Student Achievement



The recent day of Celebrating Student Achievement was the first time I have really stopped to appreciate all the hard work and absolute intelligence that exists on this campus. I attended four events and was shocked at all the talent that Meredith harbors. While I have always known that Meredith has diligent students, I had never really gotten involved with Celebrating Student Achievement until this

much effort goes into creating such an amazing day.

The first event I attended was the Colton Review reveal party. I felt honored to be able to sit and listen to excerpts from short stories written by Angela Davis-Gardner's fiction students. I thought Susie Potter's piece was exceptionally well-written and well-read. The poetry shared by Betty Adcock's students, a group of which I am proud to be a member, was moving and honest. Whitney Wilson, the Colton's literary editor, did such an amazing job with this year's magazine, she deserves endless compliments. The art included in the Colton this year was absolutely stunning. It represents the College so well and really highlights the literature of the magazine.

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After attending the Colton party I headed down to the art building to show my parents, who were visiting, the Senior Art Exhibit. The work in that exhibit was exquisitely daring and terribly beautiful. I was proud to show off the talents of Meredith's art department to my parents who love to see that students do more here than find husbands and learn to sew. The art displayed was so professional and polished it was astounding that it was done by students. Anyone represented in that show should be supremely proud of herself, as the entire exhibit is just vreatnraking.

Because one of my roommates, Rebecca Buchanan, was receiving an award for Italian Student of the Year, I also attended the Foreign Language and Study Abroad awards. I was stunned at how many students are able to study abroad, and at how much money the study abroad program is able to give away in the forms of scholarships. So many travel scholarships were awarded to very deserving students that I was truly impressed with the level of dedication that those students have toward furthering their education abroad.

DanceWorks was the final event that I was able to attend. Having danced for many years in the past, I always look forward to seeing what other dancers have worked so hard to present in this culminat-

ing performance. I was particularly impressed with the clogging routine to the Charlie Daniels Band's "The Devil Went Down to Georgia." It was lively and wellchoreographed. I was also greatly entertained by, I have to admit, the finale hip-hop dance to Flo Rida's "Low." It was very out of character for Meredith girls, but I was pleasantly surprised by the usually artistic and sometimes stuffy dance troupe's ability to "get down." As always, the modern pieces were predictably stunning. The student choreography was very creative and innovative. Dancers

tor wid Thever asappoint when it comes to their signature modern dances.

After seeing such beautiful and amazing presentations throughout the day, I was disappointed that I couldn't see every single award, appearance, and performance that day of Celebrating Student Achievement had to offer. I am still so blown away by the level of expertise and skill held by so many of Meredith's student community. I had no idea that our student body was so talented, and I appreciate all of you who shared your gifts last Thursday.

Congratulations to the following award recipients celebrated at the 11:30 a.m. service on Celebrating Student Achievement Day

ACA Service and Dedication Award
Ashley Ellis
Lori Cooper

Communication Leadership
Development Award
Natalie Sasser

Erika Woodlief Social Leadership Award Amanda Mills

MEA Service and Dedication Award
Bethany Burriss

MRA Service and Dedication Award
Amirah Lane

Outstanding First Year AMC Executive Board Member Tiffany Medford

Outstanding Leadership and Contributions to Alpha Psi Omega

Outstanding WINGS Member Award Kerri Pait

Recognition of Top Seniors

Amanda Citron
ToniAnn Gambella
Jordan Yourick
Meredith Pugh
Brittany Brown
Shannon Walsh
Caitlyn Riner
Stephanie Massey
Brittany Rice
Brooke Rice
Mary Elizabeth Armstrong
Jourdan Featherston

SGA Outstanding Leadership and Service Award Kathryn Nagel