Campus Life Excellence Awards recognize student achievements

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IIT's Office of Campus Life (OCL) unveiled the Campus Life Excellence Awards this semester as a way for the office to recognize student organizations and student leaders for their contributions to campus and the community. OCL opened nominations for a variety of organization and individual awards on HawkLink on October 1 of this semester. Nominations for the awards closed on November 4, and copies of the nominations were made available in the OCL office suite for students to read over the past few weeks. The Office of Campus Life and Division of Student Affairs assessed the award nominations, then prepared for the Campus Life Excellence Awards Ceremony, held on Tuesday, November 18 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the MTCC Ballroom.

When arriving at the awards ceremony, students were greeted by a dessert buffet featuring fruit, cupcakes, and a hot chocolate bar. The event began with some free time for students and OCL staff to mingle, and the awards presentation began at 5:30 p.m.

The Office of Campus Life first presented awards that the office was responsible for nominating. OCL presented awards for two categories, Excellence in Budgeting and Excellence in Programming. Twenty-two certificates were presented to student organizations for excellence in budgeting; twenty-three certificates were presented to student organizations for excellence in programming.

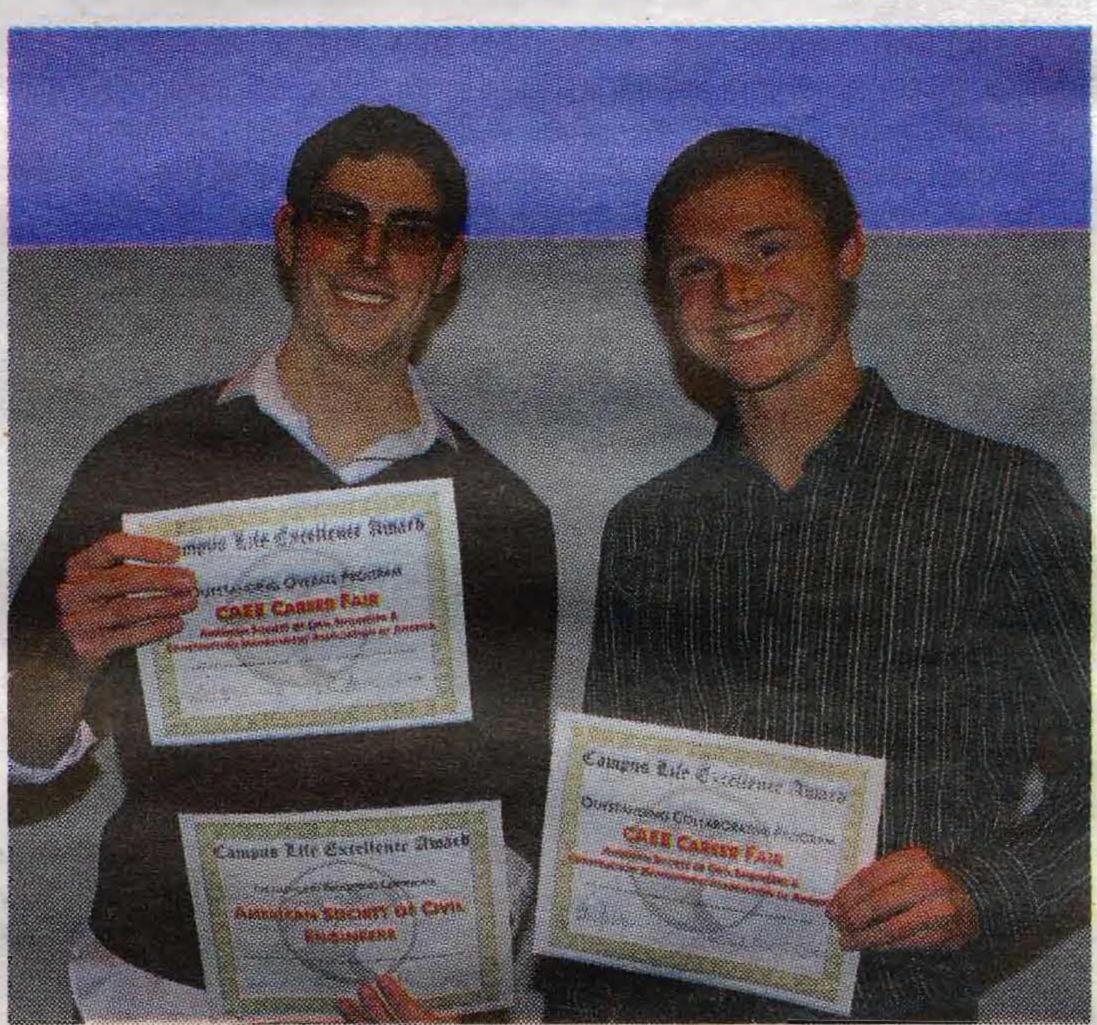
The ceremony then shifted to the individual awards. The Outstanding New Member award was presented to Ajay Johnson from Student Government Association. The Outstanding Senior Member award was given to Engineers Without Borders member Sara Glade. The award for Outstanding Executive Board Member was presented to Erez Miller of American Institute of Chemical Engineers. Ricky Stevenson was presented the Outstanding Student Organization President award for his work in Greek Council. Finally, the Unsung Hero award was presented to Alpha Sigma Phi's Richard Stubing.

Next came the awards presented to student organizations as a whole. OCL presented their Outstanding New Student Organization Award to Circle K International. MEDLIFE was then presented the Outstanding Community Service Project award for their Medical Brigade project. African Student Organization received two awards for The Ennoblement of Africa event that was hosted by the organization in early October; they received the Outstanding Academic/Educational Program Award and the Outstanding Diversity/ Multicultural Program.

A partnership of two organizations, American Society of Civil Engineers and Construction Management Association of America, also received two awards for the CAEE Career Fair they collaborated on; both organizations received the Outstanding Collaborative Program award as well as the Outstanding Overall Program award. The Outstanding Fundraising Program award was presented to Engineers Without Borders (EWB) for their EWB-IIT Gala. Latinos Involved in Further Education (LIFE) received the Outstanding Social and Entertainment Program award for their Latino Dance Night.

The awards ceremony concluded with a thanks to all of those in attendance as well as the students and organizations recognized as well as the opportunity for students to take photos with their awards.









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