



Student-Led Best Practices Submitted by Bonner Congress Representatives

Name of Best Practice:

Bonner Awards

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Background:

One of the best practices at Concord University is the Bonner Awards Ceremony. It is held annually in April where the best work and efforts of the Bonners students are recognized and encouraged through the awarding of prestigious Bonner Awards. They include: The Most Enthusiastic Bonner and The Bonner Sprit Award. Many of the graduating seniors are also commended for their dedication in the Bonner program.

What Makes This Unique:

The graduating seniors plan the entire Awards Ceremony. Recognition is a key part of an effective program, and this is a simple way to build it in.

How it Works:

1. Planning: Seniors plan the event several weeks to months in advance. The group brainstorms and plans every aspect from awards, to style of event, food, and the rest.
2. *Selection: The awardees are chosen by an internal vote among all the Bonner students. In order to keep the awards secret, the Bonner Director counts all the votes and then the winner is decided. In case of a tie the Bonner Coordinator has the final decision.*
3. Qualifications for an award: The awardees must have finished all the Bonner requirements for that term and is in good academic standing.

Recommendations:

Keep all voting confidential and do not allow campaigning for Bonner awards. You can make up your own awards depending on your program. Be creative with your awards.