Student wins award for volunteer work

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Woody Hayes would say "pay forward," but a student who has gotten the opportunity to pay back has received an award as a bonus.

Michael McNamara, a junior majoring in microbiology, has won this month's Student Recognition Award from the Board of Trustees for volunteering more than 70 hours of his time to the Office of Disability Services.

"I think Mike is a great example of someone who has given a great amount of time for the university," said Holly Smith, a student trustee.

Disability Services could not function without the help of volunteers like McNamara, said Jim Baker, coordinator of academic support services to the Office of Academic Affairs. The office has between 80 and 100 student workers, he said.

McNamara was first involved with Disability Services during Winter Quarter of 1995. He sprained his ankle and he could not go to class because it was difficult to use crutches in the ice and snow. He said the shuttle service provided by Disability Services kept him from failing that quarter.

"I would have been quite content to lay on the couch all day and watch soap operas," he said.

McNamara paid Disability Services back by becoming a volunteer with the program during Summer Quarter of 1995.

"I saw a sign on the door that said 'volunteers needed,' and I thought it would be a useful way to spend my time," McNamara said.

He helped students with disabilities take tests, recorded books onto audio tapes to assist blind students and also tutored in the group counseling program, Baker said.

When he first started volunteering McNamara said he didn't know what he was getting into, but said Disability Services has done a good job of working with students and their schedules and has made it easy to be a volunteer, he said.

The work has given him a perspective on the difficulties facing disabled students, he said. The little problems in life, like exams, seem more trivial, he said.

McNamara said his tough schedule during Fall Quarter caused him to quit his job at University Hospitals, but added that he now has more time to help at Disability Services.

The Student Recognition Award gives the trustees an opportunity to see students who do positive things for the university, Smith said.

At the beginning of the year the trustees sent out letters to departments asking them to nominate students who have done outstanding service to either the university or the community.

McNamara is the fourth recipient of the award which is given out at the monthly Board of Trustees meeting.
JODY SEWARD RECEIVES STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARD

COLUMBUS -- Jody Seward of BOLIVAR, a veterinary medicine student, has received The Ohio State University Board of Trustees Student Recognition Award. The award was presented during the May 3 meeting of the board.

Seward was honored for his work as vice president of the Interprofessional Council, a governing organization of professional students at Ohio State, and coordinating a mentoring program between professional students at Ohio State and Everett Middle School students in Columbus.

"Because students are at an impressionable age, the peer mentoring program provides them with encouragement to stay in school and think about possible career choices," Seward said. "I have gained a great deal of insight from this experience."

Seward is the president of the College of Veterinary Medicine Student Council and a member of the student chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association.

Seward graduated from Fairless High School in 1991 and is the son of Larry and Sheryl Seward, 8971 Dolphin St. He plans to pursue a career in veterinary medicine and is scheduled to receive his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Ohio State in June 1997.

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ERIC BARRETT RECEIVES STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARD

COLUMBUS -- Eric Barrett of VINCENT, Ohio, a graduating senior majoring in animal sciences, has won the Ohio State University Board of Trustees Student Recognition Award. The award was presented during the June 6 meeting of the board.

Barrett was honored for his leadership role at Ohio State. He was the 1994-95 recipient of the Edward S. "Beanie" Drake Student Leader Award and Scholarship, and serves on the board of directors of the scholarship committee.

A member of the Ohio State 1995 Homecoming Court, Barrett has served as the president of the Alpha Tau Zeta Fraternity, a national agriculture fraternity. He was a member of the Bucket and Dipper Junior Honor Society, the SPHINX Senior Honorary and treasurer of Phalanx, an organization in the College of Food, Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, which introduces Ohio teenagers to the extensive opportunities for an agriculture education that are available at Ohio State.

Barrett is the son of Mona and Jim Barrett, Route 1, Box 241. He plans to attend graduate school autumn quarter at Ohio State.

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JENNIFER GRIMES RECEIVES STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARD

COLUMBUS -- Jennifer Ann Grimes of DECATUR, Ohio, a graduating senior majoring in family resource management, has won the Ohio State University Board of Trustees Student Recognition Award. The award was presented during the July 12 meeting of the board.

Grimes was honored for her leadership role at Ohio State. She was the 1993 recipient of the Edward S. "Beanie" Drake Student Leader Award and Scholarship, and served on the board of directors of the scholarship committee.

