2016 CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE
STUDENT ACADEMIC AWARDS

Georgia State University
Perimeter College
Division of Student Affairs
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Introduction

Perimeter College will be recognized as a dynamic and creative learning environment focused on student success, guided by the values of trust, excellence, integrity, civility, passion, diversity and efficiency. This approach reflects the Areas of Emphasis identified in the College’s Strategic Plan, seeks to integrate itself into the College’s academic programs and services, and prepares students to be engaged, forward thinking, and global citizens. Perimeter College is accepting nominations for the 2016 Celebration of Excellence Awards (COE).

The 2016 Celebration of Excellence Awards Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, April 13, 2016 in the Cole Auditorium on the Clarkston Campus at 6:30PM.

At the Celebration of Excellence, eighteen academic awards will be presented to Perimeter College students. These awards represent the degrees that Perimeter College bestows on its graduates. Up to two finalists in each category will be recognized; in addition, the most outstanding student in each area will be honored. The President’s Award and Regents’ Scholars recipients will also be honored.

The award categories are:

- American Sign Language Interpretation
- Behavioral Studies (incl. Education)
- Biological Sciences
- Business
- Communications
- Computer Science
- Dental Hygiene
- Engineering
- English
- Fine Arts
- Global Studies
- Humanities (incl. Film, Journalism, Philosophy)
- Kinesiology and Health
- Mathematics
- Nursing
- Physical Sciences
- U.S. Studies (Political & History)
- World Language and Culture

Nominations for Student awards must be received by Friday, March 4, 2016.

A complete list of the awards, award criteria and the nomination form are included below. Each nomination should include the name of the student, the award the student is being nominated to receive and an explanation up to 350 words or less of how the student has demonstrated the qualifications for the award.

Award recipients are selected by a committee composed of non-nominating faculty, staff and administrators.
American Sign Language Interpretation:

Please send nominations to Faith Powell: Faith.Powell@gpc.edu

**Eligibility:**

- Must be a SLIP major.
- Must have completed at least 30 hours of the degree requirement, with at least 8 courses in the Professional curriculum.
- Nominees must have at least a 3.50 GPA.
- Must have involvement in student clubs or civic engagement/service learning.

Behavioral Studies or Education:

Please send nominations to Ernie Guyton: Ernie.Guyton@gpc.edu

**Eligibility:**

- Student nominees and winners must have a declared major in a Social Science discipline and have taken at least one course in their major, or is not a declared major but has taken at least 12 hours of Social Science.
- Student must be in good standing with Perimeter College and registered for the 2015-2016 academic year.
- Student nominees must have at least 1 instructor who sponsors or nominates the student candidate.
- Student nominees must fill out the award application presented to them by their nominating instructor.
- Student nominees must be able to attend the awards event.
- GPA and grade earned within the degree major and Area E in general.
- Number of hours taken across the curriculum, and within Area E & F.
- Letters of recommendation from nominating instructor, and/or additional instructors; up to 3 maximum.
- Extra-curricular activities related to the degree major will be considered (club activity, community service, research outside of class, conference attended or presented, etc.).
- Any leadership roles they have played on campus or in the community (student government; club leadership, etc.
- Any academic or community awards already received will be given consideration.
Biological Sciences:

Please send nominations to Pamela Gore: Pamela.Gore@gpc.edu

Eligibility:

- Student nominees and the winner must be Biology (AS) majors.
- Student nominees must have a GPA of at least 3.5 in classes required in Area F for Biology.
  - Overall GPA will be considered
- Student nominees must have completed BIOL 2107 and 2107L.
- The number of completed courses in their major will be considered.
- Extra-curricular activities related to the Biology major will be considered (club activity and leadership, attendance at science seminars, etc.).
- Service to Perimeter College and service to the community will be considered.
- Student nominees must be in good academic standing and registered for the 2015-2016 academic year.

Business

Please send nominations to Debora Constable: Debora.Constable@gpc.edu

Eligibility:

- Student nominees and winners must be a declared major in Business Administration and have taken at least one course in their major.
- Students must be in good standing with Perimeter College and registered for the 2015-2016 academic year.
- Student nominees must be sponsored or nominated by a faculty member.
- Student nominees must fill out the award application presented to them by their nominating instructor.
- Extra-curricular activities related to the degree major will be considered (club activity and leadership, and Perimeter College community service, etc.).
- Participation in Business Club or Alpha Beta Gamma activities will be considered.
- Student nominee must be able to attend the awards event.
Communications

Please send nominations to Kim Sisson: Richard.Sisson@gpc.edu

Eligibility:

- Student nominees and winner must be a declared Communications major.
- Faculty members may nominate current or former students who are declared Communications majors and still attend the college.
- The factors to be reviewed include: GPA, number of courses, and grade earned within the degree major.
- Extra-curricular activities related to the degree major will be considered (club activity and leadership, community service, internships, participation in professional associations, etc.).
- Students must be in good standing and registered for the 2015-2016 academic year.

