Division of Student Life

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Graduate Student Award Descriptions

Archbishop Oscar Romero Award
Recognized for his ability to become a voice for the voiceless as the Archbishop of San Salvador, the Archbishop Oscar Romero Award is presented to an undergraduate or graduate student who strives to alleviate poverty and oppression.

Eligibility:
- Undergraduate or graduate student with a minimum GPA 3.0 without the benefit of rounding.
- Must be a graduating student in Fall 2016 or Spring/Summer 2017.
- Individual embodies the University's motto of "Change the world from here.”
- Individual is actively involved in social analysis and promotion of justice, and strives towards social change to alleviate poverty and oppression.
- Individual sees value in gaining experience as a leader.
- Individual has influenced change while at USF.
- Must not be on academic or non-academic probation for the last four semesters including Spring 2017.

Hilary Williams Ford Award
Recognized for her contributions and commitment to her field and the University of San Francisco, the Hilary Williams Ford Award is presented to a graduating graduate student who values social responsibility by applying gained knowledge to their field of study.

Eligibility:
- Graduate student with a GPA 3.5 without the benefit of rounding.
- Must be a graduating student in Fall 2016 or Spring/Summer 2017.
- Individual has influenced change while at USF.
- Individual embodies the University's value of social responsibility by applying gained knowledge to their respective field of study.
- Must not be on academic or non-academic probation for the last two semesters including Spring 2017.
**Graduate Student Leadership Award**

This award will be given on behalf of the Graduate Student Senate to a maximum of five graduating graduate students who have consistently worked and succeeded in enriching and impacting student life and the values of Student Life throughout their career at USF.

Each award recipient will receive a cash purse of $1,000 through the Graduate Student Senate scholarship fund.

Eligibility:
- Graduate student with a minimum GPA 3.0 without the benefit of rounding.
- Must be a graduating student in Fall 2016 or Spring/Summer 2017.
- Individual has contributed to making a positive impact on the campus climate and has demonstrated committed involvement in clubs, organizations, programs, or other areas of campus involvement.
- Individual acts as an inspiration to others, modeling the way for a more just and humane world and is committed to working with and for others.
- Participation was above and beyond the general requirements given by academic or co-curricular programs.
- Must not be on academic or non-academic probation for the last two semesters including Spring 2017.
Undergraduate Student Award Descriptions

Archbishop Oscar Romero Award
Recognized for his ability to become a voice for the voiceless as the Archbishop of San Salvador, the Archbishop Oscar Romero Award is presented to an undergraduate or graduate student who strives to alleviate poverty and oppression.

Eligibility:
- Undergraduate or graduate student with a minimum GPA 3.0 without the benefit of rounding.
- Must be a graduating student in Fall 2016 or Spring/Summer 2017.
- Individual embodies the University's motto of "Change the world from here."
- Individual is actively involved in social analysis and promotion of justice, and strives towards social change to alleviate poverty and oppression.
- Individual sees value in gaining experience as a leader.
- Individual has influenced change while at USF.
- Must not be on academic or non-academic probation for the last four semesters including Spring 2017.

Father John P. Schlegel, S.J., Award
Recognized for his work in creating an inclusive community, the Father John P. Schlegel Award is presented to an undergraduate student who has embraced the diversity and social justice objectives of the University's mission.

Eligibility:
- Undergraduate student with minimum GPA 3.0 without the benefit of rounding.
- Must be a graduating student in Fall 2016 or Spring/Summer 2017.
- Has been involved as a leader in diversity and social justice experiences both on and off campus.
- Individual has helped to create an inclusive community at USF.
- Must not be on academic or non-academic probation for the last four semesters including Spring 2017.

Priscilla A. Scotlan Award
Recognized for her unselfish dedication and service to the University of San Francisco, the Priscilla A. Scotlan Award is presented to an undergraduate student who has been a role model for the University community.

Eligibility:
- Undergraduate student with a GPA 3.0 without the benefit of rounding.
- Must be a graduating student in Fall 2016 or Spring/Summer 2017.
- Individual has served as a role model for the university community by promoting service and respecting the dignity of others.
- Individual has been involved in various aspect of USF life and has promoted and encouraged participation in other students.
- Must not be on academic or non-academic probation for the last four semesters including Spring 2017.
**Leo T. McCarthy Public Service Award**

This award is presented to the graduating senior who, during their career at USF, worked to promote social justice through public service to create a more humane and just world. The award was established in honor of Leo T. McCarthy, recognized for his work for San Francisco and the State of California as a County Supervisor, Speaker of the Assembly, and as a three-term Lieutenant Governor who dedicated himself to those marginalized by the political process, (particularly the poor, the elderly, and farm workers). The award is accompanied by a purse of $1,000.

