The Laura B. Wilson Service Award

in the Department of Health Services Administration

This award honors Laura B. Wilson Ph.D., perpetuates her legacy, and recognizes her leadership in envisioning and designing the Department of Health Services Administration in the University of Maryland School of Public Health. Dr. Wilson created and implemented this new department, which enabled the nascent School of Public Health to meet the requirements of the Council on Accreditation in Public Health.

As the founding chair of Health Services Administration, Dr. Wilson led a team of colleagues to develop and implement an innovative curriculum that would prepare students for leadership positions in management, research and service related to public health. She was known for mentoring students and faculty, providing them with creative opportunities and helping them develop and perform as highly as possible while emphasizing service to the larger community. Her view of leadership focused on the growth and well being of people and communities to which they belong. She was committed to guiding and empowering others to become leaders.

Actualizing her views on leadership, Dr. Wilson served as Director of the university-wide Center on Aging, now the longest running center on this campus. She was Chair of the Department of Public and Community Health where she led the development of an accredited Master of Public Health degree program that provided the foundation on which the School of Public Health could be conceptualized and structured. Her leadership guided an all-school team through the multiple and complex programmatic, policy, practices and “culture-change” processes required to meet formal accreditation criteria as a School of Public Health. Throughout this time she concurrently served in the full range of Associate Dean positions in external affairs, development, research, and academic affairs.

Concomitantly, Dr. Wilson directed and excelled in her own field of multi-disciplinary research. Recipient of millions of dollars in grants, Dr. Wilson was honored with numerous awards for her contributions to improving the lives of vulnerable populations in diverse communities. Dr. Wilson was a pioneer in applied research and the creative partnering of research funding agencies with volunteer organizations. This was an unusual and nontraditional approach that now is viewed as cutting edge.

The graduate student recipient of this Service Leadership Award exemplifies elements of Dr. Wilson’s definition and style of leadership through service to others.

Nomination Process

HLISA faculty or staff can nominate a graduate student from any HLISA degree program. That student must:

- Currently be a HLISA graduate student already involved in some service to the department, SPH, campus or community;
- Demonstrate commitment to service;
- Be in good academic standing.

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Nominee:
Name:
Department:
Degree program:
Expected date of graduation:
Email:
Cell phone:

Identify what organization, committee or project in which the nominee is serving.

Describe the student’s service contribution and give examples of how they have had an impact in the department, school, university or community.

Describe this student’s academic standing.

Please provide your name and contact information.
Name:
Email:
Department:

Submit all nomination materials electronically by end of March to Luisa Franzini Franzini@umd.edu

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