



James Farmer Multicultural Center

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DYNAMIC GRADUATING SENIOR RECEIVES 4TH ANNUAL GRACE MANN LAUNCH AWARD



Photo courtesy: Cedric Rucker

Established in 2015 in honor of the legacy of Grace Mann, a junior at UMW who was very involved in social justice issues, the Grace Mann Launch Award is given to a graduating senior who has demonstrated consistent engagement and leadership as a social justice activist and looks to continue that work upon graduation.

The recipient this year was **Erin Shaw**, a graduating senior in Psychology and an active student leader. Throughout her tenure at UMW, Erin has worked to enhance her leadership skills and embrace her passions by participating in many activities and projects on campus. In just her second year, Erin became the vice president of the People for the Rights of Individuals of Sexual Minorities (PRISM) club, and stepped up to the role of president her junior year where she served two terms. She has implemented campus-wide cultural programming events (such as the highly successful

Gender and Sexual Minorities and Allies {GSMA} Cultural Celebration, World Aids Day Vigil, Drag Show and Day of Silence events), as well as served on campus-wide committees.

Erin also worked with the James Farmer Multicultural Center and the Safe Zone Committee. She served as a student facilitator for Safe Zone training sessions, along with helping to develop the training and resource materials. In the JFMC, Erin assisted in creating and designing general marketing/publicity materials for the different cultural events, including the Fair.

In addition to these involvements, Erin also served as the 2018 – 2019 Citizenship Award for Diversity Leadership recipient. She worked tirelessly this year serving as an ambassador for diversity, a peer mentor to underrepresented students, and a voice for underrepresented populations to the faculty and staff. She has sponsored or co-sponsored several social justice and diversity programs, researched and prepared presentations for the campus community, and engaged other student leaders as facilitators in these events.

Shaw stated, "I am humbled to receive the Grace Mann Launch Award. From the start of my educational career at UMW, I heard about what an incredible person Grace Mann was, and I want to ensure her legacy is never forgotten. I am truly honored to continue working in her name...as I further my work in advocacy. I hope to work in the non-profit sphere."

29TH ANNUAL MULTICULTURAL FAIR





UPCOMING EVENTS

Alumni Reunion Weekend - May 31-June 2, 2019

Cross-Cultural BBQ - Thursday, August 29, 2019



ANNUAL SENIOR RECOGNITION PROGRAM

For the graduating seniors, the end of this year marks the first step into a new and exciting life beyond UMW. At our annual Senior Recognition Program and Dinner, we honored those graduating students who have made significant contributions in the areas of multiculturalism, diversity, inclusion and social justice during their tenure. These graduates have demonstrated leadership and commitment by showcasing aspects of cultural differences, as well as engaging the campus community in meaningful education and dialogue through a variety of programs, activities, and projects. We applaud this cohort of leaders for their efforts to ensure that no culture is forgotten and that everyone is enriched by being exposed to diverse perspectives. As engaged students, they have added their own unique voices, capitalized on their own experiences, and have truly embraced the essence of the principles and values Mary Washington has articulated and promoted. The work of the James Farmer Multicultural Center has been greatly enhanced by the contributions of these students.

We thank them and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2019 GRADUATING SENIORS



Amani Abbas	Jazmin Andrews	Kathryn Chau	Lisa Marie King	
Sebrine Abdulkadir	Kelsey Astrow	Robin Diaz	Zafrullah Malik	
Emnet Adaye	Ivory Ball	Lewis Harvey	Milen Mehari	Erin Shaw
Noemi Aleman	Delsa Bambao	De'Toine Jones	Cierra Morrison	Ayanna Shingler
Tatiana Aleman	Yasmin Barnes	Effie Kalulu	Sherronda Robinson	Gabrielle Terry

THANK YOU FOR GOING #AllinforJFMC!

On March 19, your generosity helped us raise

\$2,270 from **46 gifts**

to improve the educational experiences of the UMW community through diversity, multiculturalism, and social justice programming!

