

36TH Annual Student Center Leadership Awards

Leadership Award Descriptions, Criteria, and Questions for Consideration When Submitting a Nomination

Outstanding Leadership Award

This award is presented to a student who has greatly contributed to the campus and/or Keene community through their service and leadership. This person has shown exemplary initiative, motivation, and potential for the future.

Criteria:

- Must be a student who is a member of a recognized organization. The full list of recognized organizations can be found [HERE](#).
- They do not have to be an Executive Board Member

Questions to answer/consider:

- How has this student contributed outstanding service, guidance, and assistance to Keene State College and/or the Keene community?
- What leadership positions has this student held?
- Please describe the quality, scope and level of involvement of this student.
- How has this student helped in bringing about positive changes to their organization(s)?

Outstanding Volunteer Service Award

This award is presented to a student who has gone above and beyond in their volunteer service to others. Through their contributions they have had a significant impact on our campus and community.

Criteria:

- Must be a student enrolled at Keene State College.

Questions to answer/consider:

- How has this student showcased outstanding service to Keene State College or the larger community?
- Was this service voluntary, or required as part of a class and/or organization obligation?
- How have the students' contributions exceeded those of their peers?
- How has the student raised awareness/funds/support for a particular cause?

Outstanding President Award

This award is presented to the president of a recognized student organization who has shown immeasurable leadership within their organization.

Criteria:

- Must be the president of a recognized organization. The full list of recognized organizations can be found [HERE](#).

Questions to answer/consider:

- How has this student gone above and beyond in their role as president?
- How have they helped create a bond between the members of the club and community?
- In what ways have they shown outstanding leadership for the organization?

Outstanding Greek Member Award

This award is presented to the fraternity or sorority member who best exemplifies the values of the KSC fraternity and sorority community--academic success, accountability, service, and leadership development.

Criteria:

- Must be a member of a recognized sorority or fraternity affiliated with Keene State College. The full list of recognized fraternities and sororities can be found [HERE](#), (under category, select Fraternity/Sorority Life).
- Must currently be in good social and academic standing with the College.
- Nominees for this award who are returning in the Fall will automatically be considered for the Phi Lambda Chi Scholarship.

Questions to answer/consider:

- What are some of the noteworthy activities/projects/events that this individual has been part of over the past year?
- In what ways did this individual demonstrate the values of the fraternity and sorority community?
- How did this individual contribute to the student experience at KSC?

Outstanding Academic Organization

This award is presented to the academic organization that best exemplifies its mission/purpose and contributes to the student experience at Keene State College. This includes all honor societies.

Criteria:

- Must be a currently active, recognized organization with an academic focus. The full list of recognized academic organizations can be found [HERE](#) (under category, select Academic Organization).

Questions to answer/consider:

- What are some of the noteworthy activities/projects/events that this organization has conducted over the past year?
- In what ways did this organization uphold its mission/purpose?
- How did this organization contribute to the student experience at KSC?
- What makes this organization outstanding?

Outstanding Non-Academic Organization

This award is presented to the non-academic organization that best exemplifies its mission/purpose and contributes to the student experience at KSC.

Criteria:

- Must be a currently active, recognized organization without an academic focus. The full list of recognized non-academic organizations can be found [HERE](#).

Questions to answer/consider:

- What are some of the noteworthy activities/projects/events that this organization has conducted over the past year?
- In what ways did this organization uphold its mission/purpose?
- How did this organization contribute to the student experience at KSC?
- What makes this organization outstanding?

Outstanding Advisor

This award is presented to the advisor of a student organization who has made a significant impact and gone above and beyond their usual responsibilities.

Criteria:

- Must be a full-time faculty or staff advisor of a recognized student organization. The full list of recognized non-academic organizations can be found [HERE](#).

Questions to answer/consider:

- In what ways has your advisor made a significant impact on the operation and direction of your organization over the past year?
- How often does your advisor attend meetings and activities?
- How has your advisor gone above and beyond usual responsibilities to help your organization improve?

Outstanding Student Employee Award

This award is presented to a student employee whose leadership has positively impacted the workplace. This person has exhibited professionalism, initiative and outstanding performance by contributing their time/skills in helping achieve workplace goals and objectives.

Criteria: Must be a student who is employed on campus in a student-hourly or federal work study position.

Questions to answer/consider:

- What job(s) does this student hold?
- In what ways has this student positively contributed to the workplace, campus and/or community?
- How has the student demonstrated professionalism, initiative and outstanding performance?

The Echo Award

This award is presented to a student who stands up for their ideals, operates with a focus on social justice and consistently values fairness. This person is a prime example of living one's values. Furthermore, this person enables groups and individuals to flourish, recognizes the significance of small acts in the effort to attain a greater vision and has an impact that echoes throughout the campus community.

Criteria:

- Must be a member of a currently active, recognized organization. The full list of recognized organizations can be found [HERE](#).

Questions to answer/consider:

- How does this person dedicate time and energy to their organization?
- Share an example of this person's commitment to fairness and equality.
- How does this person enable other members of the group to flourish?
- Give an example of this person living their values.

The Class of 2020 Scholarship

This scholarship provides recognition and financial assistance to undergraduate students who are involved in campus life and Student Government at KSC. The Class of 2020 showed leadership, determination, and active participation throughout a challenging final year at Keene State. It is intended that this scholarship honor those same qualities in other student leaders.

