



The President's Second Mile Award

President Cynthia Robinson Alexander, J.D. is pleased to announce the May 2024 President's Second Mile Award, which is one of the highest awards presented to a graduating senior for his or her level of character and values and for meritorious and stellar student leadership and service to both the university and the community.

This award is announced and presented at the fall commencement. This document contains important information for applying for this prestigious award. Recent recipients include Kelvin Frazier, Charles Huggins, Ruben Chiza, Jesse Fenton, Anita Hill, Shara Bennett, David Handler, Monroe Thornton, and C'Asia Griffin

The university will recognize up to two award recipients. The students selected for the award will be announced at fall commencement.

Eligibility:

Any undergraduate, full-time student with senior status is eligible for nomination of the award. There is no grade point average requirement.

Nomination Process:

Any member of the university community can serve as a nominator. Nominations prepared jointly by a nominator and potential award recipient are strongly encouraged. Self-nominations are not permitted.

Submission Procedures:

A dossier — which will include an official letter of nomination, evidence supporting stellar and meritorious character and values in leadership and community service, and letters of support — will be used to judge each nominee. Please do not submit original documents, you may submit copies of awards and or pictures.

The letter (which is to be included in the dossier) should be concise, substantive, and specific — demonstrating how the nominee has demonstrated stellar and meritorious character and values in both leadership and community service. The letter should avoid 'flowery language' and 'hyperbolic cliché' statements. A personal interview may/maynot be requested from the University President.

Selection Criteria:

The dossier must demonstrate the following:

- In what specific ways has the nominee exemplified exceptional character and values at the university and in the community?
- In what activities or organizations has the nominee demonstrated un-paralleled virtues, values, and an ethic of caring for others and the university?
- How has the nominee made a positive impact on others through his or her leadership?

The dossier must include the applicant's name, address, contact number, e-mail address and major advisor. **The document is due no later than 5:00pm on Monday, April 15, 2024.** All letters and documents must be included in the dossier and delivered to the Office of the Student Life in Student Union on the 1st floor, room 107