

COLLEGE LEADERSHIP AWARD DESCRIPTIONS 2018

ALUMNI AWARD

Each year the UCSD Alumni Association seeks nominations from the college and recognizes one Outstanding Senior from each undergraduate college. The recipient of this award must have excelled academically as well contributed meaningfully to campus life.

CHIPS DREILINGER AWARD:

Chips Dreilinger served as Muir College's Dean of Students for 23 years. He embodied Muir's "Independent Spirit". Chips was firm in his core principle of Muir & student centric, however this took shape such as jumping out of a cake, wearing t-shirts and shorts to work every day, regardless of important meetings and sporting a beard that rivaled John Muir's. Chips was without fail committed to the life of students at John Muir College and it is in this spirit this award is presented each year to a student who is involved in a variety of leadership and involvement roles during their tenure.

JOHN L. STEWART AWARD:

This award is given in the spirit of John Stewart who was the founding provost of Muir College. Highly innovative and creative, John Stewart came from Dartmouth and was given the task of building 2nd college and to also initiate the "arts" programs at UCSD: Theatre, VA and Music. He was in short, a renaissance man. This award is bestowed on a student who has excelled in one of these disciplines and in so doing contributed in meaningful ways to the Muir community.

OCEANIDS AWARD:

The Oceanids award is among the longest standing awards given at the college. The award is given in recognition for outstanding service and leadership to the college and campus community.

PATTY MAHAFFEY AWARD (MUIR COLLEGE "GREEN" AWARD):

Patricia "Patty" Mahaffey served as the Dean of Student Affairs for 14 years. As Dean, she was an advocate for students, the college, and John Muir's environmental spirit, advising the Muir Environmental Corps. She is currently serving as the Assistant Vice Chancellor of Student Life for UC San Diego. This award is given in the spirit of Muir College's and Patty's commitment to sustainability and preserving wild places. The recipient of this award has had to demonstrate through their own actions and involvement individually, at the college and campus-wide a dedication to the environment and the preservation of sustainability.

PJL DIVERSITY AWARD

Dr. Ledden was a strong advocate of the importance of exploring and celebrating the richness of cultural diversity within our society. During his time as Provost Dr. Ledden encouraged the creation of Muir's "Affirmation of Diversity" by the Muir students and staff.

The institution of a Muir graduation requirement that asks every Muir student to take at least one course that explores the topic a diversity within the United States.

The development of a Cultural Diversity activity participated in during Orientation which became an essential bonding component of OL training and an integral part of the Freshman Orientation Program.

The "Provost Reading List" which offered students the opportunity to discuss relevant books in small groups while being hosted for lunch by the Provost in the Faculty Club. I hear that most students earned dessert! Dr. Ledden loved these interactions.

To continue to expand on these wonderful traditions and to honor Dr. Ledden's commitment to diversity, Muir established the PJL Diversity Award in his honor.

MUIR COLLEGE LEADERSHIP AWARDS:

The Muir College Leadership Award is given each year to students who have dedicated themselves continually to bettering the Muir College Community, whether individually or through a college organization. These individuals have stayed involved throughout their tenure, finding ways to make a positive impact in the community.

MUIR COLLEGE EMERGING LEADER AWARD:

This award is given each year to a new student (freshmen or transfer) who has demonstrated strong leadership skills combined with an intentional willingness to be involved with and enhance the Muir Community.

MUIR ORGANIZATION/COMMITTEE OF THE YEAR AWARD:

This award is given to an organization that has self-nominated or been nominated for their outstanding contributions to the Muir Community through lasting and sustaining efforts.

SUSAN SMITH LEADERSHIP AWARD:

This award is given in recognition of the focus and efforts of Provost Susan Smith to better and further advance Muir's physical and social environment. During her tenure, Provost Smith:

Secured a major Campus Heritage Grant from the Getty Foundation to draw up a historical preservation plan for the College's exemplary ensemble of Modernist buildings.

Advised, consulted and collaborated with Housing, Dining, and Hospitality to complete the Tamarack Apartments for second year students, the first building to be constructed at Muir since the early 1970s.

Established the Muir Environmental Fellows awards, which each year honor selected UC San Diego faculty, staff, and alumni whose work has contributed significantly to the cause of sustainability and environmental preservation.

Established the Stewart Society, named for Muir's founding provost John Stewart, the senior honors society that recognizes the academic achievements of Muir College students who come to UC San Diego as transfer students.

Revived the Muir College signature course Wilderness and Human Values that examines the ethical, scientific, economic and political issues presented by environmental preservation, and takes students on wilderness trips in the Sierras and elsewhere, as well as on outings in San Diego's local nature reserves.

Oversaw the renovation of Muir's Half Dome Lounge, developing part of that space into a demonstration kitchen.

Helped plan and renovate the Muir College Center into a more vibrant community space.

The recipient of this award has to demonstrate through their actions and involvement, efforts towards the enhancement of community & physical spaces and the positive development of the social environment of Muir.