

Irish Clover Award

Student/Alumnus

Section 1. The Irish Clover Award.

(a) The Irish Clover Award is given to two outstanding members of the Notre Dame community for exemplary service to the student body. Each year, one recipient shall be a student or alumnus, and the other shall be faculty, staff, or an administrator.

(c) The Student Senate shall choose the recipients of the Irish Clover Award each term.

Nominations were provided via the GoogleForm sent to the undergraduate student body. The nominees are listed below in alphabetical order of last name. Numbers following the name of a nominee indicate that the nominee was nominated by multiple individuals.

2024 Nominees:

AnnahMarie Behn

Dominick Blanco (2)

Hunter Brooke

Kylee Kazenski (2)

Tyler Martino

Luzolo Matundu

Charity McDowell

Chace Moncrief

Frank Paquette

Gregory Pratt

Seamus Regan

Maria Schudt

Peter Schimpf (2)

Bridget Schippers

Paul Stoller

Anastasia Tejada

Cora Vulin

Colby Whitehouse

Derick Williams

AnnahMarie Behn

Junior

She created an interactive platform and truly put together a comprehensive plan for ND. Despite not winning she put her heart and soul into that program for this community.

Dominick Blanco (2)

Senior

During his time at Notre Dame, Dominick has been a transformative multicultural student leader for students of color and beyond. As a First Gen Low income Latino student in Computer science Dominick already embodies an outstanding example for the rest of the student body, but his commitment to using our ability to empower those beyond ourselves and nature that idea in others is what sets him apart as a outstanding differentiator in the student body.

Dominick is committed to unifying underrepresented student voices and creating systems of community and helping across groups. He is currently the President of the Society of Hispanic Engineers and has taken the chapter from 15 members to 60 consistent members by focusing general meetings around culture and vulnerability creating a stronger form of community. He volunteers regularly at La Casa de Amistad with their after school program, with the hopes of being a positive role model beyond just his academic community. His commitment to DEI is backed by his close with Dr. Karla Badillo-urquiola to create technology-driven solutions that empower people and protect the well-being of youth and marginalized communities. Dominick's efforts are committed to every aspect of the Notre Dame student as he is also a active leader in the CCD's First Generation Career Advisory Board, advocating for the career needs of first generation students.

Even when not in leadership positions his impact is undeniable, with his involvement in National Society of Black Engineers, Wabrudda, Latino Student Association, and Ritmo consistently committing himself to others.

Dominick also pushes others to develop their mind and soul as he is a strong advocate for knowledge as a source of empowerment. He is deeply involved in the Latino Studies program and encourages every person he meets to dive deeper into what they are passionate about whatever that may be.

I do not know Dom exceedingly well. I would not consider myself one of his good friends. I met him through a best friend of mine, who is constantly speaking highly of him. And yet, though I see Dom rarely and we do not spend much time together, when we interact he has a way of making me feel like his best friend. Like I am the most important person in the world. He has a way of making people feel so incredibly heard and included.

Dom is an outstanding role model and has an incredible work ethic. On campus he helps to run SHPE and Color Stack, organizations that advocate for students of color in engineering and technology. He puts an incredible amount of time into both and it is clear that he is

extremely passionate about diversifying a space that needs more voices. Running an organization here at Notre Dame is tough work. It requires a genuine drive to be a force for good as well as putting a very decent amount of time and energy into doing things that most people do not see and are not thankful for. And Dom does this so gracefully for not one organization, but two. Two organizations that are making meaningful change and allowing students of color to form meaningful connections with other students as well as role models who have shared their experiences. No student should ever feel afraid of being uncomfortable when they are sharing their ideas or entering an industry, and the work that Dom does through SHPE and Color Stack makes this experience a little bit better for all students. He is determined to make sure that everyone is respected. He is a champion and an advocate. He is a wonderful person to look up to. Notre Dame is a better place because of him. And again, in everything he does, Dom has a way of making people feel welcome. I think that this is just as important as the work that he does for SHPE and Color Stack. The leadership in those organizations is big, but sometimes even the smallest of interactions help students to feel like they matter. The genuine interest that Dom shows everybody when he asks how they are doing or stops to have a conversation with them has a way of reminding them that they are valued. Whether with big gestures or small, Dom has a way of making Notre Dame feel like home.

Hunter Brooke

Junior

Hunter Brooke has dedicated all of his time at Notre Dame to the improvement of the Student Union as well as the continual advancement of issues that the student body cares about. In his freshman year, Hunter served in FUEL in which he drafted a survey on undergraduate students' understanding of Student Government and ways to increase involvement in several areas. This survey was crucial in ensuring that Student Government advertised itself more and students became more involved in the activities and developments of their school government.

In his second year, Hunter served as Senator of Carroll Hall. In his position, he, alongside Derick Williams, were solely responsible for fixing Lake Dillon, the drainage issue in the sidewalk between Dillon Hall and South Dining Hall that posed serious problems for students, and meeting with the necessary administration on this development. Furthermore, he was also instrumental in guaranteeing lower RecSports passes to low income students. He helped in several resolutions as well, such as attempting to guarantee priority registration for ROTC students, cooking classes in the DH, the absence of Baumer in a signage issue outside of Morris Inn, and another drainage issue between Dillon Hall and Alumni Hall. I can personally say that I am continually inspired by Hunter Brooke's efforts and dedication to the undergraduate student body, all in the effort of making Notre Dame a better place for everyone.

