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## Senior Leader Awards, Class of 2022

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## **1 - Intellectual Leadership:**

This recipient has worked with within math and physics over the past few years to champion ideas and activities, both scholarly and social, of the students and faculty. She is on the executive boards of Pi Mu Epsilon (the math honorary society) and the Society of Physics Students. Through her leadership, she is inspiring the next generation of STEM students. Please join me in recognizing Valeria Viteri-Pflucker

## **2 - Intellectual Leadership:**

Our next recipient brings a near perfect GPA, a year at Oxford University, and extreme dedication to involvement to this award. He's been an RA, a Senator, Comptroller, Vice President of Student Senate, an executive member of the Econ Society, and Ethics Bowl team member, an Econ Lab assistance, a Philosophy Writing Tutor, Jennings Piano Accompanist, and a member of the Philosophy Club. With this award, we recognize Jared Schneider for his intellect, problem-solving, and leadership.

### **3 - Inclusive Excellence:**

Our first two of the 3 recipients of the leadership award for inclusive excellence have demonstrated inclusion through creativity and innovation. They took an idea, grounded in our commitment to inclusion and residential mission, and developed a strong community designed to empower and support BIPOC students. Providing consistent leadership, organization, strategic thinking, and inclusive community is at the heart of this award and leaves quite a legacy. Please join me in recognizing **Jess Flores and Marlyn Sanchez** for their leadership as the co-founders of the Josephine Mabel Jackson Living-Learning housing in Kemp Hall.

## **4 - Inclusive Excellence:**

While Jess and Marlyn have demonstrated focus through the JMJ community, our next recipient is honored for his breadth and depth of commitment to diversity and inclusion. Men of Color, BSU. SALSA, Student Senate Diversity and Awareness Commissioner, Summer Enrichment Program ... just to name a few of his leadership contributions. But his leadership traits ... mentor, bridge builder, champion for change, high energy, commitment to excellence. Please join me in recognizing Jack McElveen.

## **5 - Employment:**

Our first recipient for outstanding leadership in student employment has worked tirelessly in the Department of Residence Life. As both a FYRA and RCA, she has been able to analyze difficult situations and approach incidents with professionalism, and she takes all this in stride and balances any unexpected extra work with ease. She led the hiring process for over 60 RA applicants and stays on top of her many leadership roles including Habitat for Humanity, Accounting Society, CAB and more. Please join me in congratulating Emily Joos.

## **6 - Employment:**

Our next recipient was an excellent staff member (both paid and volunteer) in the Hart Career Center, Country Financial and Access to Insight and Carle Hospital. For her two years of employment in the Career Center, she brought infectious positivity and creativity to her work. During the pandemic, she crafted creative strategies and social media campaigns to promote career employment and a supportive environment. Beyond her employment, she has been a TOL, Recruitment Counselor for Panhellenic Council, President of Habitat for Humanity and the American Marketing Association, and a Track and Field Captain. Please join me in recognizing Emma Helferich.

## **7 - Service to Community:**

In her time at IWU, this recipient has served the campus and community in ways that have increased the quality of life for everyone. In her service work, she's advocated for youth through the Bed Blitz, for food insecurity through the Bloomington Westside, for public health through promoting of COVID testing for low-income residents, and for voter registration for our Titan Community. When she's not volunteering in the community, she's leading CAB, multifaith ambassadors, nursing majors and more. She has the training, the tools, and the heart to make a difference. Please join me in recognizing Wah Chook.

## **8 - Service to Campus:**

The Service to Campus Life award is really an award for seniors who have done it all. Clearly, almost everyone named so far has literally done it all. Our next recipient is a founder of APAC, a student ambassador, a peer mentor for ODI, a member of SAI, music fraternity, and Alpha Phi Omega, service fraternity, and most recently created a talk show called “Diversity Deep Dish”. It’s no surprise that she wrote in a Gateway essay that she chose IWU because it promotes active liberal arts ideals and stimulating extracurricular opportunities. Please join me in thanking Lea Spiers for her service to Campus Life.

## **9 - Service to Campus:**

Like Lea, our final senior leadership recipient has literally done it all. Student Senate, Tau Kappa Epsilon, Orientation, Interfraternity Council, volunteerism, honors research and John Wesley Powell presentation, Homecoming King, Lincoln Laureate and more. He brings kind, thoughtful, mature leadership to everything he does and has made IWU a better, more inclusive, place. Please join me in thanking Daniel Maisch for his leadership and service to Campus Life.