

SOC Student Awards—International, National, State, Local, Webster University

1997

- SOC Journalism and Broadcast Journalism students win 8 scholarships totaling \$12,000 from the St. Louis Journalism Foundation. (Patsy Zettler, James Rodenbush, Deborah Allen, Holly Rauch, Camille Novak, Scott Shackford, Brad Straubinger, and Bethany Prange.)

1998

- Jennifer Meyers, Broadcast Journalism major, wins the two top Webster University leadership awards: the George Herbert Walker III Award for Leadership for the most significant combination of academic achievement and leadership and the Alumni Association Undergraduate Student Leadership Award.
- Christine Youngberg, Photography major, wins the Alumni Outstanding Graduate Award.
- *The Journal* staff students win The Pacemaker, the highest national award of excellence presented by the Associated Collegiate Press.
- Marit Rokeberg, Film major, wins the \$2,000 Walter Cronkite Scholarship from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences in St. Louis. Joseph Schoen, Film major wins the second place award for \$1,000.
- Vernon Whitlock, Film major, wins an EMMY from the St. Louis chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences for his senior overview film, *Full Circle*.
- David Lawson, Film major, wins the Eastman Product Grant to complete work on the senior film overview *Dead Letters*.
- Students of the Debate and Forensics program win 80 individual awards in tournaments, including 3 individual championships and five team sweepstakes awards.
- Sandy Murrell, Sarah Trnel and Chad Schneider, Photography majors, win first, third and honorable mention in the *Riverfront Times* photo contest.
- Kelli Harris, Media Communications major, is chosen to participate in a Presidential Committee on Race Relations where she meets with President Bill Clinton and other selected student leaders.
- Colleen Kreft, Journalism major, wins a St. Louis Journalism Foundation scholarship.

1999

- Ken Calcaterra, Film major, wins 1st place in the Missouri Broadcast Educators Association for his video *The Making of an Independent Film* and 3rd place for his script *Java*. Calcaterra and Jason Christ, Film majors, win 1st place for their music video *Assume Nothing*.
- *The Journal* student newspaper is named Best Overall Newspaper in Division II of the Missouri College Media Association. Students also win 17 individual awards.
- Seven SOC students (majors in Broadcast Journalism and Journalism, Advertising and Public Relations) win scholarships from the St. Louis Journalism Foundation.

2000

- Mindy Hampton, Advertising/Marketing Communications major, wins the George Herbert Walker III Award for Leadership for the most significant combination of academic achievement and leadership.
- Aaron, Crozier, Broadcast Journalism student, wins the Walter Cronkite Scholarship from the National Academy of TV Arts and Sciences and the Koplal Communications Scholarship.
- Julie Trang and Kimberly Colette, Broadcast Journalism majors, win St. Louis Journalism Foundation scholarships.
- *The Journal* student newspaper staff wins 18 awards from the Missouri College Media Association.
- Students of the Webster University Forensics and Debate program win 100 awards during the debate season.
- Marcelina Da Silva, Speech Communications major, places in many forensics tournaments throughout the season, qualifying her to compete at the national American Forensics Association National Individual Events Tournament.

2001

- 19 Advertising/Marketing Comm. students win 1st place in the regional American Advertising Federation student contest and qualify to compete with 14 other colleges in the United States at the national competition in Cleveland.
- Erica Burseson, Journalism major and editor of *The Journal*, is chosen as one of top 5 student editors in the United States to participate in the Project Interchange with international students.
- Adam Neal, Video major, wins the Walter Cronkite Scholarship from the National Academy of TV Arts and Sciences.
- Leigh Muzslay, Journalism major, wins Missouri College Journalist of the Year from the Missouri College Media Association.
- Sarah Jones, Photography major, wins Missouri Photojournalist of the Year from the Missouri College Media Association.
- Robin Harris, Speech Communications Studies major, receives the top national Pi Delta Kappa student award, the All American (one of 5 selected in the nation out of 900 eligible students.)
- Robin Harris, Andy Hobin and Ryan Louis, Speech Communications Studies majors, qualify to participate in the National Pi Kappa Delta Forensics Individual Events Tournament based on their competitive wins throughout the season.
- *The Journal* student newspaper staff and editor Leigh Muzslay, win 14 awards at the Missouri College Media Association, including second place for Best Overall Newspaper in Division II.
- *The Journal* student newspaper rates as a finalist in the national Pacemaker Award of the College Media Association. The paper also receives 3rd place in the national competition for newspaper design.
- Students in the Investigative Reporting Journalism course win a new trial for a man on Missouri's death row because of their in-depth news story.
- The Film senior overview project, *Silent Night*, is accepted for showing in the St. Louis Filmmakers Showcase and the St. Louis International Film Festival.

