

The Delaware Valley Geography Association Award for Distinguished Academic Achievement in Geography

This award—a certificate—will be formally presented by the President of the Delaware Valley Geographic Association during the annual dinner in May. The award winner will also be recognized at the Department Graduation Ceremony with a certificate and small gift from the Environmental Faculty and Department Chair.



Purpose: The Delaware Valley Geography Association Award for Distinguished Academic Achievement in Geography is to be granted annually to an outstanding undergraduate student upon completion of their studies in the field of Geography.

Criteria: The award will be conferred upon a Geography major who has epitomized excellence in the Department and at Villanova University. The winner will have one of the top GPAs in the department and will have distinguished him or herself by exceptional service and achievement. The award will be granted at the discretion of the Department Chair and after a formal vote by the Department faculty. The award will not be presented to a student in the Geography Minor.

Background: The DVGA is a local chapter of the Association of American Geographers dedicated to promoting geography in the Delaware Valley region. The organization sponsors regular field trips to sites of geographic interest in the area, and spring and fall dinner meetings featuring talks by prominent geographers. Each spring, the DVGA awards one or two high-achieving geography majors from each of the DVGA region schools. At first the PHILADELPHIA AREA GEOGRAPHERS, as the organization was originally named, was guided by an ad hoc committee composed of Richard Bucksar, Gerald Karaska, Richard Keppel, Henry Michael, Clinton Mullen and Cyrus Sharer. By 1969 the present name, DELAWARE VALLEY GEOGRAPHICAL ASSOCIATION was adopted. At the same time meetings were moved to the western suburbs; to points readily accessible to the majority of the growing membership. Geographers and students from East Stroudsburg University, Kutztown University, Millersville University, Philadelphia Community College, Rowan College of New Jersey, Rutgers (Camden campus), Temple University, Trenton State College, University of Delaware, Villanova University, West Chester University, York College of Pennsylvania, and many other schools, community colleges, firms, and government agencies in the region actively participate in the DVGA today.

AWARD WINNERS

2008	Ms. Diane Ditzel
2009	Mr. Samuel I. Silverman

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*This award is presented to the graduating Geography student,
upon recommendation of the faculty, who achieves the highest
grades and epitomizes academic service,
and scholarly excellence throughout their studies at Villanova University*

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Geography
2008

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Geography
2009