Computer Science

Please send nominations to Julia Benson-Slaughter: Julia.Benson-Slaughter@gpc.edu

Eligibility:

- Student nominees and winner must be a Computer Science major.
- The students must have a GPC of at least 3.5 in classes required in Area F for Computer Science majors; the number of completed Computer Science courses will be considered as well.
- The students must have completed CSCI 1302 or be currently enrolled in it.
- Students must be in good standing and registered for the 2015-2016 academic year.
- Participation in Computer Clubs, Programming, and Robotics contests will be considered.
Dental Hygiene

Please send nominations to Cherie Rainwater: Cherie.Rainwater@gpc.edu

Eligibility:

- A dental hygiene student who best exemplifies the department’s goals of producing a professional member of the dental team who will fill their role with the profession by providing education and clinical services to the community.
- Possess thorough knowledge and skills necessary for providing individualized patient care.
- Willing and dedicating themselves to professional growth, continued learning, and the ethical practice of dental hygiene.

Engineering

Please send nominations to Anant Honkan: Anant.Honkan@gpc.edu

Eligibility:

- Student nominees and the winner must be Engineering majors.
- Students must be in good standing and registered for the 2015-2016 academic year.
- The student’s overall GPA must be 3.0 or higher.
- The student GPA in Engineering courses must be 3.5 or higher.
- The number of engineering courses that students have taken will be considered.
- The students must be participants in Perimeter College’s Computing and Engineering Club.

English

Please send nominations to Dr. Laura Edmunds: Laura.Edmunds@gpc.edu

Eligibility:

- Student nominees and winner must be English majors.
- The students must be nominated by a faculty member.
- The factors to be reviewed include: GPA, number of courses, and grade earned within the degree major.
- Extra-curricular activities related to the degree major will be considered (club activity and leadership, community service, etc.).
- Students must be in good standing and registered for the 2015-2016 academic year.
Students must provide a sample of their writing; the writing may be an essay specifically for this award, a paper written for one of their classes, a poem, or short story.

**Fine Arts**

Please send nominations to David Koffman: David.Koffman@gpc.edu

*Eligibility:*

- Student nominees should be Fine Arts majors in Art, Music, or Theatre.
- Students must be nominated by a faculty member in Fine Arts.
- Faculty nomination letters should include one paragraph on each of the following: academic achievement, artistic achievement, and service.
- The nomination packet should include one to three samples of the student’s creative work in an electronic format – i.e. audio files, video files, jpg files, etc.

**World Language and Culture**

Please send nominations to Karen Jones: KarenMichelle.Jones@gpc.edu

*Eligibility:*

- Student nominees and the winner must be Foreign Language majors.
- Student nominees and winner must have completed or be currently enrolled in the 2001 level in the Foreign Language. If the 2001 course has already been completed, it must have been completed within the past calendar year.
- Student nominees and winner must have taken or currently completing at least 6 Foreign Language credit hours at Perimeter College.
- Student nominees and winner must have an overall GPA of at least 3.00, and at least 3.5 in all Foreign Language courses.
- Extra-curricular activities related to the degree major and other activities will be considered (club activity and leadership, community service, internships, participation in professional associations, etc.).
- Student winner must be able to attend the awards ceremony. Otherwise, the award will go to the first runner up.
Student nominees must be in good academic standing and registered for the 2015-2016 academic year.

**Humanities**

Please send nominations to Larry Peck: Laurence.Peck@gpc.edu

*Eligibility:*

- Student must be in good standing and registered for the 2015-2016 academic year.
- Student nominees and the winner must declare a major in Film, Journalism or Philosophy.
- The factors to be reviewed include:
  - GPA
  - Number of courses taken within the degree major
  - Grades earned within the degree major
  - Excellence in classroom discussion
  - Extra-curricular activities related to the degree major (club activity and leadership, community service, etc.)