- 2 Video students win an internship in New York working on the scripts of 2 nationally known soap operas.
- Amy Johnson's "*Born to Foos*" is accepted for showing on a national short film network for hospitals.

2002

- Adam Neal, Video major, wins the George Herbert Walker III Award for Leadership for the most significant combination of academic achievement and leadership and the Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award from the Alumni Association.
- Leigh Muzsly, Journalism major, and Adam Neal, Video major, receive the Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award, the first time 2 student awards have been given for this category.
- Advertising/Marketing Comm. students win 1st place in the regional AAF contest and 7th place in the national American Advertising Federation's student contest held in Miami.
- Angie Ottinger, Film major, is accepted at the Sundance Film Festival for her senior thesis film "*Donut King*."
- Journalism students win 6 scholarships from the St. Louis Journalism Foundation.
- *The Journal* staff and Editor Erica Burleson win 12 awards at the state meeting of the Missouri College Media Association, including Best Overall Newspaper in Division II.
- Susan Heimann and Clare Vitale, Photography majors, share the honor of Missouri Photojournalists of the Year.
- Andy Hobin, Speech Communications Studies major, wins the top individual forensics event for the state of Missouri.
- Jean Ahsmuhs, Michelle Backer, Melissa Henson, Mireia Sanabra and Melissa Zwilling, Public Relations majors, win the Bronze Quill Award from the St. Louis professional chapter of the International Association of Business Communicators. They competed in the professional, not student, category to gain the win.
- Tina Thomure, Photography major, wins a spot in the Photo Imaging Education Association International Competition. Her photo is selected as one of the prints that will be part of an exhibit that tours the world. More than 4,288 photos were submitted in the contest.
- Sonya Revell, Photography major, is selected as a finalist in national Photographer's Forum magazine. Only the top 8% of the 25,000 entries were finalists.
- Adam Jamal Craig, Film major, is selected to internet stream his movie "*Run*" on the Ifilm.com network.
- Leslie Canton, Amanda Rogers, Amela Aldihodzic and Erica Burleson win St. Louis Journalism Foundation Scholarships.

2003

- Students in the Webster University Forensics and Debate program win 2nd in the nation at the national Pi Kappa Delta Tournament in Maryland. For the year, the

squad wins a total of 181 individual awards in the season, and has 8 national championships.

- Ryan Louis, Speech Communications Studies major, wins All American, the top title in the nation given by Pi Kappa Delta.
- Ryan Louis, Robin Harris, Amy Richardson, Tina Wheeler and Andy Hobin, Speech Communications Studies majors, qualify to participate in the National Individual Events Tournament, the largest number from Webster University to qualify in any year.
- Chris Michaels, Speech Communications Studies major, is elected one of only two student representatives nationally on the Pi Kappa Delta Board.
- Advertising students win 3rd place in the regional American Advertising Federation's regional student contest.
- *The Journal* student newspaper staff wins 20 awards at the Missouri Student Press Association including Overall Sweepstakes.
- *The Journal* student newspaper is chosen as a finalist in the Pacemaker Award given by Associated Collegiate Press Convention.
- Film major, Cindy Copeland's work is selected for showing at the Lemp Art Center. The film, produced in the capstone senior overview course, is *Talking to Larry*.
- *Student Affairs*, a soap opera program created by a Video course, earns the two student scriptwriters summer internships on the set of "Yes, Dear" in New York and with a film production company in Los Angeles reading scripts for producers.
- 16 student-produced broadcast news shows air on St. Louis cable television.
- KGLX student radio station wins a national finalist spot in the 2002 Collegiate Broadcasters' Student Production Contest.
- Peter Schmalfelt, Interactive Digital Media major, wins Best Student Media Website for his internet streaming project for KGLX; he also wins the Golden Web Award from the International Association of Webmasters and Designers for the KGLX site.
- Laura Green and Ronald Johnson, Photography majors, win finalist spots in the National Photographers Forum annual student competition. Their photos are selected from more than 20,000 entries.
- Rebecca Smelcer, Photography major, wins a slot in the international traveling exhibit of the Photo Imaging Education Association competition.
- 2 Film majors work on feature length Hollywood films, with the film adjuncts instructors who also directed the feature films *Snow Falling on Cedars* and *He Said, She Said*.
- Rob Edgecomb, Film major, is selected to join the Telluride Student Symposium at the film festival of the same name.

