



Office of Student Affairs

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Michael Delia

Dear Michael:

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.

Michael, your nominator describes you as a well-rounded leader whose character, leadership abilities, and considerable work ethic, coupled with a passion for UC, has made a remarkable impact on students, staff and faculty alike. You have clearly made the most of your experience here at Utica College. Despite your involvement in a multitude of areas, you have maintained a solid GPA academically. You've extended your learning experience by playing an integral role with the Student Contractors Association and through your connections with the Meyer Contracting Corporation and Capuchin Youth and Family Ministries. The hard work that you have put in has already served you well, as we know you have been already hired for a full time position in your field once you graduate from UC!

Through your involvement at Utica College, you have made a considerable impact through the projects you've taken on. One of your greatest achievements, which will be visible for future generations to come, is the role you had in ensuring the collaborative effort to create the Veterans Monument and Flagpole came to fruition. Your vision and ability to work with student organizations such as the UC Student Veterans of America as well as UC administration, both in planning meetings and physically with the project, resulted in the memorial that now stands in front of Strebel Student Center. More broadly, you bring your leadership skills to bear in positions such as the 2020 Class President and the President of the Student Government Association, serving as a representative on College committees and through your work with Advancement, being a consistent presence supporting a range of student organization programs, and committing yourself ensuring a student government that both heard the concerns of and served as a voice for all UC students. Most notably, you worked closely with others, utilizing your networks and doing extensive research, to create the Civic Engagement Institute. While your nominator notes that there will be a significant space to fill once you have graduated, your involvement in the Alumni Leaders of Tomorrow leaves us hopeful that you will continue to be engaged with Utica College in the future.

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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