DEPARTMENT OF PREVENTION AND COMMUNITY HEALTH
SPRING 2014 AWARDS

Committee Members:
Melissa Napolitano, PhD, Committee Chair, Maternal and Child Health Program
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Eligibility:
Students must have completed and presented their final CE projects between the dates of August 1, 2013 and May 20, 2014, be in good academic standing, and be in the Department of Prevention and Community Health to be eligible for these awards.

2014 Awards:
Culminating Experience Award(s): The culminating experience award recognizes an outstanding CE project in each track of the Dept. of Prevention and Community Health. The student CE project must be nominated by his/her CE advisor. Eligible students will demonstrate excellence in planning and execution of their CE project, as well as in the written and oral communication of findings. Nomination packets include an electronic copy of the completed CE manuscript and a letter from the advisor and are turned in to the track director. Each track director will submit their awardee’s name to the chairperson of the awards committee by Friday April 11, 2014, 5pm EST.

Distinguished Scholar Award: This award recognizes outstanding scholarly achievement by a student. Students with a 3.8 GPA or higher may be nominated by a faculty member in the Department of Prevention and Community Health. Nomination packets must include (a) letter of nomination from a PCH faculty member who had the student in class, (b) a second letter from any SPHHS faculty member, and (c) an official GWU transcript. Letters (no longer than 2 single spaced pages each) from the nominator(s) must clarify and provide examples regarding how the student was “above and beyond” ordinary in academic insight, achievement, and / or quality of work (i.e., demonstrated ability to apply theory beyond normal regurgitation, promoted meaningful class discussion, submitted written work that was outstanding in written clarity and insight, displayed engagement and leadership in class by going ‘above and beyond’ required class readings and sharing additional articles and/or information). Nominations are turned in to the chairperson of the awards committee. Nomination packets are due on Friday, April 4th, 2014, by 5pm EST.

Excellence in Community Leadership Award: The community leadership award recognizes a sustained commitment to community health through volunteerism and/or involvement in a defined community (local, regional or international). Students are encouraged to self-nominate by submitting (a) a letter (no longer than 2 single spaced pages) detailing their commitment to community health, examples of that commitment, and how that commitment has affected their life and (b) a 1-2 page resume providing details of the community organization(s) the nominee has engaged with. Nomination packets are submitted to the chairperson of the awards committee. Nomination packets are due on Friday, April 4th, 2014, by 5pm EST.
NOMINATION PACKETS for the DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR AND EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AWARDS MUST BE SUBMITTED:

- Electronically to Dr. Melissa Napolitano at mnapolitano@email.gwu.edu
- With the subject heading “PCH award nomination”
- As 1 PDF document containing all required materials
- By Friday, April 4th, 2014, by 5pm EST