Society of Distinguished Graduates

**Nomination Form**

*Spring 2014 Graduates*

The Society of Distinguished Graduates is a program sponsored by the Student Government Association at Western Kentucky University. This prestigious program seeks to recognize six graduating seniors for their contributions to the intellectual community at WKU. In contrast to the “Scholar of the College” awards, the Society inductees will be chosen based on their accomplishments beyond grade-point-average. One inductee will be selected from each academic college.

**Criteria**

The inductees will be chosen based on one or more of the following criteria. It is suggested that department heads or faculty members consider the following when choosing a nominee. No student is expected to have experience in all areas; rather, we are seeking students who have made significant contributions in one or more categories. The department head or faculty member is asked to submit a letter addressing what sets the student apart in one or more of these fields, also including why they would recommend the student for this award.

**Research/ creative activity:** the student has completed scholarly/creative work in his or her field of study that had been recognized as a significant contribution by academics in that field at WKU and beyond.

**International reach:** the student has promoted and expanded the university’s international reach through quality experiences abroad and/or improving the intellectual life of the university by actively incorporating international experiences into the student community.

**Sustainability:** the student has striven to improve environmental sustainability across campus and preserve the environmental for future generation through involvement in campus programs and services.

**Diversity:** the student has embraced cultures different than his or her own and sought to break down cultural, racial, and social barriers within the campus community.

**Service:** the student has demonstrated leadership potential and a commitment to service across campus, Kentucky, and the United States while expressing a determination to continue this service following graduation.

**The Process**

**Friday, April 18, 2014:** All department heads and faculty members are invited to nominate one student for consideration by this date. Please submit the letter to the SGA office (Garrett Ballroom) or to sga@wku.edu. The letter should include the student’s name, the academic college represented, and the faculty member’s remarks.

**Saturday, April 19, 2014:** The induction committee will review all department nominations and supplemental applications and choose the six academic college inductees.

**Tuesday, April 29, 2014:** All winners and the department head or faculty member who recommended him/her will be invited to an SGA meeting to be recognized, and awarded their graduation tassels and certificates. Casual reception to follow.