Criteria:

- Must be a full-time student at KSC
- Must be a member of Student Government
- Must be a rising sophomore, junior, or senior
- Student must have financial need
- Must have a G.P.A. of 3.0 or above
- Recipient must be returning to Keene State College for the 2026-2027 academic year.
- Additional consideration shall be given to the student who is actively involved in campus life and positively contributes to the college experience of their peers.

Questions to answer/consider:

- How has this student been involved in campus life and Student Government?
- How has this student demonstrated leadership and determination during a challenging time?

Kenneth and Carol Swenson Jue Community Service Scholarship Fund

This award provides scholarship support to students with financial need who possess a service orientation and are engaged in community service. Through their professional and volunteer activities the Jues have demonstrated their value of and strong belief in individual service as the foundation for a healthy community. Therefore, they wish to encourage and celebrate Keene State College students who exemplify the College's Motto of "Enter to Learn; Go Forth to Serve."

Criteria:

- Student must demonstrate financial need.
- Recipient must be returning to Keene State College for the 2026-2027 academic year.
- Student must be engaged in community service, either locally or through their home communities, exemplifying the College's motto, "Enter to Learn; Go Forth to Serve."

Questions to answer/consider:

- How is this student currently engaged in community service?
- Share an example of how this student exemplifies the College's Motto (see above).

The Michael J. Watters Memorial Scholarship Award

This award is presented in memory of Michael J. Watters, Class of 1986, an outstanding student leader. Michael served as president and vice-president of the Social Activities Council, was manager of the Pub Club, a member of the Student Assembly, and received the Outstanding Service Award. He was also a volunteer in the Keene community and assisted in the creation of the world's largest jigsaw puzzle in 1985 as part of the Keene United Way fund drive.

On June 9, 1990, Michael died in a mid-air explosion of his aircraft during a U.S. Marine flight training mission. His family and friends established this scholarship award in his memory. The Captain Michael J. Watters, USMC, Memorial Scholarship provides an annual award to recognize a junior year student who is working to help their community.

The following criteria are specific to this award and are needed in addition to the basic information required for every award as listed in the nomination form. Also, please be as detailed as possible when listing the qualifications that you feel make this nominee worthy of this award. It is most competitive, and the student selected will receive a substantial scholarship.

Criteria:

- Must be a junior year student.
- Must have a GPA of at least 2.5.
- Recipient must be returning to Keene State College for the 2026-2027 academic year.

Questions to answer/consider:

- How has this student proven that they can lead others through example?
- How has this student consistently set positive goals beneficial to the spirit of the community at KSC?
- In what ways has this student been a vital leader on campus?

Tyler John Smith Memorial Scholarship Endowment Award

This scholarship has been created to remember the life of Tyler John Smith and his deep connections to Keene State College. As a Keene State College sophomore, Tyler quickly and deeply planted firm roots within the L.P. Young Student Center and Student Involvement programs. Tyler made the most of his time on campus, serving in an executive board position on the Social Activities Council board and working as a motivated member of the student staff within the Student Center.

Tyler was engaging, enthusiastic and incredibly outgoing, easily making strong connections with students and staff alike. Tyler's volunteering and work positions were the perfect match for his own gregarious personality, as he was known as the gatherer of family and friends. He was as big in stature as he was in personality - "The Big Friendly Giant."

This scholarship is established to provide recognition to a deserving student who will lead by example to promote student involvement, encourage positive peer interactions and give back to the campus community. This award will ensure that Tyler's easy laugh, warm smile, and generous personality will never be forgotten.

Criteria:

- Must be a full-time student at Keene State College
- Student must have financial need
- Student must have a 3.0 GPA or above
- Student must be of sophomore, junior, or senior standing
- Student must be an active member of the Social Activities Council
- Recipient must be returning to Keene State College for the 2026-2027 academic year.
- Additional consideration will be given to students who are actively involved on campus and in L.P. Young Student Center programs or employment and who are residents of New Hampshire.

Questions for answer/consider:

- Please explain why you believe the nominee is qualified to receive the Tyler John Smith Memorial Scholarship Endowment Award.

The Leo F. Redfern Outstanding Citizenship Award

The Leo F. Redfern Outstanding Citizenship Award is the highest non-academic honor bestowed upon an undergraduate student by Keene State College. It recognizes the outstanding accomplishments of a particular student who has left their mark on Keene State the way Dr. Redfern left his.

Dr. Redfern served as President of Keene State College from 1969-1979, leading the College through significant changes during his tenure. Student enrollment increased by sixty percent, and the faculty/staff population doubled. His leadership not only enhanced the infrastructure of the College, but also contributed to the progression of student life on campus.

In recognizing Dr. Redfern's passion for the liberal arts, for Keene State, and for the student experience, this award is presented annually to a senior who has demonstrated and fully engaged in a commitment to enhancing student life while at Keene State. This award also recognizes the positive contributions a senior has made not only to the College community, but also the neighboring City community. The recipient of this award is an individual who consistently partners with members of both communities and works tirelessly to advocate on behalf of the common good.

****NOTE: This award will be presented at College Commencement on May 9th, NOT at the annual Leadership Awards Banquet. This award is selected via the Leadership Awards Banquet Awards Selection Committee. ****

Criteria:

- Recipient must be a senior.
- Recipient must have a 3.0 cumulative GPA.
- Recipient is a student who has significantly contributed to the City of Keene, and to the enhancement and progression of campus life at Keene State College.

Questions for answer/consider:

- Please explain why you believe this nominee is qualified to receive The Leo F. Redfern Outstanding Citizenship Award.
