
- Fourth Year Award (female, male) - $1000 Each

The awards will be presented at the President’s Leadership Dessert scheduled for Wednesday, April 29, 2015.

Students for this award will be selected from letters submitted by nominators. These letters will be the key consideration for the award. The committee encourages all nominators to make the nominee “come alive” for the committee in this letter. Rather than submitting a list of accomplishments, the nominator should provide a well-rounded profile of the student being nominated. The letter should include the student’s name, a brief summary of your relationship with the student, and most importantly, demonstrated examples of leadership. Criteria, as defined by the committee, are listed below, as well as some other information, which may be helpful, and should be considered as nominations are formulated.

Leadership criteria for guiding nominations (in no particular order of importance):
1. A student who has had significant, positive impact on the Ohio Northern campus. This might be augmented by a positive impact in the community.
2. A student who is in good academic standing with the university.
3. A student who is in good social standing with the university.

Consideration should be given to students who have:
1. Held leadership positions in campus organizations.
2. Had campus involvement.
3. Made positive campus contributions.

Underlying assumptions, which might be pertinent to an award of such prestige, would include:
1. Position and leadership are not the same. Positions are merely platforms from which leadership can be performed. There can be, and usually is, a difference between personal achievement and leadership.
2. The leader has vision and is willing to invest him/herself totally to make it happen. The vision may be either transforming or sustaining. Regardless, the leader sees him/herself as instrumental to that cause.
3. The individual directly or indirectly attracts others to his/her passion and empowers them to participate in their leadership vision.
4. The leader brings his/her own self-discipline and self-direction.

Contact Teresa Roberts - Student Affairs Advanced Administrative Assistant at 419-772-3557 if you have any questions concerning a student’s status.

The committee will receive nominations until noon on Friday, February 27, 2015. The letter from the nominator, as stated above, will be the key consideration for this award. Please address information to:

The DeBow Freed Award for Outstanding Leadership as an Undergraduate Student
c/o Chad R. Shepherd - Selection Committee Chair
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Thank you for taking time to consider and submit nominations for the 17th annual awards. It is an honor for students at Ohio Northern to receive this award.