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President Mary B. Marcy attended a White House convening September 10 to share details about Dominican's success in civic engagement on campus and in the community.

She joined presidents and chancellors from universities throughout the United States invited to participate in the President's Interfaith and Community Service Campus Challenge. The delegation heard from senior advisers to President Obama, along with Ted Mitchell, undersecretary in the U.S. Department of Education. The message: "Universities have an obligation and an opportunity to connect across differences. Our diverse students will lead the way."

The September 10 White House gathering provided an opportunity for university presidents and chancellors to meet face-to-face to explore successful models of interfaith service and engagement. Dominican enjoys a strong history and track record of effective community and civic engagement, working with established community partners in Marin and San Francisco.

Dominican is one of five universities selected from nearly 100 nominations to receive the [2015 Higher Education Civic Engagement Award](#) presented by The Washington Center and the New York Life Foundation. Recipients were chosen based upon their leadership and innovation in civic engagement. Dominican will be presented with the award on October 5 during The Washington Center's annual awards luncheon in Washington, D.C. at the National Press Club.

The University has been included in the [President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll](#) every year since 2007. Dominican also has twice been awarded the Community Engaged Classification from the [Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching](#) – most recently in 2015.

This was Dominican's third White House visit in the past year.

Last December, President Marcy joined President Barack Obama, First Lady Michelle Obama, and Vice President Joe Biden at a White House event focused on increasing the number of students who graduate with degrees in science, technology, and mathematics (STEM). President Marcy pledged to double the number of students who graduate with a [STEM](#) major and triple the number of students who graduate with a STEM minor by 2020.

Last month, [Barowsky School of Business](#) Associate Dean Dr. Jayati Ghosh represented Dominican at a White House event focused on expanding opportunity for women in business. The White House Working Families Business Schools Convening brought together the business community and leaders from about 50 business schools to discuss recruiting, training, and retaining leaders for the 21st-century workplace.

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