**Eligibility:**
- Graduating senior student in Fall 2016 or Spring/Summer 2017.
- Exhibit their dedication to ethical public service by working/interning/volunteering extensively for non-profit and/or government entities while attending USF.
- Must have worked for or completed a program with the Leo T. McCarthy Center at USF.
- Demonstrate their commitment to social justice issues for marginalized communities throughout San Francisco, the United States and/or abroad.
- Be able to articulate a connection between their service experiences and the mission of USF.
- Perform well in the classroom and maintain good academic standing with the University.

**Senior Leadership Award**

This award will be given to a maximum of three graduating seniors who have consistently worked and succeeded in enriching and impacting student life and is committed to the values of Student Life throughout their career at USF.

**Eligibility:**
- Undergraduate student with a minimum GPA 2.5 without the benefit of rounding.
- Must be a graduating student in Fall 2016 or Spring/Summer 2017.
- Individual has contributed to making a positive impact on the campus climate and has demonstrated committed involvement in clubs, organizations, programs, or other area of campus involvement.
- Individual acts as an inspiration to others, modeling the way for a more just and humane world and is committed to working with and for others.
- Participation was above & beyond the general requirements given by academic or co-curricular programs.
- Must not be on academic or non-academic probation for the last two semesters including Spring 2017.
Excellence in Leadership & Service Awards
Selection for the Excellence in Leadership and Service Awards will be based upon academic achievement and overall leadership and service within the University of San Francisco community demonstrating work in the following areas:

- Ethic of Care: promotion of physical and mental wellness by implementing fitness or wellness opportunities and created efforts in the coordination of a single event or ongoing activity that directly relates to a topic of personal responsibility, community expectations, or social responsibility.
- Social Justice: commitment to justice on campus or in the larger community by promoting a culture of respect, access, and inclusion that embraces differences and engages with partners or communities off-campus to promote justice.
- Social Change: demonstrates commitment to positive social change by raising awareness on campus through programming, events, or a specific student organization.
- Community Development: demonstrates a focus on the effort to create an improved sense of community at the University by promoting the ideals of community, service, academics, social justice, multiculturalism and diversity that make them an asset to the entire University community.

Eligibility:

- Must be of sophomore or junior class standing.
- Undergraduate student with a minimum GPA 2.5 without the benefit of rounding.
- Individual has contributed to making a positive impact on the campus climate and has demonstrated committed involvement in clubs, organizations, programs, or other areas of campus involvement.
- Individual acts as an inspiration to others, modeling the way for a more just and humane world and committed to working with and for others.
- Participation was above and beyond the general requirements given by academic or co-curricular programs.
- Must not be on academic or non-academic probation for the last two semesters including Spring 2017.
**Emerging Leadership Award**

The Emerging Leadership Award is presented to a first-year student that has been involved on campus or the broader community and has shown an immediate impact as a leader at USF. Individuals nominated for this award strive toward continued involvement throughout their USF career.

Eligibility:
- Must be a first-year (first-time) student in the 2016-2017 Academic Year.
- Undergraduate student with a minimum GPA 2.5 without the benefit of rounding.
- Individual has made a significant contribution to USF by involvement in a particular department or organization on or off-campus during the AY 2016-2017.
- Individual strives to be a leader for the campus community and demonstrates school spirit.
- Has built relationships and gained respect from students, faculty and staff.
- Has the ability to work with and lead peers and also demonstrates potential for future leadership.
- Must not be on academic or non-academic probation for the last two semesters including Spring 2017.

**James F. Kenney Memorial Award**

This award recognizes Jim Kenney, a student at USF in the 1950s who was born with a severe physical disability and whose joy of life and daily courage, in spite of this disability, won him the admiration and respect of all who knew him. The James F. Kenney Memorial Award is presented to an undergraduate student who has overcome difficult circumstances in their lives with grace, courage, and strength and inspires others by his or her example.

Eligibility:
- Undergraduate student with a minimum GPA 2.5 without the benefit of rounding and only USF course work.
- Individual exemplifies courage in the face of difficult personal circumstances and inspires others by their example. Difficult circumstances may include an illness or physical disability, financial hardship or a family tragedy.
- Must not be on academic or non-academic probation for the last four semesters including Spring 2017.

**President’s Advisory Committee on the Status of Women (PACSW) Gender Justice Award**

This award may be granted to USF students who have demonstrated ongoing and creative commitment to the promotion of gender justice.

Eligibility:
- Undergraduate or graduate student with a minimum GPA 3.0 without the benefit of rounding.