2016 Student Government Association Awards

Award and Nomination Information Packet

The following awards are sponsored by the Student Government Association:

- Shea Cowart Spirit of West Georgia Award
- Toyal Jackson Making a Difference Award
- Faculty Members of the Year

Application Process

* Please review all award descriptions and nomination materials included below and decide which awards to submit a nomination for.

* Nominations for the Center for Student Life Awards will be accepted through the Student Achievement Awards portal in OrgSync from February 12- March 11.

* Award recipients will be recognized at the Student Achievement Awards program on April 19.

Descriptions of awards and information needed to submit a nomination/application are included below.

Please contact CSI at 678-839-6526 with any questions about these awards.
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Shea Cowart Spirit of West Georgia Award
At the age of six, Shea Cowart was diagnosed with a rare and deadly form of meningitis, and both of her legs had to be amputated below the knee. Shea abandoned her wheelchair at age eight to participate in basketball and softball. Shea entered UWG in 1999 and made her first sprinting appearance that same year. She started a rigorous training program and was unmatched at the 2000 Paralympics in Sydney, Australia where she took home two Gold Medals after setting new world records in the 100 and 200 meter events.

This award recognizes a UWG student who has faced some sort of adversity that would challenge his or her course of attendance at the University and has risen to be successful.

Student must be enrolled, display courage, strength, and a strong motivation to succeed through any circumstance. They must also demonstrate a zest for life and have represented the University on a local, state, or national level.

Be prepared for the nomination process.
To nominate someone for this award, please be prepared with the following information about the nominee that will be asked in the nomination/application form:

☐ How has this person overcome adversity to be successful at UWG?

Toyal Jackson Making a Difference Award
On the brink of graduation, Toyal Jackson was murdered in the fall of 2001. Toyal was not the average UWG college student. She was academically accomplished, active in UWG’s student life and also in the Carrollton Community. She worked extremely hard to make a positive difference in each and every person’s life that she came across.

This award recognizes a UWG student who has worked to help unite the student body at UWG, actively involved themselves within the community, and show dedicated service to enhancing student life.

The student being nominated must be currently enrolled, be active in a diverse realm of student organizations, must demonstrate a genuine interest in student life and enhancement of student relation on the campus.

Be prepared for the nomination process.
To apply or nominate someone for this award, please be prepared with the following information about the nominee that will be asked in the nomination/application form:

☐ Why this student is deserving of this award, including things this student has done within the student body to help make a difference in the lives of everyone.

Faculty Members of the Year
Each year the Student Government Association recognizes one faculty member from each college as a Faculty Member of the Year. Faculty are nominated for their teaching excellence, assistance to students, and for making a difference in the classroom.

Be prepared for the nomination process.
To apply or nominate someone for this award, please be prepared with the following information about the nominee that will be asked in the nomination/application form:

☐ Faculty member’s department and college
☐ Faculty member’s UWG email address and phone number
☐ Why you are nominating this faculty member for this award, including information regarding teaching excellence, assistance to students, and making a difference in the classroom.