2012-2013 Leadership Awards
Nomination Form

Nominee: ___________________________ Year in School: ______________

Campus Address: ____________________________________________________

Contact Phone #: __________________

Nominator: ___________________________ Position: ______________________

Relationship to Nominee: _______________ Contact Phone #: ____________

Campus Address: ____________________________________________________

Award being nominated for: (please select one)

☐ William E. Brattain Award
☐ W. Garry Johnson Award for Excellence in Student Governance
☐ Gordon A. Taylor Student Leadership Award
☐ Ralph H. Wagner Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service on behalf of WIU
☐ Ronald D. Gierhan Award for Outstanding Quiet Influence by an Individual
☐ Lydia Quinones Outstanding First year Involvement Award
☐ Outstanding Executive Board Member
☐ Outstanding Student Organization Advisor
☐ Outstanding Small Student Organization
☐ Outstanding Large Student Organization
☐ Most Improved Student Organization
☐ Outstanding Multicultural Program
☐ Outstanding Volunteer Service by a Group or Organization
☐ Outstanding Philanthropy by a Group or Organization
☐ Outstanding Co-Sponsored Program

Please provide letters of support, detailing nominees’ accomplishments and qualifications for each award. Address support letters to the Awards Selection Committee.

Completed nomination forms are due in the Office of Student Activities on Monday, March 25, 2013 by 4:30 p.m.

For office use only: Received: ___________ By: ___________

Reviewed: __________________________
The William E. Brattain Award

The William E. Brattain Award was established to give recognition to an outstanding student who has shown excellence in academic growth and achievement. Nominees should hold a minimum of a 3.5 cumulative GPA and be a graduating senior. In addition to their academic accomplishments, nominees should have shown outstanding contributions to the WIU campus and Macomb community through leadership and participation in various activities and organizations. The overall quality of the contributions made by the student will be taken into consideration along with the presentation of those contributions to the awards committee.

Dr. Brattain served as the Director of the University Union for over twenty-four years and is a former Associate Vice President for Student Services at Western Illinois University. He was active in providing leadership opportunities for hundreds of students who saw success in their campus activities. Additionally, Dr. Brattain served as the chair of the Board of Directors for the National Association of Campus Activities and authored the textbook *The Administration of College Unions and Campus Activities*. Aside from his professional duties, Dr. Brattain was and still is very active in community leadership and service. He has served as the chair of the Carl Sandburg Community College Board of Trustees and served on the Bureau of Cultural Affairs and the Performing Arts Society. During his tenure at Western Illinois University Dr. Brattain served as one of the leaders in constructing the first new building made exclusively for student use, the Student Recreation Center.

The recipient of this prestigious award will be announced at the annual Leadership Awards Ceremony and at a special lunch for the recipient and his/her parents/guardians prior to commencement. The recipient’s name will also be engraved on a nameplate that is displayed on a permanent plaque on the University Union Wall of Honor.
The W. Garry Johnson Award for Excellence in Student Governance

The Johnson Award recognizes five (5) graduating seniors showing excellence in a student governance organization on campus (SGA, IHC, STU, BSA, LASO, Inter-Fraternity Council, Panhellenic Council, United Greek Council, and International Friendship Club). Recipients will be selected based on their proven leadership abilities, their input on various campus issues, and dedication to bettering Western Illinois University’s campus community. Nominations will also be reviewed on the quality and depth of a nominee’s work on campus as opposed to the number of activities in which the nominee has been involved. Additionally, this award is not intended to be based on academic achievement but GPA will be taken into consideration if there are two or more candidates with equal qualifications.

W. Garry Johnson was Vice President for Student Services and Adjunct Associate Professor of Counselor Education and College Student Personnel at Western Illinois University until his retirement in 2011. Previous to being appointed Vice President, Garry served as Associate Vice President for Student Services, Assistant Vice President for Student Services-Student Life, and Director of Residence Life at Western. Prior to coming to Western, he served as Assistant Director of Housing at the University of Missouri-Columbia. He received his B.A. (1970) from the University of Southern Colorado in Physical Education and History and his M.S. (1972) and Ph.D. (1982) degrees from the University of Missouri-Columbia in Counseling Psychology with a support area in group dynamics. He teaches graduate courses at WIU in Group and Organizational Effectiveness, Issues in Higher Education, Special Problems in College Student Personnel: Budgeting in Student Services, Organization and Administration of College Student Personnel Services, and Higher Education in the United States.

The recipients of this prestigious award will be announced at the annual Leadership Awards Ceremony. The recipient’s name will also be engraved on a nameplate that is displayed on a permanent plaque on the University Union Wall of Honor.
The Gordon A. Taylor Student Leadership Award recognizes outstanding leadership and accomplishments within registered student organizations and clubs. This award, also known as the James M. Grigsby Student Leadership Award, is awarded to five (5) graduating seniors who have made a substantial contributions to their respective organization by not only holding a leadership position but by stepping above the minimum requirements of their position. Additionally, applicants will be reviewed based on the overall quality of their contributions to their organization, not simply the quantity.

