



MILTON GARFUNKEL AWARD

POLICY

Awards are given at graduation to recognize student achievement within specific areas of chiropractic education. “The Milton Garfunkel Distinction Award” is the highest honor awarded to one individual in each graduating class. The recipient of this award must have exhibited superior abilities in the academic, clinical, and philosophical aspects of chiropractic, and must have demonstrated a high degree of commitment to the college community during his/her studies at Sherman College of Chiropractic. The recipient will give the farewell address at graduation.

Selection Criteria

Students must have an overall GPA of 3.5 or above and must have completed minimum of seven quarters at Sherman College to be eligible for the award. Students meeting the GPA requirement will be eligible based on the following point system. The award recipient must receive a score in each category to be eligible for this award. For each category, the students with the highest three scores will be assigned points as follows: (NOTE: In the event of a tie in any category, the points will be divided accordingly, ensuring that the total points in each category remain constant.)

Category	Highest Score	Second Highest Score	Third Highest Score	Total Score In Category
Academic Achievement	12	9	5	26
Clinical Excellence	12	9	5	26
Service	7	5	3	15
Chiropractic Philosophy	7	5	3	15
Faculty Votes	5	3	1	9
Peer Votes	5	3	1	9
Total	48	34	18	100

Academic Achievement

The Registrar will submit to the provost a list of all prospective graduates, with their accompanying GPAs, by the end of the first week of term in which the class will graduate. The provost will use the list to determine scores for academic achievement. The student with the highest cumulative GPA will receive the highest score. The students with the second and third highest GPAs will receive the respective scores.

A student must have been at Sherman College for a minimum of seven quarters to qualify for the Academic Achievement Award.



Clinical Excellence

During the final three weeks of the term prior to the term in which the class will graduate, the dean of clinics will distribute a ballot to all faculty in the Chiropractic Health Center. Each faculty member may vote for only one student who best exemplified clinical excellence during his/her practice in the Health Center. The students with the highest three votes will receive the respective points for clinical excellence. The results will be submitted to the provost by the end of the third week of the term in which the class will graduate.

Service

The Service Distinction Award Committee consists of the vice president for enrollment and student success, who shall serve as chair, the senior director of enrollment services, the dean of clinics, and the vice president for chiropractic advancement. The committee must consider the three components of service in reviewing prospective graduates: service to the college, service to the community and service to the profession. The committee will submit to the provost, by the end of the third week of the term in which the class will graduate, a list of the top three candidates, in order of overall service contributions, who will receive the respective points toward the award. **At its discretion, the committee may also recommend an individual to the president to receive a Service Distinction Award at graduation.**

Philosophy

The chair of the Philosophy Department will distribute a ballot of all prospective graduates to each faculty member of the philosophy department, who may vote for the individual who has most exemplified the straight chiropractic philosophy. Each faculty member may vote for only one student. A list of the students with the highest three votes will be submitted to the provost by the end of the third week of the term in which the class will graduate and will receive the respective points toward the award. The list will also be submitted to the president for the philosophy award.

Faculty Nomination

By the third week of the term in which the students will graduate, The Office of Academic Affairs will distribute a ballot to all teaching faculty, who will be asked to nominate only one student for the award from the list of graduates with a GPA of 3.5 or above. The Office of Academic Affairs will tally the votes and the three students with the highest number of nominations will receive the respective points toward the award.



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Peer Nomination

A ballot will be distributed during the last three weeks of the term prior to the term in which the class will graduate by the Office of Student Affairs to prospective graduates, who will be asked to nominate only one student from the list of graduates for the award. This schedule will allow externs to vote prior to leaving for the externship. The votes will be tallied by the Office of Student Affairs and submitted to the provost, by the end of the first week of the term in which the class will graduate. The three students with the highest number of nominations will receive the respective points toward the award.

Process

The provost will tally all input and rank the prospective graduates who meet the minimum overall GPA of 3.5, according to total points. The Garfunkel Award Committee, which consists of the provost, who shall serve as chair, the dean of clinics, and the vice president for enrollment and student success, shall review all the data and make the final recommendation to the president, based on the scores, by the end of the midterm period. In the case of a tie, the committee will prioritize the candidates. Should the recipient of the Garfunkel Award not be able to attend graduation and give the address, the graduate with the second highest score will be asked to give the Farewell Address.

The college reserves the right to not award the Garfunkel Award. Should the Award not be given, the committee will consider the recipient(s) of the Academic Achievement, the Clinical Excellence, the Service Distinction (if awarded) and the Philosophy awards, and will recommend to the president one individual from the respective pool to give the Farewell Address at graduation.

The president has the final decision of the award recipient and/or the individual to give the farewell address.