



2011 Senior Leadership Award Nomination Form

Please complete the following form and attach it to your nomination letter:

Nominated Student _____ Date _____

SPIRE ID# _____ Class Year _____ Cumulative GPA _____

Major(s) _____ Minor(s) _____

Campus Mailing Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Permanent/Home Address _____

Please write legibly or type the nomination on your department's letterhead.
The information you provide will be the student's only source of recommendation used during the selection process. Please include the following information:

In what capacity do you know this student?

How does this candidate demonstrate:

- His/her commitment to academic excellence?
- His/her commitment to community and campus services?

Please use specific examples to illustrate how this candidate demonstrates outstanding leadership in two or more of the following areas: academics, student organizations, athletics, campus jobs, volunteer or internship positions, community service.

Nominator Information (please print):

Name _____ Department _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Signature _____

DEADLINE: 5:00 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2011
No exceptions will be made.

Please return your completed nomination to: Wesley J. Dunham '99
UMass Amherst Alumni Association
Memorial Hall, 134 Hicks Way
Amherst, MA 01003-9270

What is the Senior Leadership Award?

The Senior Leadership Award was established by the UMass Amherst Alumni Association to recognize graduating seniors at the University of Massachusetts Amherst who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and service to the university community. Seniors who have made major contributions in areas such as athletics, academic excellence, student organizations, campus jobs, or community and volunteer services are eligible. In addition to active involvement in the life of the campus, eligible candidates must demonstrate a serious commitment to their academic pursuits.

What is Leadership?

Leadership is characterized by the ability to inspire others and motivate them to action. Distinctive leadership can also be demonstrated by the accomplishment of a broad range of individual and group development skills, such as effective communication, cooperative action, initiative, and creativity. True leadership involves the willingness to challenge and be challenged. A leader treats others with respect and is open to new ideas.

Award Criteria

Each student must be a member of the Class of 2011 (February 2011 and August 2011 graduates are eligible), have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5, be in good academic standing and exhibit two or more of the following criteria to be considered:

- Outstanding service to the UMass Amherst community
- Distinction within department of major study
- Distinctive leadership in a campus organization
- Excellence in a campus job

Selection Process

Nominated students will be asked to complete a short essay and submit their resume to complete their nomination. A selection committee will then review all nominations and select 25 award recipients. Recipients will be honored at the *Alumni Association Scholarships & Awards Reception* on Sunday, April 10, 2011.