President’s Hall of Academic Excellence

As part of the University’s bicentennial celebrations (1802-2002), in May 2002, the President’s Hall of Academic Excellence was officially opened. Located directly outside the President’s Office in the main corridor of the McNally Building, its purpose is to provide a permanent visible record of all students who earned their academic credentials with a distinction and/or won a Governor-General or University Gold Medal. A listing is also displayed in this Hall of those members of Faculty who have won the Father William A. Stewart, S.J., Medal for Excellence in Teaching, the President’s Award for Excellence in Research or the Dr. Geraldine Thomas Education Leadership Award. The University is extremely proud of the academic achievements of its top students and talented faculty members and wanted to ensure that all who visit the McNally Building will know who those students and faculty members are.

Near the conclusion of the Convocation Ceremony, students who have qualified for induction will be recognized for their achievements.

University Medals

University Medals are presented at Spring Convocations. Students who graduate in the fall and winter are eligible for consideration for medals to be awarded at the following spring Convocations.

Governor General’s Medals

A gold medal is awarded to the student in a graduate program who has the most outstanding overall academic record at the University. A silver medal is awarded to the undergraduate with the highest cumulative grade point average and overall academic performance at the University.

Faculty and Division Medals (Undergraduate)

In the Faculties of Arts, Science and Sobey School of Business and in the Division of Engineering, University Gold medals are awarded to the undergraduate students with the highest cumulative grade point average.

Medals in Graduate Programs

University Gold Medals are awarded for the Master of Management Co-operatives and Credit Unions, Applied Psychology, IDS, and MBA programs only. The top graduate is recommended by the Deans of Arts, Science, and Sobey School of Business, as appropriate, to Senate. Normally only one medal per program is awarded annually. In the case of a tie, Senate determines the recipient of the medal.