Glenn A. Niemeyer Awards

During the 2000-2001 academic year, President Arend D. Lubbers authorized the establishment of the Glenn A. Niemeyer Awards. The Niemeyer Awards are the most prestigious academic awards presented by the University and are given annually at the Spring Awards Banquet to two faculty members, two undergraduate students and one graduate student. These awards are named for Glenn A. Niemeyer who retired from Grand Valley State in Spring 2001 after thirty-eight years of dedicated service. He was a pioneer faculty member and served as the institution's first Provost from 1980-2001. The Niemeyer Awards are a tribute to the high regard the University has for Dr. Niemeyer and to the many outstanding contributions he made throughout his career. The Awards honor faculty and students who strive for excellence in all aspects of a well-rounded academic experience.

Faculty Awards Criteria

Faculty selected for the Niemeyer Award are honored for their excellence, enthusiasm and loyalty to teaching, scholarship and service. Faculty have a superior student-centered approach to teaching with continual development of excellence in the classroom that instills the love of learning in their students. They create new knowledge and explore its applications through scholarly activity. Faculty will also contribute their expertise and service to the University, professional organizations, or the community.

Niemeyer Faculty Award recipients receive a $1000 cash award and an individual plaque. Their name is added to the perpetual plaque as well.

Student Awards Criteria

Students selected for the Niemeyer Award are well-rounded individuals with demonstrated excellence in both the classroom and extra curricular activities. Undergraduate students have a 3.70 or higher cumulative gpa and earned a minimum of 85 semester hours with at least 30 hours at Grand Valley State. Graduate students have a 3.70 or higher cumulative gpa and earned a minimum of 24 semester hours with at least 12 hours at Grand Valley State. Students excel in the classroom and demonstrate a joy of learning as part of a community of scholars. Along with intellectual achievements, students will participate in activities outside the classroom that will serve to enrich their lives and the lives of others.

Niemeyer Student Award recipients receive an academic gift and an individual plaque. Their name is added to the perpetual plaque as well.

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