



**HARVARD COLLEGE**  
Freshman Dean's Office

**Third Annual  
First-Year Student  
Awards Ceremony**

**May 1, 2018**

**Harvard Hall**

**The Community Creation Award:** Given to the student who shows unwavering dedication to building a stronger community by contributing to the overall academic and residential experience of all classmates. This first-year student champions the rich diversity in the class, and strives to make Harvard an inclusive and supportive community.

**Awardee: Samyra Miller**  
**Finalists: Leo Garcia, Hae-In Seong**

**The Civic Engagement Award:** Given to the first-year student who has encouraged a spirit of public service in the freshman class through individual service, and a commitment to working with classmates in their consideration of others. This student may work to strengthen unity on campus, as well as in the larger community, through activism or peer counseling.

**Awardee: Yoseph Boku**  
**Finalists: Yifan Chen, Zachary Steigerwald Schnall**

**The Creativity Award:** Given to the first-year student who shows unusual talent or promise in drama, drawing, film, photography, music, painting, sculpture, writing, or in further facets of the artistic medium.

**Awardee: Marie Konopacki**  
**Finalists: Isabella Aslarus, Ming Li Wu**

**The Veritas Award:** Given to the first-year student who shows an exceptional commitment to intellectual curiosity through a thoughtful choice of academic and extracurricular activities. Through their commitment to a rigorous intellectual process, this student encourages others in the class to hold themselves to a high standard of excellence in their expression of ideas, encouraging a vibrant and inspirational community.

**Awardee: John Fish**  
**Finalists: Hossam Mabed, Aba Sam**

**The Deans' Award:** The Deans' Award is given to the first-year student who most adheres to the spirit of the Freshman Deans - one who is devoted to Harvard and actively works to make the first-year experience enriching and rewarding for all classmates, by demonstrating compassion, integrity, and respect toward individuals as well as to the academic enterprise.

**Awardee: Gabrielle Fernandopulle**  
**Finalists: Rachel Freed, Vismaya Kharkar**

**The Male and Female Athlete of the Year Awards:** Given annually to the top contributors to the Freshman Intramural Program. Selected by the Yard Athletic Council, winners embody qualities such as good sportsmanship, strong character both on and off the field of competition, and fervent promotion of dorm and Harvard spirit regardless of athletic skill or talent level.

**Male Athlete of the Year: Tomasz Wojtasik**  
**Female Athlete of the Year: Alexandra Norris**

**The Yard Trophy:** Known affectionately and colloquially as "the Bucket," the Yard Trophy is awarded annually to the freshman dorm that, during the course of the academic year, accumulates the most intramural competition and participation points. While the trophy itself dates back to the 1980s, the winner of the freshman intramural program has been honored since the inception of the House system in the early 1930s, making this annual award one of Harvard's older traditions. The trophy's sides bear the name of winning dorm and class year, and on the bottom is inscribed the phrase, "Die Luft der Freiheit weht," the official motto of Stanford University. Winning the trophy requires both athletic skill and year-long commitment to intramural competition.

**Champion: Canaday**

**The Freshman Dean's Office would like to  
congratulate all the nominees**

Isabella Aslarus • Akash Bagaria • Yoseph Boku •  
Dasha Bough • Georgia Bowder-Newton • Amy  
Brooke • Maxwell Burkholder • Roshni Chkraborty •  
Ela Chavez • Yifan Chen • Lucia Couto • Olivia  
Farrar • Gabrielle Fernandopulle • John Fish • Rachel  
Freed • Leonardo Garcia • Paul Georgoulis • Halie  
Gonzalez • Jackson Harvey • Rachel Hong • Helen  
Huang • Alexandra Jeffay • Maya Jenkins • Stacy Jo •  
Karlyn Joseph • Sonya Kalara • Kolbe Keating •  
Vismaya Kharkar • Elida Kocharian • Marie  
Konopacki • Prashanth Kumar • Kofi Kwapong •  
Katherine Li • Jia Yi Lim • Ellie Loigman • Ian Lutz •  
Hossameldin Mabed • Arian Mansur • Daniel  
McCutchen • Daniel Mendoza • Samyra Miller •  
Beckham Myers • Owen Niles • Stephen Nyarko •  
Molly Peterson • Skylah Reis • Emma Robertson •  
Aba Sam • Veronica Santana • Hae-In Seong • Fatima  
Shahbaz • Natalie Sherman-Jollis • Ben Sperling •  
Swathi Srinivasan • Zachary Steigerwald Schnall •  
Aidan Stoddart • Alec Sun • Anna Tavormina • Divya  
Vatsa • Meena Venkataramanan • Jackson Walker •  
Tomasz Wojtasik • Evelyn Wong • Irene Wu • Ming  
Li Wu • Chloe Yu • Bill Zhang • Daran Zhao •  
Wilfried Zibell • Andrew Zuckerman