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University of North Texas at Dallas CAMPUS AWARDS

The University of North Texas at Dallas Student Engagement Office invites the UNTD community to nominate students, faculty/staff, student organization advisors, and registered student organizations for a variety of awards. We invite you to acknowledge the outstanding work and contributions they have made in 2023-2024 academic year to improve our campus, community, and our world.



Nomination Form Link: bit.ly/UNTDCampusAwards2025

Nomination Form closes on March 28th.

Apply and/or submit a nomination for the following awards:

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| 1. Emerging Leader | 10. Outstanding Achievement in Experiential Learning |
| 2. Legacy Award | 11. Student Employee of the Year |
| 3. Outstanding Student Veteran | 12. Rising Professional |
| 4. Program of the Year | 13. Graduate Student Leadership Award |
| 5. Outstanding Student Organization President | 14. Exceptional Involvement |
| 6. Student Organization of the Year | 15. Outstanding Trailblazer Elite Leadership Award |
| 7. Outstanding Service to Students (3) | 16. Scholar of the Year |
| 8. NTFB Volunteer of the Year | 17. Trailblazers Better Together Award |
| 9. Servant Leader | |

For questions or concerns, please email getinvolved@untdallas.edu

Award Descriptions

Emerging Leader

The Emerging Leader award recognizes a new student (either a first-year student or a transfer student in their first year at UNTD) who shows active involvement in an organized campus activity or student organization, demonstrates the potential to be a continued leader on campus, and helps to make a difference on campus or in the club/organization/activity.

Eligibility Criteria:

1. Demonstrate the potential to be a continued leader on the UNT Dallas campus.
2. Involved in at least one campus organization recognized by the Office of Student Affairs.
3. Must be a new member in a student organization for less than 1 year.
4. Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.

Legacy Award

The Legacy award recognizes a student who has contributed greatly to the UNTD Community throughout their time of attendance and actively celebrates the mission of UNTD. This award recognizes a graduating senior that has been involved in numerous organizations on campus, held leadership roles within those organizations, served as a mentor to their fellow Trailblazers and others around them, and demonstrated their leadership skills, ambition and initiative to extend beyond UNT Dallas.

Eligibility Criteria:

1. Completed/ing undergraduate or graduate degree in May or December of this academic year.
2. Involved in at least two campus organizations recognized by the Office of Student Affairs.
3. Held an elected officer position in at least one campus organization for at least a year.
4. Served as a mentor to other students.
5. Demonstrates the potential to be a continued leader after graduation; and
6. Has a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.

Outstanding Student Veteran

The Outstanding Student Veteran Award recognizes a student Veteran at UNT Dallas who demonstrates positive leadership skills, motivates their fellow student veterans to have a positive impact here at UNT Dallas, and displays character and high standards in their service to the UNT Dallas campus and/or surrounding communities.

Eligibility Criteria:

1. An enrolled student veteran at UNT Dallas for more than one semester.
2. Demonstrates and shares positive leadership skills to the student body.
3. Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0, and
4. Motivates individual student veterans to impact the campus in a positive manner.

Program of the Year

The Program of the Year award recognizes a university program, hosted by a department, office, or student organization, which demonstrates originality and innovation, significantly enhances student life at UNT Dallas, and provides a unique learning opportunity outside the classroom that benefited the campus and/or surrounding community.

Eligibility Criteria

1. Event hosted by a university department, office, or student organization.
2. Program demonstrates originality and innovation.
3. Program is effectively implemented and open to all students; and
4. The program significantly enhanced student life at UNT Dallas.
5. Program benefited and invited the campus community.

Student Organization of the Year

The Student Organization of the Year award recognizes an active recognized student club/organization who represents the mission of UNTD, helps shape campus life, displays school spirit, and contributes significantly to promote a positive and engaging student life through its programs, activities, and other organizational efforts.

Eligibility Criteria

1. A recognized student organization with the Office of Student Affairs
2. Shows school spirit by attending programs sponsored by other organizations.
3. Contributed significantly and positively to campus life through its programs, activities, and other organizational efforts; and
4. Student organization achieved its mission, as reflected in its purpose statement.

Outstanding Student Organization President

This award recognizes exemplary leadership, dedication, and innovation demonstrated by a student who has served as the president of a registered student organization at UNT Dallas through the Office of Student Engagement. It honors individuals who made significant contributions to their respective organizations, fostering growth, unity, and excellence within their membership and beyond.

Eligibility Criteria

1. Current president or officer of a student organization recognized by the Office of Student Affairs for at least one (1) year.
2. Demonstrates and shares positive leadership skills to their student organization.
3. Motivates individual members of the organization to impact the campus positively.

Outstanding Service to Students

The Outstanding Service to Students award recognizes three (3) UNT Dallas employees: 1 Student Organization Advisor, 1 Faculty, and 1 Staff/Administrator. This award recognizes their devotion and energy to UNTD, as a motivator of students and/or fellow faculty/staff, and especially for commitment to the goals of UNTD in programming, services, etc. *This award will recognize 1 staff, 1 faculty, and 1 student organization advisor at UNT Dallas.*

Eligibility Criteria

1. Any full-time faculty or staff member of UNT Dallas
2. Demonstrates dedication to UNT Dallas students through quality work and service,
3. Contributes toward achieving the goals of their department/office,
4. Displays a positive attitude & commitment to the continual improvement or growth of their office, the division and the University.

