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**DISTINGUISHED STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD NOMINATIONS**

***Purpose:***

To recognize at May 2012 commencement, a Tennessee State University undergraduate student, whose record of leadership and outstanding contributions to student life and/or student government has had substantial impact on improving the quality of student experiences at TSU.

**Award Criteria**

TSU, undergraduate, sophomore, junior, or senior students, enrolled full-time, who exemplifies the following:

* A commitment to academic excellence (3.00 minimum)
* A character with consistent ethical behavior that reflects the mission of the University: Scholarly Inquiry and Research, Life-long Learning, and a Commitment to Service
* Exceptional leadership skills in campus activities and sustained involvement in university organizations, programs, or departments during the preceding 12 months
* Volunteer and civic service on campus and within the Nashville community (unpaid positions)
* Interest in or advocacy for other students or the community

**Note:** A student may receive only one Distinguished Student Leader Award during their academic tenure at TSU.

**Nomination Process**

* Complete the Distinguished Student Leadership Nomination form
* Include a **l**etter of recommendation from a faculty member and/or staff and evidence of the student’s contributions and achievements
* Nominations due by April 6 , 2012
* Nominations will be accepted from students, faculty, or staff
* A committee of Faculty/Staff/Alumni/Community members will review nominations and make a recommendation to the Vice President for Student Affairs which will be forwarded to the President for approval

Students selected will be presented the award at May 2012 Commencement during the session (morning or afternoon) in which the student’s major is presented. (No speech by the award winner).   
  
 A perpetual plaque will be hung in the Campus Center to record selected students’ names.