Below are the highlights from the Scholarships, Awards and Special Events (SASE) committee for the 2017-2018 academic year:

- The Committee selected thirteen students in both the Fall and Winter semesters for the Maize and Blue Awards from two pools of highly-qualified applicants. Thanks to all the faculty members who wrote letters of recommendation. In addition, the committee interviewed candidates and selected a student speaker and an alternate for each of the commencement ceremonies. Faculty mentors were also arranged for the speakers and the alternates to help with their commencement speech.

- Our committee reviewed a total of twenty-one nominations and made selections for eight different faculty/staff awards as follows. We encourage everyone, including Deans and department chairs, to be involved in making nominations or encouraging others to nominate deserving faculty for these awards. We also recommend that previous nominees continue to be encouraged to resubmit the following year, but kindly request that the nominee update letters and information to the current year. The committee also recommends that faculty carefully consider copying entire books or chapters as evidence of scholarship or other creative activities.

- Distinguished Service Award
- David M. French Professorship
- Scholarly or Creative Achievement Award
- Teaching Excellence Award
- Alvin D. Loving Junior Faculty Initiative Award
- Lucinda Hinsdale Stone Junior Faculty Award
- Lucinda Hinsdale Stone Senior Faculty Award
- The Olivia P. Maynard and Olof Karlstrom Faculty Award for Civic Engagement

- The committee decided on the allocation of money for four different scholarship funds as follows to well-deserving students. In total, we distributed around $22,435 to 23 students. These scholarships were awarded to students based on high GPA, need as evidenced by information given to the committee, money already receiving and the number of institutional credits earned.
1. India Award—The scholarship fund held $1500 which was divided into three $500 awards.
2. Skaff Award—The scholarship fund held $5000 which was divided into five $1000 awards.
3. SEIU Local 591 Scholarship—The scholarship fund held $4,235 which was divided among two recipients.
4. Roberson Award—The scholarship fund held $11,700 and was divided among thirteen recipients.

Respectfully Submitted,

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