

NETWORKS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM YEAR END AWARDS

Academic Scholarship Award (highest cumulative GPA as of the end of Fall 2015) –

- **Senior - 3.92**
 - **Patrick Landwehr** (*he was unable to join us this evening as he is travelling home from his study abroad experience in France*)
 - We would also like to give a special recognition to **Mitchell Wasmund** who graduated in December 2015, with a GPA of **3.98**
- **Junior – (2-way tie) – 3.98**
 - **Abby Shanks**
 - **Trent Lunsford** (*Trent was presented his award earlier this afternoon at the ISU baseball field, where he is getting ready to play a game against Dallas Baptist University. We are grateful to Coach Hannahs and the baseball team for partnering with us on this*).
- **Sophomore – (3-way tie) - 4.00**
 - **Austin Angel**
 - **Lily Eubank**
 - **Tanner Smith**
- **Freshman (6-way tie) – all 4.0**
 - **Alison Crick**
 - **James Kramer**
 - **Leah Mauder**
 - **Alec Nirtaut**
 - **Evan Rogers**
 - **Sasha Wagner**

General Leadership Awards

- There will be two recipients for each award. The first recipient will represent one of the two younger classes – the sophomores and freshmen. The second recipient will represent one of the two older classes – the juniors and the seniors. Yahzmine will announce the underclassmen recipients and I will announce the upperclassmen recipients.
- These students were nominated by their fellow scholars for work over the past year

Workhorse Award

This scholar is the backbone of the program - someone who seems to have the answers when needed. Sometimes it seems like they do not stop to eat or sleep, because of their constant dedication to the program.

- **Lily Eubank**
This scholar is not afraid to put in the time or effort necessary to get things done and get them done right. They are ALWAYS busy with something. Between juggling many work hours, the team leader position, classes, and being a leader in the sophomore class, the word “workhorse” fits this scholar better than anyone else.
- **Kyle Varble**
This scholar is 100% dedicated to this program, 100% of the time. They truly feel passionate about what Networks stands for, and will gladly stand up and represent at any time necessary.

Patriot Award

This award is not about U.S. patriotism, but unapologetic pride in the Networks Program. This scholar truly believes that the Networks program and its scholars will positively impact and lead the world. They demonstrate this belief through their words and actions to those around them.

- **Ryan Stenger**
This scholar is 110% dedicated to the Networks program and is proud of their involvement. They speak very highly of the program to others and on their social media. They are always engaged in seminars and excited to be learning and developing their skills. Their overt joy of being in the program is contagious and they are able to excite others regarding Networks related activities. You can just tell that this scholar absolutely loves it.
- **Bram Blackwell**
I got to know this scholar more this year, and I think they are a silent leader. They are a very positive person which is a refresher to all the negativity in the world. This scholar finds the good in every situation, and they support Networks every day.

Dory Award

This scholar is known for their smile and positive attitude, even in the face of challenges. They are a great friend to everyone and will stick with you through thick and thin. Their positivity raises the energy level in the room and on their team.

- **Olivia Havenor**

I have never once seen this scholar not smiling. They are so outgoing and positive, that it is overwhelming and completely changes the attitude of any room they are in, in the best of ways.

- **Kate Arndt**

This scholar is always in a positive mood, and they help energize the rest of us with their enthusiasm. I can never tell if they are having a bad day.

Nobel Peacemaker Award

This scholar wants harmony and they know how to unite people to achieve it. They are not afraid to tackle problems and understand the value of conflict resolution to achieve common goals.

- **Nadia Snedeker**

This scholar could end wars with their optimism. They have a bubbly attitude that is contagious. They make it a point to make sure people's days are going well. If they are not, they will find the cause and cure it before the person even knew what was wrong. They are the arbitrator of the program, acting on all sides, but ultimately supporting the one that will make the program better as a whole.

- **Meagan Stenger**

This scholar truly knows how to unite people. They go out of their way to get to know other people and figure out what their strengths are. This helps them mold groups together and find a way to unite people.

Unsung Hero Award

This scholar is known to do much of the work and the leadership behind the scenes, without the title and the glory. They are someone who can always be depended on.

- **Christopher Graman**

This scholar has done a lot of work with Networks with being our freshman liaison that nobody knows about and I really appreciate that.

- **Trent Lunsford**

This scholar was seriously the glue that kept the Ethics Conference together. All the work they did leading their ethics team was incredible and I really don't think they get recognized enough because they are fairly reserved. Hats off to their work this semester. *(was accepted by mother, as Trent was playing baseball)*

Supportive Ear Award

This scholar is there for everyone. They listen, show empathy, and offer guidance to others.

