



Office of Student Affairs

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Kaitlyn Tambasco

Dear Kaitlyn:

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.

Kaitlyn, your nominators describe you as one of the busiest students they know, but someone who maintains a high level of responsibility and makes it all look easy. It is clear that you commit your whole heart to all you do, and the time that you have invested in experience and exposure to your future profession will serve you well in the future.

Your level of success in the classroom alone has been remarkable. You have demonstrated your ability to manage credit hours that are typically above average in order to complete a dual major in Criminal Justice and Communication and Media while being involved in so many ways outside of the classroom. You have been an integral member of the Tangerine staff, contributing not only through serving as managing editor, doing public relations and marketing, and managing the online publication but also through covering stories as diverse as the sports dome collapse, the history of Burrstone House, the lockdown at UC in 2018, and student press freedom day. You have been recognized for your writing, creativity and contributions to the Tangerine not only through the Ray Simon Awards but by the Syracuse Press as well.

The involvement that you had with NSLS was exceptional. As a co-president and Society Networking Team coordinator, you were able to mentor individuals on their own path to becoming a leader through their involvement with this organization, sharing your own story through blogs and at induction ceremonies. You have also been involved in many other organizations such as the NYS Women's Press Club, Public Relations Student Society of America, and the Utica College Psychological Society, which you also held leadership positions, all while working on campus and taking on internship positions.

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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