

The Albert D. Ernest, Jr. CARING AWARD 2018 - 2019

The Recipient

The committee seeks to recognize a UNF student that embodies the spirit of caring, volunteerism, and humanitarianism. The award is an opportunity to recognize and honor the bright, dedicated, and selfless individuals who take the time and strive to make the world a better place to live.

The UNF student who is selected will receive a bronze sculpture created by the late Frank Eliscu, nationally known sculptor, designer of the Heisman Trophy, the Oval Office's Presidential Eagle and the Presidential Medal of Freedom. The recipient will be honored during a commencement ceremony and will receive \$1,000.00 to donate in their name to a charity of their choosing. Four finalists will receive \$200.00 each to donate to their selected charity. All finalists are invited to attend an awards luncheon.

History of Award

The Albert D. Ernest, Jr. Caring Award, established in 1992 by the friends of Albert D. Ernest, Jr. and Barnett bank of Jacksonville, FL, is a fitting tribute to a UNF student who displays the spirit of caring, humanitarianism and volunteerism for which Mr. Ernest is admired. Although his volunteer efforts are extensive, Mr. Ernest's most significant contribution is his unique ability to empower others. Through personal example, he encourages others to develop a deep sense of caring about the people around them. His vision to see things as they should be and his ability to motivate and inspire those around him have resulted in untold positive changes.

The Criteria

The Caring Award Nominee must be:

- At UNF, enrolled full or part-time.
- A Junior, Senior or Graduate level student and in good academic standing.
- Involved in university activities providing direct services to others and/or similar direct service involvement.

The Caring Award Nominee must demonstrate:

- Intrinsic commitment to voluntary service
- Initiative and innovation in problem-solving
- Persistence in overcoming obstacles
- Advocacy for change that alleviates, or considerably improves, the status quo
- Continual caring exhibited in duration and impact of student's active contribution

Student may self-nominate by submitting the application, essay and a letter of recommendation from professor, supervisor, or mentor.

The Selection Committee will include representatives from UNF and the Jacksonville community. Finalists will be interviewed in-person. For questions, call Ragan Sander at (904) 620-2104.

Please return materials no later than Wednesday, October 10, 2018:

The Application

Student's Name and n# _____

Phone _____ UNF Email _____

Current Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Major _____ Class Status _____

Anticipate Date of Graduation _____

Nominator's Name _____

Phone _____ UNF Email _____

Department/Campus Address _____

Attach the following with the application:

1. Short essay (500 words max) by student describing volunteer involvement(s) and time commitment.
2. Letter of recommendation by nominator.
3. Student's resume

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Please return application and materials no later than Wednesday, October 10, 2018:

Via Campus Mail:

University Development and Alumni Engagement/Caring Internship
UNF, Bldg. 60, Room 2125, Attention: Ragan Sanders

OR

Via Email: Ragan.Sanders@unf.edu