2004

- Jenn Christ wins the George Herbert Walker III Award for Leadership for the most significant combination of academic achievement and leadership.
- Photography student, J.J. Lane, wins the American Society of Media Photographer (ASMP) regional student photo contest. Her photograph, *Nikki's Back*, appears on the cover of the association's fall newsletter.

- The Webster University Debate and Forensics team earns 167 individual and team awards during the season, and 7 students subsequently qualify for the National Individual Event and Debate Tournament. At the same time, the squad maintains a 3.45 GPA in their academic studies.
- *The Journal* student newspaper wins 12 awards at the annual convention of the Missouri College Media Association.
- Tyann Cherry, Photography major, places as a finalist in the U.S. Best of College Photography Annual Contest, selected from among 31,000 entries.
- Jill Moon, Journalism major, wins the Elva Norman Scholarship; Julia Gold, Video major, wins the James H. Wilson Scholarship; Brett Bell, Photography major, wins the Nancy Anne Underwood Scholarship.
- Michael Witman, Film major, is chosen to be an intern at the Sundance Film Festival in Utah. His senior overview film, *Defining Reason*, wins special mention at the Philadelphia Short Film Festival.
- Cynthia Lancaster, Photography major, wins a spot in the International traveling exhibit of the Photo Imaging Education Association contest for her photo “*Man Carrying Woman.*”
- Allison McDonald, Public Relations major, earns semifinalist honors in the Elie Weisel Foundation’s National Ethics Essay competition. Students from more than 250 universities submitted entries.
- 72 SOC students earn spots on the Dean’s List for Scholarship.
- Tina Wheeler, Speech Communications major, is named All American by the Pi Kappa Delta professional oratory honorary society.
- Media Communications students at the Thailand campus create a photography exhibit named “*15 Students/15 Countries.*”
- Trevor Fields, Film major; Rhonda Sciarra, Media Communications graduate major; Russ Smith, Film Studies major; Trevor Zickgraf, Broadcast Journalism major, and Jon-Carlos Evan, Film Production major; win The Deans Service Award.
- David Minnihan, Film major, works on feature film “*The White Countess*” during his study abroad semester in Shanghai.

2005

- *Ampersand* student magazine staff wins 1st place in 3 categories at the national CMA convention.
- Film major, Christopher Abreau, wins Eastman Kodak Product Grant of \$2,000 to produce his senior film *Secrets, Secrets.*
- *The Journal* student newspaper earns Best in State and 12 additional awards from the Missouri College Media Association.
- David Kraemer, Film major, wins internship at the Sundance Film Festival.
- Julie Trange, Allison Driscoll and Joe Schoen, Broadcast Journalism majors, work with Wolf Blitzer, national network commentator and Steven Springer, CNN Executive Producer, to produce the live broadcast of the 2000 Presidential Candidate Debates held in St. Louis.

- Carson Minnow and Chris Drummond, Film Production students, win Best Director Award in the national contest called *48 hours*, where teams of students spend 48 hours creating a film.
- Ben Zwig, Denise Bell, Film Production students produce films in their senior overview requirement that gain entrance into the St. Louis International Film Festival.
- Stephanie Kiszczak and Sarah Truckey, Journalism majors, win St. Louis Journalism Foundation Scholarships.