NTFB Volunteer of the Year

The North Texas Food Bank Volunteer of the Year award recognizes a student who demonstrated active commitment to serving with the North Texas Food Bank and prioritized service to the community.

Eligibility Criteria:

1. A current graduate or undergraduate student at UNT Dallas
2. Demonstrated involvement with the North Texas Food Bank during the current academic year.
3. A cumulative GPA of 3.0.

Servant Leader

The Servant Leader award recognizes a student who makes volunteerism and service to UNTD and the local/regional/global community a priority.

Eligibility Criteria

1. Current undergraduate student at UNT Dallas
2. Demonstrated involvement in the community by serving as a volunteer for a minimum of 150 hours during their time at UNT Dallas
3. A cumulative GPA of 3.0.

Outstanding Achievement in Experiential Learning

The Outstanding Achievement in Experiential Learning award recognizes a student who participated in programs offered through the Office of Experiential Learning at UNTD.

Eligibility Criteria

1. Undergraduate student graduating in May.
2. Completed an internship, practicum, and/or student teaching opportunity during their time at UNT Dallas for at least 200 hours.
3. A cumulative GPA of 3.0.

Scholar of the Year Award

The Scholar of the Year award recognizes a student from the many scholarship programs at UNT Dallas, including Presidential Scholars, Greater Texas Foundation, McNair, Conrad Leadership, and/or a theDream.US scholar at UNT Dallas.

Eligibility Criteria

1. A current undergraduate student who has also been at UNT Dallas for two years
2. A cumulative GPA of 3.0

3. Active scholar on campus

Student Employee of the Year Award

The Outstanding Student Employee Award celebrates the exceptional contributions and dedication of a student working within the university, i.e. office, school, department, etc. It recognizes individuals who demonstrate outstanding professionalism, initiative, and commitment to their work responsibilities while balancing academic pursuits.

Eligibility Criteria

1. Graduating senior enrolled as a graduate or undergraduate student at UNT Dallas
2. A cumulative GPA of a 2.75
3. A current student employed at an office, school, department, or area of UNT Dallas for at least one (1) year.

Rising Professional Award

This award recognizes the outstanding dedication, growth, and professionalism exhibited by students who are new to employment and the professional environment. These awards highlight the remarkable transition and development of individuals who, despite being new to the workforce, have demonstrated exceptional adaptability, enthusiasm, and commitment to their roles.

Eligibility Criteria

1. Graduate or undergraduate student at UNT Dallas
2. A cumulative GPA of a 2.75
3. A current student employed at an office, school, department, or area of UNT Dallas for at least one (1) year.

Exceptional Involvement Award

This award recognizes an individual who has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to involvement and engagement in various aspects of campus life. The recipient of this award serves as a role model for their peers, embodying the values of leadership, service, and community-building, and leaving a lasting impact on the university or college environment.

Eligibility Criteria

1. Students can only win this award once.
2. Enrolled as a graduate or undergraduate student at UNT Dallas
3. Involved in any combination of three (3) or more organizations, activities, leadership programs, on-campus employment, internships, etc.

Graduate Student Leadership Award

This award recognizes graduate students who demonstrate exceptional leadership and commitment while balancing the demands of graduate education with professional, academic, and personal responsibilities. Recipients of this award excel in their fields through contributions to research, internships, professional leadership, or community engagement. Whether advancing knowledge through scholarly work, applying expertise in professional settings, mentoring others,

or driving positive change in their communities, these students embody resilience, excellence, and a commitment to making a meaningful impact beyond the classroom.

Eligibility Criteria

1. Students can only win this award once.
2. A cumulative 3.0 GPA.
3. Must be a graduate student enrolled at UNT Dallas
4. In good standing with the university.

Outstanding Trailblazer Elite Leadership Award.

This award recognizes an individual who epitomizes the essence of leadership, innovation, and trailblazing spirit at UNT Dallas as a member of the Trailblazer Elite program. This prestigious award recognizes a visionary individual who has consistently demonstrated exceptional leadership qualities, drives positive change, fosters innovation, and inspires others to reach new heights.

Eligibility Criteria

1. Students can only win this award once.
2. Must be part of the Trailblazer Elite program.
3. Enrolled as an undergraduate student at UNT Dallas
4. A cumulative 3.0 GPA.
5. In good standing with the university

Trailblazers Better Together Award

This award celebrates a student who demonstrates exceptional dedication to fostering unity and collaboration within the university or college community. It honors an individual who actively promotes dialogue, understanding, and respect among campus groups, creating an environment where everyone feels valued and empowered to contribute.

Eligibility Criteria

1. Students can only win this award once.
2. Enrolled as a graduate or undergraduate student at UNT Dallas
3. In good standing with the university