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7 NKU awards to recognize efforts of grads

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HIGHLAND HEIGHTS - Northern Kentucky University will be awarding seven student awards to recognize outstanding accomplishments of graduating seniors.

"These student awards are important because they celebrate and recognize academic accomplishment, student achievement, outstanding character, leadership, service, persistence and community engagement," said Zebulun Davenport, NKU's vice president of student affairs.

The awards are the Regents Award, the NKU Foundation Student Leadership Award, the Excelsior Award, the Paul J. Sipes Award, the President's Award, the University Service Award and the Faculty Senate Award.

"At the May Board of Regents meeting, the award recipients are announced and presented with a plaque and a small monetary gift," said Davenport.

Students are nominated for the award by NKU faculty and staff.

The Regents Award is given to a senior student who has demonstrated professionalism and leadership within the university community and who has an emphasis on continuation of graduate-level work.

The NKU Foundation Student Leadership Award is given to a student leader who has provided outstanding service to the university through student government or other significant student leadership roles.

The Paul J. Sipes Award is presented to an outstanding senior student who displays the personal qualities of honesty, character, and industry and who has actively participated in community affairs.

The University Service Award is given to a senior student who has provided outstanding service to the university through student involvement in social and civic activities while demonstrating a high level of academic achievement.

The Excelsior Award is presented to an outstanding senior student who has overcome great obstacles to achieve his or her academic pursuits.

The President's Award is given to a senior student who has greatly contributed to the development of a strong sense of community at Northern Kentucky University through special efforts to break down barriers of discrimination, promote international awareness, promote the interaction of traditional and nontraditional students, promote diversity or promote handicap awareness and access.

The Faculty Senate Award is given to a senior student who has demonstrated exceptional skills and productivity in an independent study project. An independent study project is defined as a faculty-supervised research or scholarly work, which has as its goal the publication, presentation and/or exhibition of the results.

"Recognition of this magnitude provides the institution with the opportunity to say 'thank you' to our students for their dedication and hard work," said Davenport.

The deadline for nominations is Friday.