As a member of the Ohio State University Student-Alumni Council, Grimes chaired the Survival Kits Project, a project which enabled parents of Ohio State students to send their children care packages during the week of final exams. She also served as president of Ohio Staters and as coordinator of the 1992 Ohio Wheelchair Games, which Ohio Staters sponsors.

Grimes is the daughter of Nancy and Charles Grimes, 630 Grimes Rd. She is scheduled to graduate Aug. 29 during the summer quarter commencement ceremonies.

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YOSHIDA WINS STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARD

COLUMBUS -- Reiko Yoshida of COLUMBUS (43201), a senior majoring in electrical engineering, has won The Ohio State University Board of Trustees Student Recognition Award. The award was presented during the March 7 meeting of the board.

Yoshida was honored for her work with the Get Well Ohio Team, a program that encourages alcohol awareness on campus by changing student attitudes toward substance abuse. She has served through the Office of Student Wellness as a student representative on the Office of Student Affairs Leadership Team, which addresses itself to enhancing the student experience at Ohio State.

A member of the Phi Sigma Rho Engineering Sorority, Yoshida sits on the executive board. She is a member of the Tau Beta Pi engineering honorary, and has worked on joint projects with Habitat for Humanity. She is a member of Ohio State’s hybrid vehicle team, focusing on design considerations for a ventilation system to be implemented in future energy-efficient vehicles.


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Students, professors honored at OSU

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Eric Barrett of Vincent, Ohio, a recent graduate with a bachelor's degree in animal sciences, won the Ohio State University Board of Trustees Student Recognition Award. Mark Robbins, an assistant professor at the OSU Knowlton School of Architecture, has won a Rome Prize Fellowship to pursue independent research at the American Academy in Rome.

OSU's 1996 Distinguished Staff Awards honor a dozen people who have contributed to their workplace and made the university operate more efficiently and effectively.

The 1996 Distinguished Staff are:

Margie Bogenschutz, Max M. Fisher College of Business; Michael Bourne, University Technology Services; Leonard Copeland, Office of the Treasurer; Rebecca Crowell, Office of University Development; Thomas Ewing, offices of Finance and Controller; Norma Flesher, James Cancer Hospital and Research Institute; William Harrington, College of the Arts; Barbara Lee, Department of Agricultural Economics; Gail Lewis, Department of Slavic and East European Languages and Literatures; Cecil Smith, Office of Physical Facilities; Betty Wallace, Department of Physics; and Elaine West, University Honors Center.

Six OSU graduate students have been named Provost's Teaching Fellows and will develop their skills as teachers under the guidance of university faculty for the next year.

The winners are:

Cornel Balteanu, teaching associate for the Department of Mathematics, whose mentor is Elizabeth Stasney, associate professor of statistics; Roger Dashner, teaching associate for the Department of Cell Biology, Neurobiology and Anatomy, whose mentor is Caroline Breiteneberger, associate professor of biochemistry; Harry Demetrulias, teaching associate for the Department of History, whose mentor is Leila Rupp, professor of history; David Evans, teaching associate for the Department of English, whose mentor is Morris Beja, professor of English; Jonathan Jackson, teaching associate for the Department of Dance, whose mentor is Terry Barrett, professor of art education; and Dongwei Su, teaching associate in the Department of Economics, whose mentor is Bernard Erven, professor of agricultural economics.
Board of Trustees awards student for leadership role

Jennifer Ann Grimes of Decatur, Ohio, a graduating senior majoring in family resource management, won OSU's Board of Trustees Student Recognition Award.

Grimes' leadership role while at OSU includes serving on the board of directors of the scholarship committee, as president of Ohio Staters and as coordinator of the 1992 Ohio Wheelchair Games, which Ohio Staters sponsors.
MILLER WINS STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARD

COLUMBUS -- Brenda Miller of MILFORD, a third-year student in the College of Veterinary Medicine, has won The Ohio State University Board of Trustees Student Recognition Award. The award was presented during the April 4 meeting of the board.

Miller was honored for her work in organizing the first student chapter of the American Association of Human Animal Bond Veterinarians, an organization that promotes public awareness of animals in the role of pets, service aids, and in medical therapy.

Miller established the college’s Pet Loss Support Hot Line, a service that offers pet owners counseling for grief and guilt experienced through the loss of a pet. She served as treasurer of Ohio’s student chapter of the American Association of Equine Practitioners, and is a member of the Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Association.

An advocate of animal and patient rights, Miller plans to work as a veterinarian after graduation, treating both small and large animals.

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