

24[™] Annual
Student Leadership
Recognition Banquet

May 7, 2009



PROGRAM

Welcome	Dr. Walter Cramer
	Dean of Student Affairs
	Dr. Walter B. Bernstein
	Vice President for Student Affairs
OPENING REMARKS	cees, Laura A. Muller & Cody Arcuri
STUDENT LEADER RECOGNITION THROUGHOUT THE EVENING	G
DINNER	
Please remain seated until your table is invited to the buffet.	
Introduction of the	
HANCOCK STUDENT LEADERSHIP PROGRAM	Vice President for Student Affairs
	Dr. R. Averell Manes
	Professor of Social Sciences
Award Presentations	
CLOSING REMARKS.	Dr. James W. Schmotter



Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities

Who's Who Among Students is one of the most highly regarded and long-standing honors programs in the nation, recognizing upperclassman and graduate students for their academic achievement and co-curricular contributions to the university and community.

Awarded by: The WestConn Who's Who Selection Committee

RESIDENT OF THE YEAR

This award is given to an individual who has served the campus community above and beyond the call of duty. This individual is an outstanding leader and motivator to all students, but particularly to the resident students.

Awarded by: Inter-Residence Hall Association

Program of the Year

Program is selected by all of the residence halls voting on the program they feel best suited the university and the needs of the community.

Awarded by: Inter-Residence Hall Association

HOUSING AND RESIDENCE LIFE STAFF MEMBER OF THE YEAR

This award is given either to an RA, ARM, or a member of the Housing Department who has shown extreme dedication to housing throughout the year. Through programming, office work, and showing support for the residents of WestConn, the award recipient is being honored for his or her service. The award is voted upon by the Inter-Residence Hall Council which represents the WestConn resident body.

Awarded by: Inter-Residence Hall Association

OUTSTANDING STUDENT PROGRAM

This award is presented to a student or group who is deemed to have initiated and executed the program, excluding PAC programs, that had the largest impact on the campus community during the year.

Awarded by: Program Activities Council

HIGHEST GPA FOR A GREEK LETTER ORGANIZATION

Awarded to the Greek Organization with the highest cumulative grade point average at the end of the fall 2008 semester.

Awarded by: Greek Council

OUTSTANDING GREEK

This award goes to the individual who has made a significant contribution to his/her Greek organization, the Greek Council and the university. Nominations were solicited from individuals and Greek organizations.

Awarded by: Greek Council

OUTSTANDING GREEK ORGANIZATION

This award goes to the organization that has made a significant contribution to the Greek Council, the university and the greater community.

Awarded by: Greek Council

RECREATION/CLUB SPORTS STUDENT ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR AWARD

This award is given to the organization that has demonstrated a high level of dedication and sportsmanship in service to WestConn and the surrounding community.

Awarded by: Recreation Department



THE JOHN TAMAS MEMORIAL EMERGING STUDENT LEADER AWARD

This award goes to a Freshman or Sophomore who has demonstrated superior leadership capability and potential.

Awarded by: Division of Student Affairs

Outstanding Faculty Member — Ancell School of Business

This award is given to a faculty member from the Ancell School of Business for outstanding contribution to WestConn students.

Awarded by: Student Government Association

OUTSTANDING FACULTY MEMBER — SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

This award is given to a faculty member from the School of Arts & Sciences for outstanding contribution to WestConn students.

Awarded by: Student Government Association

OUTSTANDING FACULTY MEMBER — SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

This award is given to a faculty member from the School of Professional Studies for outstanding contribution to WestConn students.

Awarded by: Student Government Association

Outstanding Faculty Member — School of Visual & Performing Arts

This award is given to a faculty member from the School of Visual & Performing Arts for outstanding contribution to WestConn students.

Awarded by: Student Government Association

The Fernando and Alice Fernandes Award

Awarded to a member of the classified staff who has made significant contributions to student life.

