

MEMORANDUM

Date: November 28, 2012
To: Members of the Faculty
From: Jerry Pubantz, Dean
Re: Student Excellence Award Nominations for 2013

Lloyd International Honors College is now inviting nominations for the **Student Excellence Award**, which is conferred each spring on Excellence Day at the Student Honors Convocation. This award is the highest academic honor given at UNCG. Lloyd International Honors College's Honors Council honors the best of the best by selecting the winners from among the nominees. The Council bestows the award on those seniors who, through their academic careers at UNCG, have given superior demonstration of their

- creativity and originality;
- motivation, initiative, and perseverance;
- analytic, synthetic, and critical thinking skills; and
- ability to communicate both orally and in writing.

Evidence of these accomplishments is usually demonstrated inside the classroom by the achievement of high grades and the superior completion of specific projects and assignments. Outside the classroom evidence typically includes such activities as independent research and other creative activities, study abroad, and community involvement that are linked to the student's academic studies. **The nomination letter should speak to these criteria and address student performance in both settings with specific examples.** As noted below, spaces are provided on the nomination letter template available on the Honors College website for this information.

The Convocation this year will take place on the evening of Tuesday, April 16, 2013, in the Auditorium of the Elliott University Center.

Each academic department and interdisciplinary program may nominate up to two students for the award.

Nominated students must have at least a 3.70 GPA and at least 90 s.h. (with at least 45 s.h. earned at UNCG) as of January 2013. Students who will graduate in December 2012 are not eligible unless they had less than 90 s.h. from all institutions in January 2012. Hours of academic credit earned abroad while a student at UNCG should be included as UNCG hours.

The deadline for receiving nominations is February 15th, 2013, at 5:00 p.m. Each nomination package should include the following:

1. **A completed nomination form** providing **all** the information requested, and signed by the Head of Department or Director of the interdisciplinary program.
2. **One letter of nomination** that speaks to the criteria listed above. For your convenience a nomination letter template containing spaces to respond with evidence of the candidate's fulfillment of these criteria is available for download at <http://honorscollege.uncg.edu/faculty/student-awards.htm>. This form is in MS Word. Please fill in the necessary sections, add any further information you wish, and then print, sign, and submit the letter with the other required materials. If you should decide NOT to use the template, be sure you address the evaluative criteria with specificity in your letter, as these criteria are heavily weighted in the Council's final decisions.
3. **At least one additional supporting letter** from a faculty member.
4. The student's curriculum vitae (CV). **While not required**, your nominee may be disadvantaged by not submitting a CV. This document often provides additional information about the student that is useful in the Council's consideration.

Please send the completed nomination package including the signed nomination form, letter of nomination and letter of recommendation to Lloyd International Honors College's office (205 Foust Building). If you have any questions regarding the Student Excellence Award, please call 334-5538.

STUDENT EXCELLENCE AWARD Nomination Form

Include this fully completed form along with all other requested materials in a nomination package.

Return to: Lloyd International Honors College, 205 Foust Building

DEADLINE: 5:00 P.M., February 15, 2013

Name of student nominated _____

UNCG cumulative GPA (as of January 2013) _____ Major(s) _____

Hours of academic credit earned (as of Jan, 2013): All institutions _____ UNCG _____

Department or interdisciplinary major submitting nomination _____

Date of anticipated graduation: _____

Head of Department or interdisciplinary major: _____

(print and sign your name)

ELIGIBILITY & CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

To be considered, nominees must meet the following requirements:

- 1) At least 90 s.h. earned from all institutions as of January 2013. Students who will graduate in December 2012 are not eligible unless they had less than 90 s.h. from all institutions in January 2012.
- 2) At least 45 s.h. earned at UNCG as of January 2013. Hours earned abroad while a student at UNCG should be included as UNCG hours.
- 3) A UNCG aggregate grade point average of at least 3.70.

Awards are based on submitted specific evidence of academic excellence presented in the letter of nomination, supporting faculty letter, and student curriculum vitae. This evidence should demonstrate the student's

- Creativity and originality;
- Motivation, initiative, and perseverance;
- Analytic, synthetic, and critical thinking skills; and
- Ability to communicate ideas both orally and in writing
- Specific activities inside and outside the classroom that demonstrate these qualities.

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Office use only:

- Application form complete
- Nomination Form
- Nomination Letter
- Transcript
- CV

- GPA
- Total Hours
- UNCG Hours
- Letter of Recommendation