

To: Deans, Department Heads, and Directors of Academic Counseling

From: Betsy Smithka
Associate Dean of Students

Date: January 2, 2008

Re: Flora Roberts and G. A. Ross Award Nominations

The identification of the Flora Roberts and G. A. Ross recipients for 2008 begins with the call for nominations. This is your invitation to submit nominations. These are two highly prestigious awards that are critically dependent on the nominations from faculty or departmental staff. Faculty and departmental assessments of student achievement consistent with the criteria for the awards assure the quality envisioned by Flora Roberts and G. A. Ross.

The Flora Roberts Award and the G. A. Ross Award will be presented to graduating seniors who have attained a minimum of a 3.0 graduation index and who best exemplify the characteristics established by the awards. (“*Graduating*” can be interpreted as anyone who graduates in December 2007, May 2008, or August 2008.) Other criteria to be considered for the awards are: **Scholarship** (which can include measures beyond the required 3.0 GRD index, such as research, publications, etc.), **Leadership, Service** (to campus or community), and **Character**. The recipients of these awards will receive: a bronze-plated medal, a certificate, a check for \$500, and each will have his or her name inscribed on the award marker located on the Purdue Mall.

A committee composed of students and a representative of the Office of the Dean of Students select the recipients of the Flora Roberts and G. A. Ross Awards from the nominations submitted by faculty and staff.

Please feel free to copy this information to share with faculty members in your area. The nomination form is also an attachment. Nomination forms completed by faculty and staff should be returned to Betsy Smithka, Associate Dean of Students, Office of the Dean of Students, Schleman Hall, no later than 5:00 p.m. on February 1, 2008.

The awards will be presented at the University Honors Convocation on April 13, 2008. The individuals who nominate the award recipients and the dean of the colleges in which the recipients are enrolled will be notified prior to the date of the University Honors Convocation.

Thank you for your assistance.

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