Welcome to the 2022

Undergraduate Women’s Leadership Award

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Honoring the 2022 Nominees
Dunyah Abulaban

“As the president of the Muslim Students Association, she has had to juggle the giant role of serving the large campus Muslim population, that is diverse in all realms. Not only that, she has taken on the role of a "big sister," helping the younger students as they integrate into campus life after the quarantine.”
“During her time as vice president, she created a just community in the family we call Doctors Without Borders ... She constantly voiced and became a voice for others, to advocate ideas, to advocate disagreements, and most important of all to advocate equality for everyone.”
“While on my path to becoming a surgeon-researcher, I will keep accessibility, leadership, service, and equity in mind to foster a world where everyone is treated justly ... I want to use my influence to educate, lead, and inspire.”
Alexandra Brist

“I serve as Senator of the Student Government and the Justice Committee Chair and sponsor legislation focused on DEI and allergen-free food accessibility issues ... I also started a small business focusing on care packages for individuals with chronic illnesses.”
With the desire to make survivors’ voices heard, I became a volunteer for The Line at Loyola where I answer calls from survivors of gender-based violence, provide emotional support, and most importantly, make sure they know they are believed.”
“If we as a community do not continue to research and take action around us, then we will never grow a community. People forget that in order to advance we must all take the initiative to do so.”
Shelby Davinroy

“Leadership is difficult when there is no medium to facilitate it ... It is my goal in life to show people that good is possible, through the demonstration of an intrinsic desire that humans are instilled with, we can foster a more just world.”
Carly Fournier

“When women see other strong, confident women in leadership positions, it spreads like wildfire ... Now I realize that I am in a position where I can be that mentor and am now responsible for passing on the burning passion to another woman in need of a spark.”
“The intent of my work is to expand accessibility to underrepresented histories and address systemic issues maintaining a predominantly white, ableist, cisgendered, affluent academe and theatre industry.”
“My hope is that [my research] will not only give deeper insight into the beliefs about those who experience sexual violence at Loyola but also compel administrators to reform the current sexual assault prevention programs being used on campus.”
Maddie Hausmann

“I take on many roles here - I am a student-athlete and a small business owner. I am a friend and a teammate. Every title I hold, though different in many ways, can come together to be the physical embodiment of all the lessons people have given me.”
Jennifer Kovalcik

“It is more crucial than ever to address complex ethical issues and disparities in healthcare. My interest in bioethics stems from my curiosity in applying philosophical concepts to medicine and desire to emphasize the human aspect of patient care.”
“My research, which uses archival work to explore how the reinstatement of a federal theatre could promote art grounded in social justice, has made me interested in how arts policy can strengthen our communal bonds.”
"I want to build an environment for the students I come across to feel safe, excited to learn and grow, and to feel like they can succeed to become what they aspire to be with the tools I provide them."
“In my position as Firm Director [of Loyola’s Inigo Communications], I actively work to create a learning laboratory for the thirty five members to blossom ... I aim to create an atmosphere that consistently fosters growth.”
Christina Martyniouk

“Christina is kind, inquisitive, and passionate about making the world a better place ... She is currently the Director of Marketing for the undergraduate Women in Business club focused squarely on developing future women leaders among the student body.”
Arielle McKeever

“I have guided the Dance Honor Society into various new service projects like participating in MOMENTA Dance Company’s Everybody Can Dance Workshops, which is an inclusive movement workshop for people with and without a disability.”
Camille Morhun

“Through using a strengths and empowerment-based approach to my work, I guide my clients [at the HANA Center] through the process of gaining legal status in the United States in a process that humanizes them and affirms their dignity.”
Destiny Onyeise

“I seek to be someone who embraces the daunting task of navigating the complexities of the human condition and finds innovative ways to treat patients; someone who exhibits not only cultural competence but cultural humility.”
Amrita Rehal

“I aspire to be a physician and work with the underprivileged, underserved, and unheard ... It is my calling to advocate for equality in healthcare and to put myself in a position to succeed in this goal.”
“There is grand importance in treating patients as people and not just another statistic or chart ... This mentality allows me to provide the best patient care I can as an EMT, and I will continue to put this into practice as I advance in my career in medicine.”
Lauren Ruesink

“[Working as an ESL tutor] instilled in me the general idea of helping other people not only so that they are helped, but so that in the future they feel they have a sense of self-efficacy, and can then use their skills to even help other people in turn.”
Alexa Snyder

“She has done a great job of adapting the Student Environmental Alliance to the pandemic ... These events have helped create a community of students focused on environmental activism and a more just world.”
Maria Del Mar Villanueva Guzman

“Moving [around the world] taught me the importance of being open to forming all kinds of connections, listening to people’s stories, being equally compassionate and empathetic, and having a greater appreciation for different cultures.”
Ashia Walker

“A more just world to me is a world where every basic human right is met ... I seek to contribute to fostering a more just world by continuing the movement to sustain access to affordable housing and prevent displacement.”
Congratulations Nominees!
Announcing the Award Recipient
Congratulations!

To the 2022 Award Recipient

Jennifer Kovalcik
Thank you!

Nominators
Elaf Agha
Sarah Alcantara
Amy Bohnert
Leanna Boychenko
Robert Bucholz
Colleen Conley
Christopher Considine
Tracy DeHart
Francisco Diaz
Michele Everett
Jennifer Forestal
Christine George
Jennifer Griffin

James Johnson
Sandra Kaufmann
Teresa Krafcisin
Anne McEldowney
Cheryl McPhilimy
Omer Mozaffar
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Jon Schmidt
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Linda Tuncay Zayer
Maria Vidal de Haymes
Maria del Mar Villanueva
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