This year, Hunter has served as the Student Union Parliamentarian. Although this position deviates from issues directly impacting the undergraduate student body, he has continually benefitted the Student Union in several possible ways. As Parliamentarian, he has increased the time to set quorum in the Election Committee from 24 hours to 36 hours, giving tremendous benefit to members of the election committee. He also has updated the Student Government website and made all Senate recording available on YouTube to increase transparency between StuGov and undergraduate students. And he has also corrected several key documents that would have generated confusion if they were not addressed by Hunter.

I fully endorse Hunter Brooke for the Irish Clover Award.

Kylee Kazenski (2)

Senior

She is not only a school mascot (leprechaun), she does campus tours and is always being a positive attribute to not just the Notre Dame community but also the Tri-Campus community and the public.

Kylee is one of the most selfless and serving individuals I have met during my time at Notre Dame, and I can confidently say that everything she does is done with a smile on her face and an optimistic demeanor. Most notably, Kylee was the first female leprechaun to perform at a Notre Dame football game, and has served as one of the mascots for men's soccer, hockey, and softball. On top of this, the QuestBridge Scholar from Illinois is a strong proponent of Irish culture on campus in more ways than one, as she is a musician in the Notre Dame Céilí Band (banjo/tin whistle). While she will be graduating with a bachelors degree in May, she will be returning to her home under the dome for a fifth year, as she is pursuing a masters degree in computer science and engineering. A four-year Pyro, Kylee is well known around Pasquerilla East Hall as the senior fellow, often spearheading community-building events that make her dorm's culture one of the best on campus. Kylee is humble, kind, energetic, optimistic, but above all else, Irish through and through. I can think of no individual who is more deserving of the Irish Clover Award this year.

Tyler Martino

Junior

Tyler is a perfect example of a Notre Dame student and Dunne sentinel.

Luzolo Matundu

Senior

Involved in multiple clubs or student government / exemplifies the amicable spirit of Notre Dame.

Charity McDowell

Senior

Everyone knows Charity for her involvement in all aspects of Notre Dame student life but also because of her efforts in representing black student athletes.

Chace Moncrief

Senior

Above and beyond his responsibilities as an RA in Duncan Hall, Chace Moncrief, in my opinion is the best RA on campus. He has very close personal relationships with every single resident of Duncan hall, and for those lucky enough to be in his section he is (an older) brother willing and happy to help with anything and everything. He deserves this award because he goes above and beyond in every aspect of serving the students of Duncan hall and across the campus in his many clubs. I am incredibly lucky to know a man like this.

Frank Paquette

Senior

Two-time Duncan Highlander of the Year. Provides constant support and guidance to his residents as an RA. Exemplifies the values of compassion, optimism, and humility every day.

Gregory Pratt

Junior

By organizing the March for Life, Greg put in many hours of work on top of his extraordinarily busy engineering schedule to work for the unborn and the students of Notre Dame. The hundreds of students who attended benefitted from his effort. Additionally, his work is a great example of upholding the values of the University of Notre Dame. As a Catholic university, we emphasize the infinite dignity of all human life, and Greg worked to continue that legacy.

Seamus Regan

Senior

Great guy, takes care of the outcasts.

Maria Schudt

5th-year Senior (Saint Mary's/Notre Dame Engineering)

Maria has worked tirelessly on behalf of the Robotic Football Club and all engineering clubs to maintain students' ability to engage in fulfilling project-based work through our clubs.

Peter Schimpf (2)

Senior

Peter Schimpf embodies the Notre Dame spirit to the fullest extent. As co-chair of the Hall Presidents Council, he has gone above and beyond the role to support each President to make their dorms the best they can be. He cares for every President and Vice President and for their dorm communities through them. Dorm communities are such a huge part of the student experience, and no one has done a better job of fostering them than Peter.

I look forward to seeing Peter at meetings every week. He is the very best of us.

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He has done amazing things for Carroll Hall and the Hall presidents council.

Bridget Schippers

Senior

Bridget led the Raising the Standard campaign to raise campus minimum wage for all workers. When the University raised minimum wage, it ensured that students were paid fairly for their hard work and could better afford to attend Notre Dame with less financial stress and more time on their academics and other passions. As co-President of Hall Presidents Council, she volunteers many hours each week to create the wonderful dorm life that is integral to Notre Dame's mission.

Paul Stoller

Senior

Paul has been an outstanding class president for multiple years. He is always energetic and enthusiastic about his work—a true leader!

Anastasia Tejada

Sophomore

Friendliness! This individual always brings joy to those around her. She puts others need in front of her own. She is the one to talk to each person in class. In an instance, she is an individual who will stop what she is doing and help, if you're a friend or not. She embodies the Notre Dame spirit. Her involvement in campus ministry also shines.

Cora Vulin

Senior

Served as NDISC (Notre Dame International Security Certificate) president and President of WIIS (Women in international Security).

Colby Whitehouse

Sophomore

Colby is one of Duncan Hall's liturgical commissioners, and he has shown incredible devotion to his dorm. He spent hours planning Duncan's retreat, and he had to rearrange several events due to weather conditions. He also prepares the chapel for mass every week, and he often acts as altar server. He is always willing to help his classmates with homework or studying, and he supports his dorm in sporting and team events.

Derick Williams

Junior

Derick Williams has given outstanding dedication to the undergraduate student body. As well as always having a smile on his face, even when things are hard, he ensures that students are able to participate in all aspects of their community and make a positive impact. During his time in the Student Union, he helped fix a drainage issue outside of Dillon and SDH nicknamed "Lake Dillon," as well as lowering RecSports barriers to low income students. This year, he has proudly served as Keough Hall President, hosting numerous events, such as an off-campus SYR, all in the hopes of improving Keough's community and potentially challenging for Hall of the Year.