TO: The College Community

FROM: Susan A. Rotenberg, Ph.D.
      Chair, College Committee on Honors and Awards

DATE: March 4, 2005

RE: College-wide Honors and Awards

The College Committee on Honors and Awards invites you to nominate graduating seniors and Masters degree candidates for college-wide prizes and awards to be presented at this year’s Baccalaureate ceremony on Tuesday May 31st, 2005 in Gold Center Auditorium at 7 pm. Please note that, in addition to students graduating in June 2005, graduates who graduated in September 2004 and February 2005 are also candidates for these awards.

The awards for graduating seniors are given for a combination of high scholastic achievement, contributions to the College, and good citizenship. In making its selections, the Committee considers such factors as outstanding achievement in one or more fields of study, high cumulative grade point average, and breadth and depth of courses taken, as well as evidence of good character, intellectual curiosity, creativity, and future promise in contributing to society. In addition, some awards have specific criteria such as acceptance to a graduate program.

The Masters degree awards are for outstanding scholarship, research or creative accomplishment in the graduate program. An outstanding thesis, published articles, or creative works, as well as detailed letters of support, provide an important basis for receiving one of these awards.

Please write a separate letter for each student you nominate since we create an individual file for each student. Since some awards stipulate that the recipient must have plans to attend or has been accepted to a graduate or professional school, the Committee would appreciate whatever information you have on your nominee's plans for future study. You need not recommend a specific award unless you wish to do so.

Your letters are essential to the Committee in making its selections. The most effective letters offer detailed, specific examples of the student’s accomplishments and personal qualities.

LETTERS ARE NEEDED BY FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 2005. We would appreciate it—and it would facilitate the work of the Committee—if letters are received earlier than this date.

The Committee appreciates your cooperation. Please send your letters of nomination to: The College Committee on Honors and Awards, Honors Center, Room 125. Letters can also be faxed to 997-5498 or e-mailed to cli@qc1.qc.edu. If you have any questions, please call Christina Li at 997-5503, or contact her at the e-mail address above.