



Office of Student Affairs

April 13, 2020

Michael Delia,

Dear Mike,

The Excellence in Student Governance Award recognizes a student leader who has fervently worked to improve the Utica College community while demonstrating excellence in the classroom.

In the fall semester of 2019, you took the lead on the construction of the flag pole outside of Strebel Student Center to honor veterans. This new addition to the center of campus is highly regarded by members of the Utica community, and you did an amazing job coordinating the entire project. You worked closely with many constituents towards the successful completion of the flagpole, including members of UC, members of the community, local government officials, and most importantly the Student Veterans Association (SVA). The work you have done to connect your role of Student Government Association (SGA) president with the SVA has been a turning point for the student body, and we believe your pride in our country and Utica College has made this possible.

You are also leading SGA toward a new Civic Engagement Center, which will serve as the hub for all community service initiatives on campus. You worked hard all semester to complete the mission, vision, and learning objectives for the center, and your ideologies toward service learning was a huge driving force behind the creation of this important UC resource. You have done an incredible job with researching best practices for the center, getting your message out to students about the goals of the center, and conceptualizing the future of the center at UC. Because community service is so important to you, your beliefs and stance on civic duty have been a wonderful influence on the campus this past year. You have never hesitated to volunteer for any and all community service projects that UC has to offer.

You've also found time to serve as president of the Student Contractors Association as a Construction Management major at Utica College. Your leadership with that organization has elevated the goals and missions of the organization, and the group has successfully completed projects on campus for all members of the community to enjoy. Additionally you have been involved with numerous student leadership roles such as playing on the men's baseball team, serving as a Resident Assistant, participating in the ALOT program, working as an Admissions Ambassador, and much more.

Mike, you are a natural born leader, and we have no doubt you will be incredibly successful at whatever you pursue. For all that you have done to encourage others and to make Utica College a better place, we thank you. Congratulations on your award!

Sincerely,

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