2006

- In New York City, the *Ampersand* student magazine staff wins the national Gold Crown Award, the highest honor given by the Collegiate Media Association (CMA.) About 1,500 entries are in the competition.
- Students in the Advertising Research and Advertising Campaign Production courses take 1st place in the American Advertising Federation's regional student contest and 2nd place in the national contest.
- Advertising/Marketing Comm. student, Josie Zimmerman, works on the award-winning Super Bowl Ad, *The Whopperettes*, during her student internship in New York and subsequently lands a position upon graduation at a prestigious London ad agency.
- Film alumni, Brian Jun and Ryan Samuls, gain showing at the Sundance Film Festival for their senior overview feature film *Steel City*.
- Photography major Cynthia Lancaster's photo selected to be part of the Photo Image Educators Association's Educators Association's international touring exhibit.
- Katie McComb, Video major, wins the George Herbert Walker III Award for Leadership for the most significant combination of academic achievement and leadership.
- SOC Journalism students win 8 of 13 scholarships awarded by the St. Louis Journalism Foundation for a total of \$8,000.
- *The Journal* student newspaper wins 20 awards, including 2nd place in Division II at the annual Missouri Collegiate Media Association.
- Melissa Benton-Hopper, Speech Communications Studies major, wins the Missouri state championship for her original speech and presentation.
- Krissi Dean, Public Relations major, wins the Outstanding Marketing Student Award presented by the School of Business and Technology.
- A Film major wins the Eastman Product Grant of \$1,000.
- The Debate squad places in 18 categories at the National Pi Kappa Delta tourney.
- Crystal Ginn, Interactive Digital Media major, earns the Dean's Service Award.
- Jill Moon, Journalism major, is named "Best reporter at the Best Newspaper in Missouri" by the *Riverfront Times* newspaper.
- Libby Farmer, Public Relations major, serves as PR Production Assistant for Mick Jagger and the *Rolling Stones*, as part of her internship at Phoenix Amphitheatre.

2007

- *The Journal* student newspaper (Editor Stephanie Kiszczak) wins Best Overall Newspaper in Division II at the Missouri Collegiate Media Association convention and 22 other awards.
- Nick McGeehon, Public Relations major, wins the Outstanding Undergraduate Alumni Award and Mary Anne Grillo-Elmo, Advertising/Marketing:
- Communications student wins the Outstanding Graduate Student Alumni Award.
- Advertising/Marketing Comm. students win 1st in the regional contest of the American Advertising Federation student ad contest, earning the right to compete with 14 other colleges in the United States at the national convention in Louisville, Kentucky.
- Gabe Bullard, Broadcast Journalism major, wins the Richard R. Meyers Leadership Award. Gabe also is chosen as a student intern in NYC on the Cohen O'Brien Show.
- Cody Stokes, Film major, wins the international Princess Grace Award with a cash prize of \$8,000 to be used to film in Ghana, Africa.
- A team of video and film students' senior film overview "*Showdown at Root Canal*" earns showing at the Filmopalooza Festival in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Peter Savey and Carson Minow, Film Production majors, filmed and produced the award-winning piece for their required film senior overview capstone experience. 200 student films were submitted nationwide and only 15 earned the showing at the Festival; only 3 of those 15 were from the Midwest.
- Melissa Benton-Hopper and James Hansen, Speech Communications Studies students win the title of All American from the National Pi Kappa Delta honorary society. They are 2 of only 10 students in the nation to earn this award in 2007.
- SOC Film students and alumni work on the crew of the feature-length film "*Bill*," filmed in St. Louis.
- Stewart Copeland and Kate Stemper, Film Production students, win the Eastman Film Grant of \$2,000 for their senior overview project. Carson Minow earns 2,400 feet of professional film as second prize and Steve Clemmons, Shannon Lee Jacobs and Luke Stallard earn 1,400 feet of professional film for third prize.
- Forensics and Debate students win 90 awards in the season and host the largest Webster tournament ever—all while maintaining a 3.50 GPA.