



Office of Student Affairs

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Troy Edwards

Dear Troy:

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.

Throughout your Utica College career you have truly made the most of your experience. Despite your involvement in a multitude of areas, you continue to maintain a solid GPA in your Government and Politics major. It is clear how you have internalized what you've learned in your classes by the way in which you engage in discussion in related co-curricular programs and individual conversations. We have no doubt that you will continue on a career path where you have the opportunity to make a difference in these areas.

Beyond academics, you have demonstrated exceptional leadership skills in many different ways on campus. You have held leadership positions in Brothers on a New Direction, Phi Beta Sigma, the Student Government Association and the Inter-Greek Council. As the president of IGC, you have made some great contributions such as created the first Greek Community Banquet and led members in organizing and following through with a very successful Adopt a Classroom Greek Community project. Your efforts to create a strong bond between members of the Greek community across organizations has earned you the respect of all members of the Greek community. You have role modelled the value of being engaged outside of one's immediate group through your remarks at the annual Walk A Mile for Unity, your work on the creation of a community pledge, and serving as a representative for UC at the annual NAACP Freedom Fund dinner. You continue your contributions on a more individual level through serving on committees such as that which planned for the visit from Shaun Harper in the fall and the Strategic Advisory Committee for Diversity and Inclusion. Your contributions continue to ensure that the student experience is not only an enjoyable but inclusive and equitable one at Utica College.

Troy, you are a leader that has the ability to take an idea and develop that idea into a great success. Your dedication to UC has been something that is truly valued.

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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