Outstanding Student Award: Given to a current student of the school (typically a graduating 4th year) who has demonstrated outstanding academic performance, leadership and service.

As we continue to see in our graduating classes, the 2014 SEAS graduating class is a special and remarkable one…among you are some amazingly high achieving students in academics, leadership, and service to our school, community and the world.

Once again this year’s nominations for the SEAS Outstanding Student Award were numerous and stellar…and like last year we could not select just 2, or 3,…but we selected 4 awardees!

This award will be a permanent part of the awardees’ university transcript and will be listed in the awards section of the May 2014 UVa Graduation Program.

To review all of these awardees’ accomplishments would take an hour or 2…so I am going to tell you some of the achievement highlights of the entire group prior to announcing their names.

- Two come to us from high schools in VA, perhaps you have heard of these:
  - Western Albemarle HS in Charlottesville, VA
  - Thomas Jefferson HS for Science and Technology in Vienna, VA
- One was home schooled in Sterling, VA
- And one comes to us from Piedmont Virginia Community College
- Their overall GPAs range from 3.6 to 3.99
- 2 are majoring in Civil and Environmental Engineering, 1 in Biomedical Engineering, and 1 in Electrical and Computer Engineering
- 1 is in our business minor program, 1 is receiving a BA degree in Cognitive Science and another a BA in Mathematics
- 1 already has a BA from Cornell University and a Masters of Education from the National University in La Jolla, CA
- They are members of Tau Beta Pi, the Raven Society, the Rodman Scholars program and other professional honor societies
- Many have had significant work and research experiences here and abroad
- 1 is a past math teacher and veteran of the US Marine Corp
• All have given of their time and talent in leadership and volunteering activities ranging from SEAS peer mentoring, Pure Madi and its mission to bring pure water to the developing world, and numerous SEAS faculty research projects

• One is a Lawn resident

• One has been chosen a Goldwater Scholar

These are outstanding students…and many of us have been fortunate to know and work with them. Some of them will go on to work, and some to graduate school…all, I am sure will do well!

The 2014 SEAS Outstanding Student Awardees are:

    Davis Blalock,
    Nicholas Goddeau,
    Ethan Nyberg, and
    Sydney Schrider