AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

ALBERT W. BLACK UNDERGRADUATE COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Professor Al Black, Jr. is Emeritus Principal Lecturer in Sociology. His areas of interest are the sociology of religion and of race relations. He is a highly respected leader and role model in the community and his commitment to service, especially his work with gang members, is legendary. A founding member and Chair of the Franklin Fathers Group, he has led interventions in local schools, challenging at-risk students with a message of zero tolerance for the disruption of the learning process.

The Albert W. Black Undergraduate Community Service Award is merit-based, awarded to an undergraduate sociologist volunteering or interning with a local community service organization working with marginalized groups, and benefiting the local community. Any graduating Sociology major may submit materials to become a candidate for the award.

All candidates are reviewed by the department’s Undergraduate Program Committee, which then makes its recommendations to the Chair.

2018-2019 Academic Year Recipient: Abari Charles
2017-2018 Academic Year Recipient: Abigail Sloan

HOWARD B. WOOLSTON AWARD FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Howard Woolston was Chair of the Department of Sociology from 1919 - 1929, and was an Outstanding Teacher at UW. The Woolston Award was established in 1956 -- the first scholarship fund endowed in the department -- to recognize excellent scholarship in sociology.

Students are nominated by Sociology faculty and TAs. Only graduating seniors are eligible. Successful finalists typically have a minimum sociology grade point average of 3.70, and an overall GPA of at least 3.50. Three criteria are used to select award recipients: instructor nominations; grades and sociology course papers submitted by nominees; and recommendations from their instructors.

All nominees are reviewed by the department's Undergraduate Program Committee, which then makes its recommendations to the Chair.

2018-2017 Academic Year Recipient: Sierra Baker
2017-2018 Academic Year Recipients: George Rhodes and Abigail Sloan