



Office of Student Affairs

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Isabella Mesturini

Dear Isabella:

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.

Isabella, from the moment you stepped on the Utica College campus, you have demonstrated strong leadership and embodied what it means to have Pioneer Pride. Your nominators describe you as a student with a continuous desire to learn, to connect with others and touch lives.

You have truly made the most of your experience here at Utica College. Despite your involvement in a multitude of areas, you have demonstrated your ability to manage many responsibilities at once and with your full attention. The result has been an outstanding record of engagement with the UC community while also achieving academically, maintaining your standing on the Deans Honors list throughout your time at UC – which now continues as you begin in the DPT program.

Your passion for making Utica College a positive community where all enjoy their educational experience is clear in the impact you have made through your individual interactions and your leadership more broadly across campus. As an RA, you not only build community but make meaningful connections with your residents, which has been important in the decisions they made to continue at UC. Not only have you made the significant commitment to serve in that role for three years, but you went further to take on the role of an RA mentor for others. The way in which you contribute your time and talents goes beyond that individual role, however. Your active leadership as president has been integral to building an active Residence Hall Association, and your creativity has been recognized through our regional and national affiliated organizations such as receiving the Top 10 Programs award at the Regional NEACURH Conference at Syracuse University for your session on *The Sorry Reflex*. You have brought an enormous amount of positive energy and innovation to your involvement with Advancement, especially with your participation in the Senior Class Gift. Your involvement with Alumni Leaders of Tomorrow makes it clear that you will continue to stay connected after your graduation, and will no doubt continue to have a significant impact on future students as well.

For all that you've done to encourage others to challenge 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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