

# Maureen E. O'Rourke Marianist Student Award Description and Criteria

Since 1985 the University of Dayton has publicly acknowledged faculty and staff who have made significant contributions to the Catholic and Marianist character of UD. In 2005 an award was initiated to recognize the gifts of outstanding graduating students who, through their words and actions, demonstrate a commitment to the Marianist charism on campus.

The Maureen O'Rourke Marianist Student Award was named after its first recipient. Maureen created opportunities for her fellow students to enter more deeply into the Marianist Family she had come to love and who in turn, loved her. In her short four years as an undergraduate, Maureen talked and walked the Marianist mission and challenged those around her to do the same.

The recipient of the Maureen E. O'Rourke Marianist Student Award will be honored at dinner during the spring semester. The recipient will receive a piece of Marian art has the opportunity to designate \$500 to a University organization.

In your responses below, please describe how this nominee has embraced the Marianist charism and actively invited their peers to understand and live the charism that enriches the University of Dayton.

Manifestations of the Marianist charism include:

- Faith: promotes faith development; gives witness to and challenges his/her own faith life and that of others
- Mission: acts in such a way that emphasizes the Catholic and Marianist mission of the University; demonstrates commitment to issues of social justice
- Community: works to empower others, is actively involved in community building on campus and in the greater community
- Inclusivity: respects differences yet moves willingly out of his/her comfort zone to experience and understand persons with different views and values; works toward a common unity
- Mary: supports and understands the role of Mary as a person of faith, openness and action