The Dean’s Outstanding Achievement Award is given to the student who demonstrates an exceptional level of outstanding achievement throughout their undergraduate studies in relation to their peers within their chosen discipline. The criteria is based on the quality of both their outstanding achievements and their presentation. The student should have a 3.0 GPA in the major.

Each student who presents will receive a $100 check and a plaque. The overall winner receives $250 and a plaque. All students are recognized at the college wide Honors Assembly.

**Selection criteria for departmental nominee**

* The chair of each department will send out a call for nominations to all faculty
* The faculty should submit a brief statement of how the student meets the criteria
* The nominations should be reviewed by the departmental scholarship committee and the final recommendation forwarded to the chair
* The chair will forward that recommendation to the Dean and to the Honors Assembly Coordinator
* Each chair should ensure that the nominee has a dedicated faculty member to advise the student in preparing for the presentation

**Award criteria**

1. Outstanding Accomplishments (60%)
2. Scholarship and creative outcomes through the course of undergraduate studies should:
* Show increasingly complex levels of engagement with their subject matter
* Embrace innovative approaches to knowledge acquisition, critical analysis, and problem solving
* Demonstrate an enthusiasm for exploring different perspectives and developing new skills
1. The featured project (which may be practice-based or academically focussed) should:
* Show a sophisticated understanding of, and critical engagement with, their subject matter
* Challenge, enhance or investigate the paramenters of their discipline
1. Presentation (40%)
* 15 minutes max – the presentation should include commentary on both the body of the student’s work throughout the course of their undergraduate studies and on their featured project
* The presentation should be informative, persuasive, coherent and articulate
* The presenation should include pertinent examples of their Outstanding accomplishments (e.g. via PowerPoint, film clips, images of art work, designs, musical/theatrical/dance performance excerpts, textual excerpts)