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04.09.2009 | Students  Student development presents its 24th annual John E. Riley Award Wednesday, April 15, to junior visual communication design major Michelle Stawicki.

The $1,300 award, given to a junior for leadership and involvement, is named in honor of Riley for his commitment to student development and to the University during his more than 30 years at UD. In that time, Riley served in several capacities — director of the counseling center, acting vice president of student development and associate dean of students.

Stawicki, an art director with the Flyer News, has been involved in a variety of service and leadership activities since arriving on campus. A Class of 2010 Chaminade Scholar, she has raised funds for the Special Wish Foundation through the Distance 4 Dreams Club; led a summer workshop for the Program for Christian Leadership; taken service trips to New Orleans, East St. Louis and Camden, N.J.; helped plan a first-year retreat; and served on a “blue crew” for new-student orientation. She’s also been involved in the annual MFest event to raise awareness of mental health issues and worked in a variety of other service and professional activities including the St. Vincent de Paul Service Club, Flyer Enterprises, the Fusion Student Graphic Design Club, Orpheus and the United Way campaign.

Finalists also included:

- Colin Gerker, a history, communications and electronic media major
- Tracey Horan, a middle childhood education and Spanish major
- Rebecca Marek, a religious studies and communication major
- Caryl Nuñez, a junior political science major