

Award Descriptions

Black Leadership Advancing the Community (B.L.A.C.) Awards

Individual Awards

Black Student Alliance Legacy Award

True leaders serve, and true servants lead. The Legacy award seeks to award a student(s) who has devoted their time and effort in servant leadership through Black Student Alliance. The recipient(s) of this award will have made a significant effort to contribute to the Black community by uniquely addressing problems or improving situations. The recipient(s) will demonstrate a vision of a campus left better because of the work the student(s) has done.

Myrtle Craig Mowbary Award

This award recognizes a first-year student(s) who have presented exceptional leadership and remained active in contributions to the Black community.

Robert L. Green Award

This award recognizes a student with active participation in community service and a commitment to civic engagement and social justice for the Black community at Michigan State University and beyond.

Vence Bonham Award

This award recognizes a student who is working toward the advancement of society through active participation in scholarly research.

David W. Dickson Award

This award is given to a faculty or staff member in recognition of their significant contributions to the lives of Black students at Michigan State University. The recipient of this award has made contributions in the areas of scholarship, professional services, student life, mentoring, and development.

Dr. Lee June Award

This award commemorates a graduating senior(s) who has sustained the legacy of Black student leadership through a commitment to the intersections of scholarship, civic engagement, and social justice. This student(s) has made an active commitment through their MSU career(s) to the uplift of Black students through personal integrity, mentorship, and community involvement.

Dr. Carl Taylor Award

This award is given to a student who exemplifies leadership through campus and community involvement. This student is an emerging leader who has exhibited integrity, collaboration, and intellectual, emotional, and social growth.

- Sophomore or Junior

Clifton R. Wharton Award

This award recognizes a student who has demonstrated outstanding leadership, scholarship, and has made a significant contribution and commitment to the uplift of the MSU Black community.

- Junior or Senior
- 3.3 GPA preferred

Darius Peyton Award

This award is given to a Intercultural Aid or Resident Assistant, who consistently exceeds the minimum job requirements. This individual demonstrates a positive attitude, fosters a strong sense of community, and serves as a resource for their residents.

Ernest Green Award

This award is given to a member of the Black community who goes beyond to help others and is not always recognized for their behind the scenes work.

Diversity Impact Award

This award acknowledges a student(s) outside of the Black community who has made a significant positive impact through initiatives, interactions, or contributions to the Black community.

Advisor of the Year Award

This award is given to an Advisor who has provided excellent guidance, support, and development for their organization throughout the year.

Organizational Awards

Ervin Armstrong Award

This award recognizes an outstanding Black Caucus that has demonstrated a commitment to unity, scholarship, and uplift of the MSU Black community.

Divine Nine Award

This award honors a NPHC organization or member that has impacted the MSU Black community through a commitment to unity, promoting scholarship, challenging students to be socially conscious, and the uplift of the MSU Black community.

Dr. Richard Thomas Award

This award honors a student organization that has impacted the MSU Black community through promoting scholarship and challenging students to be socially conscious.

Blanche Martin Award

This award recognizes outstanding contributions of a student organization. The organization has made contributions to the Black community through programs, activities, and events that reflect their mission and have significantly impacted their members and the greater Black community.

Program of the Year

This award recognizes an organization that developed a outstanding program or initiative that positively impacted the Black community through engaging educational, social, or cultural content.

