

CO Student Leader Awards 2025-2026

Nominations for the below are due Monday March 23rd. Nominees and Winners of the following CO Student Leaders will be announced at our end of year CO Student Leaders Banquet Sunday April 19th.

We look forward to reading your Student Leader nomination

Campus Partner Award

This award recognizes an outstanding campus partner that exemplifies the mission of CO and has significantly impacted CO affiliated participants, by demonstrating a commitment to promoting community engagement and educational development. This award may be given to an individual or a campus unit. The Campus Partner Award recipient will be chosen on the following criteria:

- Shows a dedication to working cooperatively with CO affiliated participants, staff and/or administrators, provides service to the University and/or increase the school's contribution to the local, national, or international community
 - Shows evidence of impact on CO affiliated participants and sustained commitment to promoting civic engagement and student success.
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CO Pride Award

This award recognizes an individual student leader who has made significant contributions through participation across Community Outreach through their involvement in programs, services or operations. This may include but is not limited to; multiple projects/programs involvement, Community of Practice support, program or service delivery, as demonstrated by a commitment to advancing and/or promoting service and/or Community Outreach programs in general during this academic year. The CO Pride Award recipient will be chosen on the following criteria:

- Engaged participation in multiple Community Outreach projects or programs;
 - Demonstrated dedication to Community Outreach and its mission;
 - Contributions to the field of community service through presentations at the University level, state or national level
 - Contributions to meeting client and or CO organizational needs
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Write in Award (create your own award)

This year, we are adding a write in award. If you feel that someone is deserving of an award that is not represented here. We will have an Awards Selection Committee reviewing awards and deciding on winners this year. Your write in award may show up at the award ceremony

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Community Partner of the Year Award

This award recognizes an outstanding community partner or collaboration that exemplifies the mission of CO and has significantly impacted CO affiliated participants, by demonstrating a commitment to promoting community engagement and educational development. The Community Partner of the Year Award recipient will be chosen on the following criteria:

- Demonstration of dedication to working cooperatively with CO affiliated participants, staff and/or administrators, to provide service to the University and/or increase the school's contribution to the local, national, or international community and/or
 - Evidence of impact on CO affiliated participants and sustained commitment to promoting civic engagement and student success.
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Emerging Student Leader of the Year

This award recognizes an individual who has served as a student leader with CO no more than two semesters. This award will typically be given to a freshman, sophomore, or junior student, but seniors may also be considered. The Emerging Student Leader of the Year Award recipient will be chosen on the following criteria:

- Performance in the areas of leadership and professionalism that may go above and beyond their assigned responsibilities;
 - Demonstration of thoughtful and intentional integration of the critical components* of community service and service-learning into the framework of the program/trip/special project or operational activity; and/or
 - Shows dedication to community service and their program and exhibits strength in communication, conflict resolution, and/or cultural competency.
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Equity, Justice, and Inclusion Award

This award recognizes an individual who has exemplified equity, social justice, and advocacy within their community. This individual strives to implement just and equitable practices within our community and programs through research and education about systems of oppression while working to eliminate barriers to access. In addition, the Equity, Social Justice, and Advocacy Award recipient will be chosen on the following criteria:

- Advocates for communities they work in, works with vulnerable or underserved communities and implant strategies to support advocacy actions here at the University;
 - Actively advances equitable and just practices and is an advocate for their community through their programmatic efforts.
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Outstanding Initiative of the Year Award

This award recognizes an individual student leader or group of student leaders that have made a significant contribution to a local, national or international community, the University, and/or CO as a whole through the implementation of programmatic and/or operational initiatives. The Outstanding Initiative of the Year Award recipient(s) will be chosen on the following criteria:

- Demonstration of activities that exhibit initiative, innovation, and creativity;
 - Displays progress and improvement in the area of a CO affiliated program;
 - Contributions in meeting client and/or CO organizational needs; and/or
 - Contributions to the field of community service.
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Program of the Year Award

This award honors the development and/or implementation of a service activity that has significantly enhanced the social well-being of others in a local, national, or international community while enriching the students' learning experience. The Program of the Year Award recipient will be chosen on the following criteria:

- Integration of the critical components* of community service and implementation of service-learning experiences for volunteers into the framework of a program, trip, or special project;
 - Excellent delivery of outreach services to clients and the community; and/or Enhancement of program over the course of the year.
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Student Leader of the Year Award

This award recognizes an individual student who has made a significant contribution to a local, national, or international community, the University, student participants and/or CO as a whole through outstanding leadership and service in the organization's programmatic and/or operational activities. The Student Leader of the Year Award recipient will be chosen on the following criteria:

- Performance in the areas of leadership and professionalism that may go above and beyond their assigned responsibilities;
 - Demonstration of thoughtful and intentional integration of the critical components* of community service and service-learning into the framework of the program/trip/special project or operational activity; and/or
 - Shows dedication to community service and their program and has mastered communication, conflict resolution, and/or cultural competency.
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