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Honors Students Selected for University Faculty Association Awards

SHIPPENSBURG, Pa. — Two students in the Shippensburg University Honors Program have received the 2012 Association of Pennsylvania State College and University Faculties/ Shippensburg University (APSCUF/SU) Student Awards.

Miranda Aaron, a junior Early Childhood Education major from Eagleville, earned the APSCUF/SU Dr. Sally McGrath College of Education and Human Services Student Award for Outstanding Scholarship and Service. Aaron, 20, is the president of the university's Circle K Club, and she co-chairs the Honors Student Organization's Ship Trip Committee. Ship Trip is a biannual program designed to introduce middle school students to the university and to inspire them to continue their education beyond high school. Aaron is also actively involved with the Honors Program's Reach Out project, which develops teaching materials for an elementary school that serves children in need in the Dominican Republic.

Monika Mironenko, a senior Public Administration major from Lewisburg, earned the APSCUF/SU Dr. Robert Winter College of Arts and Sciences Student Award for Outstanding Scholarship and Service. Mironenko, 22, serves as Treasurer and Fundraising Committee co-chair of the Honors Student Organization and as Vice President of Pi Sigma Alpha, the national political science Honor society. Last summer she traveled to Kiev, Ukraine to volunteer with Orphan's Promise, which strives to improve the lives of orphaned children.

The award competition is open to all juniors and seniors at Shippensburg with a 3.3 GPA or higher, and the recipients are selected by a committee of APSCUF faculty members. Applicants were evaluated on their leadership and volunteer activities and an essay explaining how Shippensburg University faculty members have influenced the quality of their college experience. Aaron and Mironenko will receive certificates and a \$500 prize in April.

"Miranda and Monika have distinguished themselves as outstanding scholars and student leaders at Shippensburg University," said Honors Program Director Kim Klein. "They are truly deserving of these awards, and we thank APSCUF for its efforts to recognize talented students."

The Shippensburg University Honors Program involves more than 150 undergraduate students of diverse backgrounds and interests. The students are selected for the program based on their academic achievement, intellectual curiosity, and evidence of leadership and community service.