Gordy Taylor served Western Illinois University for over 35 years, serving as the director of Western’s award-winning alumni program for 28 of those years. During his tenure, WIU received numerous awards from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE). The awards included recognition for student involvement programs, specific alumni awards and the grand gold award for overall alumni programs in 1994. In addition, Gordy also initiated the WIN (Western Illinois Now) alumni fundraising program.

Although Gordy retired in 2006, he still continues to serve Western Illinois University as well as the Macomb community. Gordy still conducts interviews with people from the surrounding area on WIUTV3, Western’s student-run television station, and also does motivational speaking. Additionally, he continues to put in countless hours into making Western Illinois University a better institution and Macomb a better place to live through various community service and charity events.

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The Ralph H. Wagoner Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service on Behalf of Western Illinois University

This award will be given to an individual who has demonstrated outstanding and extensive volunteer service to Western Illinois University, the Macomb community, and the surrounding area. Nominees will be reviewed on criteria such as their proven personal growth through giving back to their community and the extent of their work. The quality of the volunteer service will be taken into consideration in addition to the quantity. Additionally, nominees should have exhibited care and respect through their work with others and encouraged others to give back to their community as well.

Dr. Ralph Wagoner served Western for seventeen years; ten years as the Vice President for Public Affairs and Development and seven years as President. He was highly involved in community affairs and served as a Board Member for the Macomb Area Chamber of Commerce and served on the Macomb Area Industrial Development Corporation as well. Dr. Wagoner believed strongly in the development of positive relationships between the University and the Macomb community and enthusiastically promoted volunteerism to the community and his students.

The recipient of this prestigious award will be announced at the annual Leadership Awards Ceremony. The recipient’s name will also be engraved on a nameplate that is displayed on a permanent plaque on the University Union Wall of Honor.
The Ronald D. Gierhan Award for Outstanding Quiet Influence by an Individual is given to a student who has served as a quiet influence within a group or organization on campus. The nominee does not have to be one that has held an executive office, but through their commitment and interaction within the group or organization has made a significant difference. The quality of their contribution will be taken into consideration over the quantity of activities they've been involved in.

Applicants for this will be reviewed on following criteria:

- Has the nominee made a direct impact on their organization through the creation of new ideas, services and programs?
- Does the nominee utilize a team concept in his/her role in the organization?
- Has the nominee experienced personal growth through their experiences and reflection on co-curricular and extracurricular activities?
- Does the nominee lead by example?
- Had the nominee demonstrated a personal commitment through time and energy to the organization?
The Lydia Quinones
Outstanding First Year Involvement Award

This award is designed to honor a student who has displayed outstanding leadership and service during their first semester or year of involvement in their respective organization. Applicants should have displayed dedication to their organization and shown great potential to become a student leader. This award was designed to promote the benefits of getting involved early and to recognize the accomplishments of Western’s emerging student leaders. Decisions will be made on the basis of the quality of contributions not simply the quantity of activities the nominee is involved in. This award will have a traveling name; the year following the award will be named after the previous year’s winner.
Award for Outstanding Executive Board Member in a Group or Organization

The Award for Outstanding Executive Board Member in a Group or Organization is given to an individual who has served as a strong, inspirational, influential leader within a group or organization. To be considered, applicants must have held an executive office within the 2012-2013 school year. Additionally, they should display excellent communication skills and show a strong commitment to the group or organization. Also, applicants should be easy to interact and work with both in and out of the organization. Applicants will be reviewed on the quality of their contributions, not only the quantity of activities they are involved in.

Applicants will be reviewed on the following criteria:

- Applicant made a direct impact on an organization through creation of new ideas, services, and programs
- Through the leadership of the applicant, the team was effective, worked together on new ideas, and grew as individuals and as a whole
- The applicant reflected on his/her experiences in extracurricular activities as a means of personal growth
- The personal commitment in time and energy to the organization is abundant to the applicant
Outstanding Student Organization Advisor Award

The Outstanding Student Organization Advisor Award recognizes two advisors for their contributions to the success and support of student organizations at Western Illinois University. Many advisors serve out of appreciation for the organization and are unpaid. This award serves as a way to recognize an advisor that has gone above and beyond their requirements and has been a significant resource for the organization.

One award will be given to a graduate student advisor and the other will be given to an administrative or faculty advisor of Western Illinois University.

Nominations for this award will be reviewed on the following criteria:

- The advisor encourages and assists individual and organizational growth.
- The advisor serves as a positive role model for students
- The advisor has demonstrated personal commitment to the organization through time and energy.

On your nomination form, please indicate whether you are nominating a Graduate Advisor or a Faculty/Staff Advisor.
The Outstanding Small Student Organization Award recognizes and honors one small student organization for its success and support of student development, leadership, and campus involvement. This award is not reviewed a set list of criteria – all applications will be judged individually based on the extensiveness of their contributions, the quality of their work, and the presentation of their success. Organizations are free to make this award their own – providing examples of work they have done and proving that they are deserving of this prestigious award.

Any student group or organization registered and in good standing with the Office of Student Activities is eligible to apply. Also, small organizations are those having 49 or fewer active members.

