Lavender Award Recipients

Congratulations to all Lavender Award nominees and recipients! It is with great pride that Gender & Sexuality Services congratulates the recipients of these awards.

Please note: Several Lavender Awards recognize allyship toward LGBTQ+ and allied students at UNI. These awards are open to allies as well as advocates within LGBTQ+ communities.

Faculty/Staff Ally of the Year
A staff or faculty member who has gone above and beyond expectations by supporting LGBTQ+ and allied students at UNI this past year.

- 2022: Spencer Navara, Susan Hill
- 2021: Melissa Gevaert
- 2020: Juana Hollingsworth, Cate Palczewski
- 2019: Courtney Tripp-Stuck, Angela Waseskuk
- 2018: Brittany Flokstra

Outstanding Panther Activist of the Year Award
A graduating student that has consistently strived to educate, inform, and advocate for LGBTQ+ students in all areas of the university. Student activism should be understood as involvement on campus, leadership in an organization, or organizing activities that benefit the university.

- 2022: Lennon Janes
- 2021: Elle Boeding
- 2020: Mahlia Brown
- 2019: Quincy Flynn
- 2018: A.J. Hudspeth

Outstanding Student Ally of the Year Award
A student that has demonstrated affirming knowledge, attitudes and actions towards the LGBTQ+ community at UNI. Nominees do not need to be graduating.

- 2022: Jazz Jensen
- 2021: Noah Andrew
- 2020: Ryan Frank
- 2019: Albie Nicol
- 2018: Emmett Cory

Departmental Ally of the Year Award
A department or office that has gone above and beyond expectations by supporting LGBTQ+ and allied students at UNI this past year or has made significant strides to become inclusive of LGBTQ+ students in their services, programs, or curriculum.

- 2022: Rod Library
- 2018: Dean of Students
Cedar Valley Ally of the Year Award
A local community member, organization, or business that has gone above and beyond expectations by supporting LGBTQ+ and allied students at UNI this past year.

- 2022: ThreeHouse Collaborative Campus Ministries
- 2020: David Hays
- 2019: Jennifer Christiason (UnityPoint LGBTQ Clinic)