Institute of Technology
West Virginia University

# Presidential Leadership Award Package

Nomination & Application Materials
2018-2019

**Description Of**

# The Presidential Leadership Award

Established by Dr. Leonard C. Nelson in 1978, the Presidential Leadership Award acknowledges one outstanding graduating senior from each of the two colleges at the West Virginia University Institute of Technology:

Leonard C. Nelson College of Engineering & Sciences (LCNCES)

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Business, Humanities, and Social Sciences College (BHSS)

This Award recognizes the contributions made by the two senior students who have played a significant role in the improvement and development of the intellectual, social, cultural, and/or athletic fabric of the WVUIT community.

Two Tech students will be honored with the Presidential Leadership Award based upon academic excellence and leadership in campus and community activities.

## Purpose of the Presidential Leadership Award

The Presidential Leadership Award is an academic award recognizing two students who have not only earned high marks in their coursework but who also have given untiringly of their time in leadership positions, while maintaining personal standards of excellence.

The Award sets forth and acknowledges the two nominated and recommended graduating students who best embody the four personal characteristics sought in the recipients of the Presidential Leadership Award. These individual characteristics are the same attributes and qualities desired in all WVUIT students:

- *Academic excellence*
- *Outstanding leadership exhibited in student organizations, campus committees, and/or other college-related pursuits*
- *Distinctive representation of the college and university in local, state, and national forums*
- *Involvement in community activities*

Each candidate for the 2019 Presidential Leadership Award must indicate within her/his application how she/he stands out as a WVUIT student in the above four areas.

## The Presidential Leadership Award Pronouncement

The most prestigious student award given at WVUIT is the Presidential Leadership Award, and the moments of pronouncement for the Award are memorable ones. During the May commencement ceremony each Spring, before their families and friends, before their peers with whom they are graduating, before their professors and University dignitaries and distinguished alumni—most in full academic regalia, the two Award Recipients from each College are called individually to the stage, so their acknowledgement and achievements can be celebrated by the University community.

**Nomination & Candidate Forms for the 2019 Presidential Leadership Award**
Students who are presented the Presidential Leadership Award must be nominated, and each nominated student must then apply. Only nominations and applications of graduating seniors (December 2018 and May 2019) will be considered. Nomination and Candidate forms are available in the Academic Award packages published by the faculty members of the Academic Awards Selection Committee, who are listed below. The Packages are widely available from the members of the WVUIT faculty and on the WVUIT website.

**Academic Awards Selection Committee**
The faculty members of the 2018-2019 Academic Awards Selection Committee will review the information received from Award nominators and candidates, interview the candidates, and select the two student recipients of the Award. The voting faculty committee members include:

- Dr. Andrea Kent, Committee Chair, College of the Business, Humanities, & Social Sciences, 200B Classroom Building < *Andrea.Kent@mail.wvu.edu*>

- Dr. Cynthia Hall, College of the Business, Humanities, & Social Sciences, 100B Classroom Building <*Cynthia.Hall@mail.wvu.edu*>

- Dr. Kenan Hatipoglu, Leonard C. Nelson College of Engineering and Sciences, 300I LRC <*Kenan.Hatipoglu@mail.wvu.edu*>

**Presidential Leadership Award**
**Nomination & Application Submission Requirements**
Nomination and application forms/packets must be submitted to the Academic Awards Committee, as specified on the forms. Nomination forms may be submitted by students, faculty, administrators, or anyone associated with WVUIT. *Self-nominations are acceptable*.

All Nominations, Applications and Letters of Recommendation should be submitted via their respective links found at https://www.wvutech.edu/academic-awards .

All Nominations must be submitted by **Thursday, February 28, 2019**. All Candidate Applications then need to be submitted by **Sunday, March 31, 2019.**

A complete application packet includes each of the following pieces:

- Candidate (Application) form, two pages;
- Recommendation letters from two (2) WVUIT faculty members;
- Personal recommendation letter from a peer/colleague, administrator, friend, or family member;
- Copy of the nominated student's unofficial academic transcript;
- One-page narrative from the nominated student that offers a meaningful self-reflection— (*Includes the identification of any accomplishments, efforts, and/or achievements deserving of special attention that were mentioned only briefly or not at all within the sections of the nomination materials*);
- Candidates may be scheduled for an interview between April 1-5, 2019.

The two letters included in the application materials should be prepared, as much as possible, so that knowledge is readily apparent from the document of the four personal characteristics that are sought in the recipients of the Presidential Leadership Award.