- **Emily Virotsko**

This scholar is one of those people that you can always count on to be there. They will listen if you need to vent or offer advice if you are having a difficult time. It is truly a blessing to have someone like them around.

- **Kassie Grooms**

This scholar is the most empathetic person I know in the program. When I talk to them, they listen before they speak and understand exactly what I am saying. They never bring themselves up but always seem to put me first during times when I need support the most. They are a great friend, classmate, and teammate and I am honored to call them my friend.

Innovator Award

This scholar dreams big and envisions ideas that will change the program and the world. They think outside the box and push the envelope. They never seem to disappoint when given an opportunity to express their creativity.

- **Breanna Blythe**

This scholar really pushed the envelope with the team this year. They were able to get the team to think outside the box and create some complex team building activities that had never been done before. They are very creative and proved that they can come up with ideas that not only changed the relationships of the individual cohorts, but the entire program as well.

- **Yahzmine Rodriguez**

This scholar does not care about the status quo. They are all about believing in yourself and making things happen. They constantly challenge other scholars to push their limitations of thought and think independently. There is no doubt that this scholar has some brilliant ideas about the betterment of society as well.

Class Exemplary Student Leader Awards

- A truly outstanding student leader embodies all of the five Servant Leadership characteristics – listening, empathy, self-awareness, developing others, and foresight. The next award of **Exemplary Student Leader** is to recognize a scholar in each class that fits that description.
- These students were nominated by their fellow scholars for their work over the past year

Freshman Exemplary Student Leader – Allison Crick

- This scholar is an extremely hard worker that puts in the hours to achieve their goals. They push others to do the same. They have a great personality and are very understanding of all situations.
- This scholar showed all of her amazing skills as a recruitment coordinator this year. They always have a smile on their face and their positive attitude is spread to whomever they are working with. Even though all of the recruitment material was incredibly new, they took on the challenge without question. They are someone who you know you can always count on.

Sophomore Exemplary Student Leader – Monica Griesemer

- This scholar has DEVELOPED into the most empathetic and self-aware leader I have encountered this year. They listen and use feedback from others in order to better themselves and others. They have grown into a great leader.
- I am so proud of how far this scholar has come in the Networks program. They have blossomed into a wonderful leader; both helping individuals become better people and modeling the way to their peers.

Junior Exemplary Student Leader – Benjamin Weber

- This scholar is involved in a lot of different organizations on campus, but over the past year I haven't felt their dedication to the program waver. A lot of time was dedicated to Ethics and making sure everyone was on board with the conference and what needed to happen. This scholar is constantly setting an example for our other scholars day in and day out.
- This scholar is more than just an exemplary leader, they are an inspiration...This scholar not judge anyone in or out of the program. They are someone I know I could talk to at any time especially if I was looking for an honest opinion. This scholar is truly a great man and a great leader.

Senior Exemplary Student Leader – Brandon Nettrouer

- This scholar is a great leader in every way. They are conscious of others and the impact they will have on them. They have shown their abilities on numerous occasions.
- This scholar encompasses all of the criteria for an exemplary student leader and thrives while doing so. This past year they have served as a huge mentor for the underclassmen and have worked to develop them into great scholars. They are always willing to help when needed and go out of their way to help others as well. They are extremely self-aware of their gift and show empathy with others as they listen and work for change.

Networks Professional Development Program Outstanding Leadership Award – highest award

This is the highest award a student in the Networks Professional Development Program can receive. The recipient is a scholar who rises above in all aspects of leadership. It is based on the student's entire experience within the Networks program and their service to it.

Ashley Gentry

- This scholar has been the leader of the senior class since our freshman year. They go above and beyond to make sure our class is successful and has all of the resources needed to do well. Their love for Networks is obvious through dedication and devotion to the program.
- This scholar is probably one of the nicest people that I have ever met. They are willing to listen and provide guidance to any problem that you may be encountering. They are always asking how progress is going on teams and within classes. You can always count on this scholar – they are there for everyone and anyone that needs it.
- This scholar has been a role model from day one. They have put themselves out there to rise above and work to change the program for the better... They happily took on various leadership roles and developed their peers into positive student leaders. Not only did they excel in leadership roles, but as a team member as well. This scholar has always been cognitive of the behind the scenes of Networks and has strived to make it the best possible experience for themselves and others. I admire their passion for the program and their dedication throughout their four years... The program will definitely miss her, and so will all of us.