

# 2022 Student Affairs Leadership Award Descriptions

Sponsored by The Division of Student Affairs & The Student Government Association

## INDIVIDUAL AWARDS CATEGORY

### *Student Awards*

- 1. The Student Employee of the Year Award:** This award recognizes an individual student who works a minimum of ten hours per week. Nominees must show proof of working on campus or with a campus affiliated program for at least six months (August 2021 to present). Nominees are selected based on reliability, quality of work, initiative, disposition, and contribution to employer. Nominees must have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA.
- 2. The Eco-Tiger Award:** This award recognizes a student who displays eco-friendly behavior, educates their peers about sustainability, and significantly contributes to environmental activism on TU's campus. This student is an exemplary model for others, demonstrating and engaging the Towson community in sustainable initiatives.
- 3. The Outstanding Graduate Student Award:** This award recognizes a graduate student who has demonstrated continual leadership and service to the University through student organization, department or university committee participation, academic achievement, and outstanding contributions to campus life within their area of student life. Nominees must have a minimum 3.5 cumulative GPA.
- 4. The Mary Leeper Emerging Leader Award:** In honor and memory of Mary Leeper, Towson University's former SGA Administrative Assistant who worked with the SGA from 1993-2021, this award recognizes a freshman or sophomore student who is actively involved in campus life and demonstrates a potential for leadership. This student has made a significant contribution to their organization and/or impact on campus. A \$1,000 award will be given to the recipient. Nominees must be returning students for Fall 2022 and must have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA.
- 5. The Unsung Hero Award:** This award recognizes a student who has made significant contributions to their organization, without holding an executive position. This student is a role model behind the scenes and a positive influence on the entire group.
- 6. The Raft Woodus Social Activist Award:** Named after Raft Woodus, former director of Student Success Programs, who shaped the lives of TU students for over forty years. This award is given to a student that has demonstrated the ability to organize, lead, engage, and advocate for social justice issues that impact the lives of students and the TU community.
- 7. The James R. Saxon Memorial Scholarship:** This scholarship recognizes two graduating seniors who have demonstrated leadership, service, and good citizenship by participating in campus life or contributing significantly to the campus community. The nominee must be or have been involved in intercollegiate athletics or intramural sports. Nominees must have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA.
- 8. The SGA Dreamers Award:** This award recognizes a student who has shown a dedication and commitment to making sure TU Dreamers have access to resources and support that can benefit them during their time here at Towson.

9. **The SGA International Student Award:** This award recognizes an international student who has demonstrated exemplary leadership and service to the university and is committed to enhancing the experiences of international students on campus.
10. **The SGA Pride Award:** This award recognizes a student who supports the identities under the LGBTQ+ umbrella and have demonstrated a commitment to advance the rights and acceptance of the LGBTQ+ community on campus.
11. **The SGA Empowering Women Award:** This award recognizes a student who supports the advancement of all women and the importance of intersectional activism, feminism, and/or womanism.
12. **The SGA Student Leader of the Year Award:** This award recognizes a student on an executive board of an organization who has demonstrated exceptional leadership and service to the TU community, academic achievement, and outstanding contributions to campus life. This student shows a dedication and commitment to advancing the mission of their organization and contributes to the greater good of the TU community. A \$1,000 award will be given to the recipient. Nominees must be returning for Fall 2022 and have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA.
13. **Dr. Maravene Loeschke LeaderShape Scholarship:** In honor of Dr. Maravene Loeschke, Towson University President Emeritus and alumna, who passed away in 2015, this scholarship recognizes a student who has demonstrated excellence in leadership. The recipients must be a graduate of the LeaderShape Institute or the LeaderShape Living in Possibility program. The recipients must have at least a 3.2 cumulative GPA and be incoming juniors for Fall 2022. *\*Separate nomination form sent only to eligible candidates*
14. **The Tiger Pride Award:** The Tiger Pride Award recognizes two graduating seniors who have made significant contributions to enhance the lives of those within and beyond the Towson community. In particular, the recipients demonstrate qualities stated in the Tiger Pledge: responsibility for their behavior, an excellent work ethic, respect for themselves and others, involvement with campus and community, and a spirit of optimism. Nominees must have a minimum 3.0 GPA. *Nominees will be contacted for their resume after nomination has been submitted.*
15. **The Vice President of Student Affairs Award:** The VPSA Award recognizes a broad base of Towson students who have demonstrated continual leadership and service to the University through student organizations, university committee participation, academic achievement and outstanding contributions to campus life. Nominees must have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA. *Nominees will be contacted for their resume after nomination has been submitted.*
16. **The Marion Hoffman Ethical Leadership Award:** In her memory, family, friends, alumni, and the Division of Student Affairs established the Marion B. Hoffman Ethical Leadership Award scholarship to students who qualify for the Vice President of Student Affairs Award and who demonstrate integrity in their decision making as leaders. A \$1,000 non-renewable scholarship is awarded to the winner. Nominees must be a rising junior or senior, and returning to TU for Fall 2022. *Nominees will be contacted for their resume after nomination has been submitted.*

