



C-Ring Award Examples of Advocacy

The C-Ring award is given each spring to an outstanding graduating senior woman at UC. First given in 1922 by the Athletics Department to the best "all around gal," the C-Ring has evolved over the last 90-plus years to become an all-university award honoring demonstrated commitment to the betterment of the UC campus, community and the advancement of women and girls.

For additional information regarding the C-Ring Award, please contact Ann Brown at 513-556-4401.

Note: The following examples have been provided to demonstrate the different types of advocacy the committee has recognized in previous C-Ring Award Finalist.

Kathumbi Edwads, 2001

A fourth year political science student, Kathumbi was UC's 2001 winner of the C-Ring Award. The daughter of Kenyan immigrants, she researched and supported the development of women's human rights programs in Washington, D.C., researched legal cases for a women's center in Botswana and served as a legal clerk in the 6th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals, under Judge Nathaniel R. Jones. She also worked as a peer educator in local schools, a woman's advocate and a volunteer for the Ronald McDonald House.

Erica Miller, 2002

Erica, our 2002 recipient, functioned as leader both on and off UC's campus. Miller served her fellow students as Resident Advisor in both Siddall and Sawyer Hall. She was a Darwin T. Turner and Cincinnatus Scholar. She served as President of Shades of You, a UC student organization recognizing all "shades" of women. Miller tutored students at Corryville Resource Center and mentored students at Hughes High School. She helped students, with time management and study skills, in the Accelerating Towards Learning and Academic Success Program at UC. She also participated in the McMicken English Society as its President and held offices with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority."

Jaleen Francois, 2004

2004's C-Ring recipient, Jaleen was a dedicated community activist, highly involved in women's advocacy within the University of Cincinnati, the surrounding Cincinnati community and beyond. Her campus activism was demonstrated through her positions as Director of Publicity for Students Organized Against Rape (SOAR) and Program Facilitator for RAPP XVII. In the Cincinnati community, her work extended to the creation and design of On Prejudice, a collection of photographs and interviews which were published. She spent a month in Nicoya, Costa Rica with Habitat for Humanity International, as well as an intern studying environmentalism and permaculture on Punta Mona Organic Farm.

Samantha Cronier, 2005

Samantha showed through her volunteer work that she recognized the importance of giving back, of supporting women and girls who needed to see that life can be different, that it can be better. Cooking meals at the YWCA battered women's shelter, supporting the Vine St. elementary Girls Scout troop or exposing middle school girls to the wonders of science, this UC student lived her commitments.

Rachel Robitz, 2007

While working with a Dominican physician, Rachel was introduced to a woman dying of breast cancer. This widow, with three young children was without funds to buy pain medicine. Rachel took it upon herself to repeatedly raise funds from US friends and colleagues for pain medicine and eventually, sadly for a funeral. When the woman's only daughter, then living with her grandmother, needed funds to stay in school, Rachel once again raised the money.

Kimberly Bauer, 2009

During two of her study abroad programs, in Nicaragua and Peru, Kimberly worked directly with women in healthcare settings – in a maternity clinic in the rural town of Ocotal, Nicaragua and in the OB-GYN department of a Peruvian hospital. She is bilingual and her goal is to become a bilingual public healthcare provider working to improve women's health internationally.