



Office of Student Affairs

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Ms. Casey Hourican

Dear Casey:

Congratulations on being selected as a recipient for the Dean Robert Woods Student Life Award for 2020! We are pleased to recognize your hard work, diligence and commitment to campus life at Utica College.

Casey, your leadership on campus has been described as unmatched and unparalleled. You have immersed yourself in Utica College's culture to an incredible level. It takes an extraordinary type of individual to manage high level positions while also maintaining success academically. Your academic achievements have been recognized through your invitation to be a part of the Criminal Justice Honor Society and Alpha Phi Sigma.

You have demonstrated substantial leadership through your service in executive positions in a number of very active student organizations including president and vice president of Alpha Phi Omega, president of Colleges Against Cancer, vice-president of the Student Government Association and secretary of the Mock Trial Club. Within these leadership positions, you have been part of astonishing accomplishments such as working with CAC member to organize three consecutive Relay for Life events where you were a core member, raising thousands of dollars through innovative fundraisers such as Climbing For a Cure. Throughout your time with CAC, the organization expanded its focus to include Pink Week events educating around breast cancer and work together with UCEMS on a memorial flag ceremony on September 11.

Your involvement extends beyond Utica College into the broader community as well. You have volunteered 20 hours of your time every semester since the spring semester of 2017 to organizations and causes as diverse as the Presbyterian Home, the Thea Bowman House, the American Cancer Society, the JDRF for juvenile diabetes research, and the American Heart Association. We are encouraged by your involvement in the Alumni Leaders of Tomorrow, and look forward to your continuing your involvement with Utica College after you graduate.

For all that you've done to encourage others to fulfill their potential and step up to support others, and for contributing in so many ways across campus, we thank you. Congratulations on your award!

Sincerely,

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