**Global Studies**

Please send nominations to Ernie Guyton: Ernie.Guyton@gpc.edu

*Eligibility:*

- Student nominees and the winner must declare a major in a Social Science discipline and have taken at least one course in their major, or is not a declared major but has taken at least 12 hours of Social Science
- Students must be in good standing with Perimeter College and registered for the 2015-2016 academic year.
- Student nominees must have at least one (1) instructor who sponsors or nominates the student candidate.
- Student nominees must fill out the award application presented to them by their nominating instructor.
- Student nominee must be able to attend the awards event.
- GPA and grade(s) earned within the degree major and Area E in general.
• Number of hours taken across the curriculum, and within Area E & F.
• Letters of recommendation from nominating instructor and/or additional instructors; up to 3 maximum.
• Extra-curricular activities related to the degree major will be considered (club activity, community service, research outside of class, conferences attended or presented, etc.)
• Any leadership roles they have played on campus or in the community (student government, club leadership, etc.).
• Any academic or community awards already received will be given consideration.

Mathematics

Please send nominations to Sandee House: Sandee.House@gpc.edu

Eligibility:

• Student nominees and the winner must be a Math major.
• Student must be in good standing and registered for the 2015-2016 academic year.
• Student nominees must have a GPA that is at least 3.0 and should have taken Math 2431 or higher at Perimeter College.
• The factors to be reviewed include:
  o GPA
  o Number of courses taken within the degree major
  o Grades earned within the degree major
• Extra-curricular activities such as Math Club, AMATYC test, and tutoring will be considered.

Nursing

Please send nominations to Jeanette Crawford: Jeanette.Crawford@gpc.edu

Eligibility:

• Student nominees and the finalist must currently be in the nursing program and have completed at least one semester of the nursing program.
• The students must have a GPA of at least 3.5 for all required pre-nursing and nursing courses completed thus far in the nursing program.
• Extra-curricular activities related to the degree major (club activity and leadership, community service, participation in professional associations, etc.).
• Sample of writing “Why I want to be a nurse.”
• Satisfactory rating by nursing faculty of student performance in the classroom, clinical and practice lab areas.
• Student nominees must be in good academic standing and registered for the 2015-2016 academic year.

Physical Education

Please send nominations to Nancy Storey: Nancy.Storey@gpc.edu

Eligibility:

• Student nominees and winner must currently be a Physical Education major.
• Must have competed at least 30 hours of the degree requirement, with at least three (3) courses in Area F.
• Students must have an overall GPA of at least 3.50.
• Extra-curricular involvement in student clubs, recreation/wellness or civic engagement.

Physical Science

Please send nominations to Pamela Gore: Pamela.Gore@gpc.edu

Eligibility:

• Student nominees and the winner must be Physical Science majors
  • Chemistry (AS)
  • Geology (AS)
  • Physics (AS)
• Student nominees must have a GPA of at least 3.5 in classes required in Area F for Biology.
  • Overall GPA will be considered
• The number of completed courses in their major will be considered.
• Extra-curricular activities related to the Biology major will be considered (club activity and leadership, attendance at science seminars, etc.).
• Service to Perimeter College and service to the community will be considered.
• Student nominees must be in good academic standing and registered for the 2015-2016 academic year.
U.S. Studies (political & history)

Please send nominations to Ernie Guyton: Ernie.Guyton@gpc.edu

Eligibility:

- Student nominees and winner must be a declared major in a Social Science discipline and have taken at least one course in their major, or is not a declared major but has taken at least 12 hours of Social Science.
- Students must be in good standing with GPC and registered for the 2015-2016 academic year.
- Student nominees must have at least one (1) instructor who sponsors or nominates the student candidate.
- Student nominees must fill out the award application presented to them by their nominating instructor.
- Student nominees must be able to attend the awards event.
- GPA and grades(s) earned within the degree major, and Area F in general.
- Number of hours taken across the curriculum, and within Area E & F.
- Letters of recommendation from nominating instructor and/or additional instructors; up to 3 maximum.
- Extra-curricular activities related to the degree major will be considered (club activity, community service, research outside of class, conferences attended or presented, etc.).
- Any leadership roles they have played on campus or in the community (student government, club leadership, etc.).
- Any academic or community awards already received will be given consideration.

Regents’ Scholar Criteria

Each year the University System of Georgia asks all of its member institutions to nominate a Regents Scholar, who will be recognized by the Georgia Legislature and the Regents themselves. These students should have a very high GPA and contribute in significant ways to their institution and their communities. In January, each campus of Perimeter College nominated one student who fulfills these criteria. A panel of administrators and faculty member reviewed the nominating materials and interviewed the candidates in February. The committee selects the Regents’ Scholar for all of Perimeter College.

To nominate a student, please complete the nomination form. Use a separate form for each nomination.

If self-nominating, please obtain two (2) reference letters from persons not related to you.
Only fully completed nomination forms will be considered.