Possible areas to consider in the application include:

- Campus leadership
- Academic growth and achievement of organization members
- Effect on faculty, staff, students, and/or the community
- Strengths and qualifications of the organization
- Uniqueness of the organization
- Notable accomplishments of the organization
- What has the organization done to make them deserving of the award?
- Does the organization support and promote the University theme?
- Improvements to philanthropy, average GPA, or community involvement
The Outstanding Large Student Organization Award recognizes and honors one student organization for its success. Also, organizations are recognized for their support of student development, leadership, and campus involvement. All large student organizations registered and in good standing with the Office of Student Activities are eligible to apply.

This award is not based on specific set-in-stone criteria – instead, organizations are encouraged to make this award their own and make their organization stand out! Thus, applications will be judged on an individual basis and will be reviewed on the quality of their work and presentation of that work.

A large organization is one that is made up of one of the following: one recognized student organization consisting of at least 50 members.

Possible areas to consider in your application:

- Campus leadership
- Academic growth and achievement of organization members
- Effect on faculty, staff, students, and/or the community
- Strengths and qualifications of the organization
- Uniqueness of the organization
- Notable accomplishments of the organization
- What has the organization done to make them deserving of the award?
- Does the organization support and promote the University theme?
- Improvements to philanthropy, average GPA, or community involvement
Most Improved Student Organization

Each year organizations strive to improve their membership, their involvement on campus, and try to reach the other goals they set for themselves. This award recognizes those organizations that are successful in improving their organization as a whole. Those organizations nominated will be reviewed on the overall quality and presentation of their work and proof of improvement. All student organizations registered and in good standing with the Office of Student Activities (OSA) are eligible and encouraged to apply.

Topics of consideration include:

- Increased membership
- Increased involvement on campus
- Emphasizing community service
- Increased education of members
- Significant advancement toward organizational goals
- Outstanding accomplishment within the scope of the organization
- Personal growth of members
- Increased outreach to the WIU campus and Macomb community
- Outstanding programs put on by the organization
Outstanding Multicultural Program

The Outstanding Multicultural Program award will recognize a student organization that has provided a program or event for the purpose of promoting a greater appreciation and understanding of multiculturalism on WIU’s campus. All student groups and organizations registered and in good standing with the Office of Student Activities are eligible to apply.

Applications for the Outstanding Multicultural Program Award will be reviewed on the following criteria:

- A variety of students participated in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of the program or event
- Individuals used resources such as people, time, funds, and material effectively in the development and implementation of the program
- Successful promotion and publicity of the program
- Demonstration of commitment to the promotion and enhancement of cultural appreciation and sensitivity
- Overall quality of program and quality of program presentation and marketing
The Outstanding Volunteer Service by a Group or Organization Award recognizes three student organizations registered by the Office of Student Activities for their volunteer and philanthropic efforts. One award will be given to an organization in each of the following categories: service organizations, Greek organizations, and general student organizations.

Organizations applying for this award should present their information in an elaborate and professional manner to the awards committee.

This award is to recognize a student organization that has gone above and beyond the normal or required amount of community or volunteer service. Applications for this award will be reviewed on the following criteria:

- The organization has utilized community service as a means of organizational growth
- The organization is involved in meaningful and beneficial community service outreach
- The organization exhibits care and respect for the dignity of others on campus and the local community
- Through volunteer experiences, the group has inspired others to act within the organization and campus community

On your nomination form, please indicate whether the organization is a:

- Service organization
- Social Greek letter organization
- General student organization
The Outstanding Philanthropy by a Group or Organization Award recognizes three registered student organizations: one service organization, one Greek organization, and one general student organization for their outstanding volunteer and philanthropic work. This award is given to those organizations that have extended beyond the average community service and philanthropy efforts. Organizations should have shown a significant improvement in their philanthropic and service program.

Additionally, organizations nominated should focus on presenting the quality of their philanthropy and philanthropic events to the awards committee.

Applications will be reviewed on the following criteria:

- Utilization of the philanthropy as a fundraiser benefitting an outside organization, group, or individual
- Involvement in meaningful outreach
- Exhibition of care and respect for the dignity of others on campus and the local community.
- Through the philanthropy event, the group inspired and encouraged others to act within the organization, WIU campus, and the Macomb community.

On your nomination form, please indicate whether the organization is a:

- Service organization
- Social Greek letter organization
- General student organization
Co-Sponsored programs are some of the most unique and successful programs on campus. Not to mention that they are usually harder to plan and coordinate because they involve greater communication, organization, and planning for those involved. Any student group or organization registered and in good standing with the Office of Student Activities are eligible to apply for this award.

Applicants should present their work in a detailed, professional manner to the committee through pictures, details of the planning of the program, and information about the actual event.

Applications for outstanding co-sponsored program will be reviewed on the following criteria:

- Effective sharing of resources including, but not limited to, people, ideas, funds, and time
- Successful publicity and promotion of the program or event
- The planning, implementation, and evaluation process of the program or event
- Overall level of participation from the campus and the local community