

Algernon Sydney Sullivan – Recipient #1

Among the members of the Class of 2008, this particular recipient of the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award winner stands apart for strong spiritual beliefs, a readiness to help fellow students and volunteerism in the local community.

While our winner has accomplished much during his time at St. Andrews, he will be remembered for his willingness to help when needed. He is concerned about the welfare and feelings of those around him. In addition to his sensitive and caring nature, he is tenacious in the pursuit of knowledge.

According to his nomination, “Many students come to St. Andrews, growing and maturing into young adults. This young man came to St. Andrews spiritually mature and by his very nature, helped pass this on to his fellow students.”

Since arriving at St. Andrews, his apparent faith has led him to be the natural selection for leading opening prayers at various events. A desire to be active in the campus community took him to the music program, as he is a member of both the St. Andrews Choir and the St. Andrews Pipe Band.

Uncompromising in his commitments and beliefs, he stepped into a leadership position with the annual Martin Luther King Jr., Day celebration for the community, serving as emcee for two years.

Community involvement has not been limited to the campus, as he has also devoted time to community churches and the district level of the Lions Club.

Broadening his perspective of the world, he took a semester long trip to China and also spent time at a historical symposium in New York City to learn more about the history of slavery in the United States.

According to his nomination, “While active in numerous campus activities, he is always attuned to the spiritual aspect of his endeavors. He is never so busy that he can’t take the time to pray with an elderly person in a nursing home, assist a colleague, offer assistance to a freshman struggling with adjustment issues, or bring humor to a tense situation.”

“While at St. Andrews, he has grown as a person, a scholar, a leader, a servant and as someone who will take his world by storm. He is a person of uncommon character and integrity. He exemplifies the spiritual qualities that the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Foundation celebrates.”

It is my pleasure to ask Samuel Hemingway III to come forward and receive the 2008 Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award.