Awarded by: Student Government Association

The Award of Merit

Awarded for outstanding service to the entire student body. A non-student member of the WestConn community whose dedication to the students and student life has gone far above and beyond their obligations.

Awarded by: Student Government Association

STUDENT AWARD OF MERIT

Awarded to a student who has dedicated him/herself to outstanding service to the student body.

Awarded by: Student Government Association

Outstanding Senator

Awarded to a senator in the Student Government Association for outstanding service.

Awarded by: Student Government Association

OUTSTANDING NEW STUDENT ORGANIZATION

Awarded to a student organization that has formed this year and has shown outstanding progress, programming and development.

Awarded by: Student Government Association



OUTSTANDING STUDENT ORGANIZATION

Awarded to a student organization that has excelled in all areas.

Awarded by: Student Government Association

THE SGA PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Awarded to a student or other member of the university community who has contributed to helping student organizations on campus.

Awarded by: Student Government Association

Outstanding Advisor

Awarded to the advisor that best promotes the growth potential of student organizations, assists with their maintenance, and stimulates the development of programs that not only enrich the campus, but also aid the development of the students.

Awarded by: Student Life/Student Activities

OUTSTANDING STUDENT LEADER

This award is given to the student who exemplifies what it takes to be an outstanding student leader.

Awarded by: WCSU Alumni Association

THE VICE PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR STUDENT LEADERSHIP

This award is given each year to a student who demonstrated an unusually high level of dedication and commitment to student life at WestConn.

Awarded by: Vice President for Student Affairs

STUDENT ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR AWARDS BY CATEGORY

These awards will be presented throughout the evening.

Each award is presented to a student organization that has shown outstanding commitment to its organizational goals and program planning, has made an impact on the campus and surrounding community, and the leadership development of its group members.

This year student organizations were invited to self-nominate. The Student Leadership Recognition Banquet Committee reviewed all nominations and will be presenting the awards to the winners in the following categories:

School of Arts & Sciences Student Organization of the Year Award School of Professional Studies Student Organization of the Year Award Community Service Student Organization of the Year Award Cultural Student Organization of the Year Award General Interest Student Organization of the Year Award

Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities 2008-09

Richard Andrews	Casianne Manning	Jessica Russo
Cody Arcuri	Aimee Massicotte	Georgia Sachse-Skidd
Matthew Buchta	Kellie McLaughlin	Francesca L. Testa
Mercedes DeMasi	Shauna Morasco	Jennifer Urbon
Kevin Gaughan	Caitlin Mulhare	Eric Voytek
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HANCOCK STUDENT LEADERS 2008-09

Douglas O. Jackson

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Maryanne Felkins	Kiley Morrison	Francesca Testa
Brittany Fignar	Alisha Mullaney	
Kevin Gaughan	Rebecca Richards	

THE HANCOCK STUDENT LEADERSHIP PROGRAM AT

Jessica Ringenback

WESTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

WHO: All current and potential student leaders with a minimum of 30 academic credits are eligible.

WHAT: This initiative is designed to acknowledge, promote and foster diverse student leadership on campus, to inspire, motivate and influence others and to enhance basic understanding of all aspects of outstanding leadership.

WHEN: Nominations and self-nominations will begin in fall 2009.

HOW: Students will receive special training, complete an applied project and create a leadership portfolio.

WHY: The benefits of the program include: scholarships; certificates of achievement/completion; increased effectiveness in leadership skills; recognition by students, faculty, and administrators; and enhancement to your resume. Other perks include invitations to banquets, free apparel and much more.

The Student Leadership Program is sponsored by Academic and Student Affairs at WestConn and the Hancock Student Scholarship Fund. For more information, please contact Dr. Walter Bernstein at 837-8606 or Dr. Averell Manes at 837-8452.

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Star-shaped photo frames: Provided by IRHA. Don't forget to take yours home with you!

Photo Booth: Provided by PAC. Have your picture taken before 7:30 p.m. when the booth will close.

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