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Dominican was among five colleges and universities chosen in 2014 from nearly 100 nominations to receive 2015 Higher Education Civic Engagement Awards presented by The Washington Center and the New York Life Foundation. Dominican President Mary B. Marcy was presented with the award during The Washington Center's annual awards luncheon in Washington, D.C. at the National Press Club.

The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars, in partnership with the New York Life Foundation, established this award to celebrate institutions in the higher education community that are reaching beyond their own campuses to achieve sustainable civic impact. The award aims to highlight, in particular, innovation and leadership in forging partnerships beyond the campus to define and address issues of public concern, whether at the local, regional, or international level. Recipients were chosen based upon their leadership and innovation in civic engagement.

“Dominican University of California is a shining example of how universities are taking the traditional curriculum model and incorporating initiatives that teach self-awareness, community engagement, and life-long leadership skills,” said Mike Smith, president of The Washington Center. “Dominican University of California is a true leader within the academic community and we extend our congratulations on this honor.”

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

The other academic institutions receiving 2015 Civic Engagement Awards included John Carroll University, Rutgers University – Camden, Tufts University, and Weber State University. All five institutions also were acknowledged at The Washington Center's Gala 2015: 40 & Forward event, which commemorated TWC's 40th anniversary and was held at the National Building Museum. As a recipient of the Higher Education Civic Engagement Award, each institution had access to \$20,000 in scholarship assistance toward TWC programs from the New York Life Foundation.

Led by chair Geraldine Mannion of the Carnegie Corporation of New York, a committee of leaders in the field of civic engagement selected the recipients of the award. Also serving on the committee were Michelle Cooper of the Institute for Higher Education Policy, Bobby Hackett of the Bonner Foundation, and Heather Smith, former president of Rock the Vote.

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