

## **Alverno College student receives civic leadership award**

MILWAUKEE -- Adria Bollendorf, a senior at Alverno College, will receive the Jack Keating Student Civic Leadership Award at the annual Campus Compact for Wisconsin (CCWI) Civic Engagement Institute on March 21.

The award recognizes students who have taken a leadership role in creating change in their community. By awarding this honor, CCWI hopes to promote student development and success, as well as a student experience that is rooted in a deep understanding of community.

“Students like Adria remind me how important it is to recognize and lift up the work of young people who are passionate about helping others and making a difference in their community,” Trina Van Schyndel, Director of CCWI, said. “The civic leadership skills they are building as students will become all the more important after they graduate and integrate those practices into their professional careers.”

Bollendorf has demonstrated civic leadership through many actions on campus and in her community. Among the most impactful has been developing a new student organization, [Student Advocates for Public Health](#), that focuses on addressing the health needs of individuals and organizations in the greater Milwaukee area.

As the leader of the organization, Bollendorf led a project to collect feminine hygiene products for local homeless shelters which included educational materials on the proper use of these products. Organization members also volunteered at the shelters.

“As a result of her civic work, Adria has become more passionate about and committed to serving the underserved in an effort to promote health,” Ann Van Eerden, assistant professor of nursing at Alverno College, said. Van Eerden nominated Bollendorf for this award.

Bollendorf supervises community projects, participates in the projects, and spreads the word about public health issues both on campus and in the community. Bollendorf also leads organization meetings and takes responsibility for recruiting and retaining members.

Bollendorf has also taken the lead in developing and maintaining the Diabetes Awareness in the School Program for the Milwaukee Area Health Education Center (MAHEC), a peer mentoring program. Bollendorf led the group in recruiting and training high school students to serve as peer mentors to other students in the prevention of Type 2 diabetes.

“Adria is a student leader who exemplifies civic and community engagement,” Suzanne Letellier, Director of Community Health Programs for MAHEC, said. “Adria is passionate about her future profession.”

Bollendorf also volunteers at the Milwaukee Health Department, providing health education topics such as breast and cervical cancer awareness.

Bollendorf’s work will be sustained by Alverno College, and she has established solid relationships to ensure that Student Advocates for Public Health remains a thriving organization and continues to grow and serve the community.

Bollendorf will be honored with the award at the annual Civic Engagement Institute on March 21 at Alverno College.

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