#### ***Faculty/Staff Awards***

17. **The Margie Tversky Advisor of the Year Award:** Named in honor of Margie Tversky, former Director of Student Services at Towson University in Northeastern Maryland, for her many years of selfless dedication

to mentoring student leaders and enhancing the student experience at Towson, this award recognizes a faculty or staff member who has provided a student organization with outstanding support and services in the role of an advisor during the academic year.

- 18. The Outstanding Campus Employer Award:** This award recognizes an office, faculty, or staff member who has fostered professionalism, provided proper training, organization, and planning to help students succeed in their job. Nominees must have supervised student employees for a minimum of six months within the past academic year.
- 19. The Outstanding Service-Learning Faculty Member Award:** This award recognizes a faculty member who develops and teaches a course with a service-learning component with evidence of innovative ways of employing a reflective teaching methodology to connect service-learning with academic study. The nominee will also have demonstrated leadership that promotes service-learning within one's discipline, and participates in engaged scholarship (i.e. research, published materials, and presentations) on service-learning or community-based research.

#### **ORGANIZATIONAL AWARDS CATEGORY**

- 1. The Outstanding Community Building Award:** Adjusted this year for the COVID-19 pandemic, this award recognizes a student organization that has demonstrated innovation and perseverance as they have worked to build community virtually. The organization has utilized multiple forms of engagement to help members build connections with one another and the campus community. A \$1,000 award will be given to an organization for the 2022-2023 year.
- 2. The Hoke L. Smith Organization of the Year Award:** Named in honor of former Towson University President, the Hoke L. Smith Organization of the Year Award recognizes a student organization that has impacted the TU community through membership development, leadership, programming, and service. In addition, the organization has made a consistent contribution to campus life. A \$1,000 award will be given to the organization for the 2022-2023 year.

#### **PROGRAM AWARDS CATEGORY**

- 1. The Outstanding Multicultural Program Award:** The Outstanding Multicultural Program Award recognizes a specific program, virtual or in person, sponsored by a student organization or multiple organizations that has increased cultural awareness and appreciation of differences beyond the mission of the organization. A \$1,000 award will be given to the organization for the 2022-2023 year.
- 2. The Outstanding Program Award:** The Outstanding Program Award recognizes a program, virtual or in person, sponsored by a student organization that has significantly impacted campus life and generated substantial interest in the campus community. A \$1,000 award will be given to the organization for the 2022-2023 year.



*Awards with a separate application process but will be recognized at Student Affairs Leadership Awards:*

- *The Mary Lee Farlow Scholarship*
- *The Diversity & Inclusion Award (sponsored by the Office of Inclusion & Institutional Equity)*
- *The Fraternity and Sorority Life Sorority Woman and Fraternity Man of the Year*
- *Sport Club Awards: Leader of the Year, Rookie of the Year, Coach of the Year, Community Team of the Year, Competitive Achievement Award, Club of the Year*