Norton Undergraduate Research Scholarship Recipients

Sarah Allen, Saegertown
Grascen Shidemantle, Slippery Rock

College Awards for Outstanding Student Academic Leaders and Outstanding Students in Research, Scholarship or Creative Activity

College of Business
Scholar: McKenzie Popatak
Leader: Jayme Chaffee

College of Education
Scholar: Kalena M. Ziegler
Leader: Paige Crist

College of Health, Environment & Science
Scholar: Blake Wallrich
Leader: Timothy Samec

College of Liberal Arts
Scholar: David Tini
Leader: Danielle McDermott

Rising Star Nominations 2016-17
Presented May 3, 2017

Each year, AVI Foodsystems, Inc. sponsors 10 stars in the International Star Registry to honor and recognize students who have exemplified outstanding leadership. The award winners will be recognized at the Rising Star Award Ceremony May 3rd, 2017, 5:00 p.m. in the Smith Student Center Ballroom.

Rising Star Award (8 Awards) - This award is presented to a student that influences positive change, inspires peers, faculty, and professional staff and effectively delegates, communicates and empowers organization’s members. This student balances academic life with leadership opportunities and stands out within the organization. The nominees for 2016-17 are:

- Zachary Baynham
- Aaron Carr
- Hanna Crable
- Alexandra Foster
- Matthew Housley
- Riley Keffer
- Karina Montgomery
- Leanna O’Hara
- Haley Potter
- Alyssa Rosencrance
- Leah Rousso
- Blake Souders
- Jenna Temple
- Scott Vogelgesang
- Zackary Weismann

Student Leader of the Year Award (1 Award) - This award is for the student recognized by peers as being especially dedicated to activities ranging from scholastic to extracurricular. The student has made outstanding contributions to campus-wide co-curricular programs, as well as high-quality leadership and organizational ability in helping plan and present programs. The nominees for 2016-17 are:

- Matthew Housley
- Dallas Kline
- Rachel Lawler
- Quintan McLaughlin
- Erin O’Connor
- Odell Richardson
- Logan Steigerwalt

Silent Inspiration Award (1 Award) - This award is given to a student who has served his or her organization in an unassuming and quiet manner. This award is for a student who has not yet held a leadership role, but through a commitment of time and energy, has made an impact on the organization and the University community. The nominees for 2016-17 are:

- Chadwick Burdick
- Michael Costanzo
- Rachel Lawler
- Niyah Pope
- Claire Seasoltz
- Anita Snyder

Student Community Service Award (1 Award) - This award is presented to a student who makes service a priority. This award will be given to a student who has made an impact on an organization, community or agency serving as a positive role model and has boosted courage, spirit and hope in other individuals.

(No nominees for 2016-17)
What I Remember, or How to Craft an Essay
Student: Amanda Salvia
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Danette DiMarco

What’s So Funny, Mr. Bennett?
Student: Zachery Zehner
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Danette DiMarco

Why English?
Student: Victoria Davis
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Danette DiMarco

Studying Japanese
Student: Zembria Shellenberger
Faculty Advisor: Yukako Ishimaru

Dark North and Hungry Jane
Student: Emma Cumming
Faculty Advisor: Gordon Phetteplace
Set Design Presentation at ACTF

Getting Tough on Juvenile Offenders: An Exploration of Advantages & Disadvantages of Harsh Juvenile Sentencing Laws
Students: Veronica Miller & Jayme Tatko
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Sarah Kuehn

Background Check Requirements for Child-Care Personnel: The Forefront of Child Protection?
Student: Nicole Loncaric
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Heather Rice

Does Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Lead to Juvenile Delinquent Behavior?
Student: Meghan Torok
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Sarah Kuehn

Feminist Views on Marriage: Through Simone de Beauvoir and Susan Moller Okin
Student: Jayme Kerr
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Andrew Winters

Cost and Benefit of Combating Nutrient-Based Hypoxia in the Gulf of Mexico
Student: Daniel Petrelli
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Heather Rice

A Defense of Functionalism and Cognitive Systems
Student: Spencer Knafelc
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Andrew Winters

Observation of Inter-arm Systolic Blood Pressure Difference during Exercise
Student: Melanie Clarke
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Michael E. Holmstrup
Presented at the National Honors Conference in Seattle, WA in fall 2016.

The Self-Assembly of DNA Nanostructures for Use as Organizing Templates
Student: Timothy Samec
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Arlene Ford, Department of Physics and Engineering

Case Study of a Child with ASD: Incorporating Improvisational Music Therapy and Sensory Integration
Students: Erin Oulton and Kenneth Farinelli
Faculty Advisors: Dr. Vern Miller, Dr. Nicole Hahna, Department of Music

Prints
David Gordon – etching
Jamie Mulac- linocut
Megan Hulings – linocut
Kasey Kurpakus – etching
Faculty Advisor: Barbara Westman, Department of Art