The Student-of-the Month Program recognizes seniors who represent all academic departments and programs at Thiel College. Students are selected by their instructors, the administrators, and staff members for this honor and compete with other seniors selected from related academic departments and programs. Students of the Month are selected based on the following criteria, which are derived primarily from the Mission Statement of Thiel College:

- Scholarship (3.6 GPA or higher—magna cum laude to summa cum laude)—and have completed at least four semesters at Thiel College;
- Ethical and Responsible Leadership;
- Consistently Solid Work Ethic;
- Good Representatives of Departments/Programs at Thiel College

There will be two students selected each month: October; November; December and February; March; and April. The nomination form may be found on the home page on the link under Faculty and Staff, Forms.

**GUIDING PRINCIPLES:**

- Any faculty member, administrator, or staff member may nominate students from the list of senior students who meet the above-mentioned eligibility criteria. The nominations remain active for both semesters.

- The nomination form should include a narrative of why each nominee merits being named Student of the Month, based on the above-mentioned criteria and any others the nominator believes are relevant.

- A separate nomination form is required for each nominee. The form is to be sent to Dr. Franken, VPAA, either electronically or through the inter-campus mail.

Among the nominees, Dr. Franken will select six as the Students of the Month for each semester. The final criteria she will use are gender balance, representation across disciplinary areas, and the overall record of nominated students. Nominees, as well as winners, will be notified.

Nominations for the fall ’14 semester will close on September 23, 2014.

Nominations for the spring ’14 semester will close on January 20, 2015.
THIEL COLLEGE STUDENT-OF-THE MONTH NOMINATION FORM

Name of the student you want to recognize: __________________________________________

Program of Study/major/minor (if known) __________________________________________

Narrative of why the senior nominee merits being named Student of the Month. Use the following criteria; feel free to add any and all relevant information.

1. Scholarship (Educational Excellence) – for example: demonstrates quality performance in academics; makes meaning and connection between himself or herself and the audiences; is completing or has completed a course project above and beyond expectations; demonstrates ability to synthesize, analyze, and evaluate information/shows critical thinking; involved in honorary societies, Who’s Who…; uses information to create innovate solutions; shows pursuit of academic growth; balances academics with personal life; exemplifies academic excellence; demonstrates creativity; or others;

2. Ethical and Responsible Leadership (Attitude) – for example: demonstrates cultural/social sensitivity; gives of time and energy; challenges bias and inequity; faces experiences and challenges with positive attitude; communicates effectively with other students, faculty, and staff; creates an environment where people feel valued; takes pride in self and in one’s work; is positive in the face of adversity; demonstrates leadership outside of Thiel College (could include scouting, tutoring, sports); or others;

3. Volunteer Service/Civic Engagement – for example: participates in service learning projects, demonstrates awareness of current societal issues and community needs, contributes to community organization; volunteers time outside of Thiel College; or others;

4. Good representative of Departments/Programs at Thiel College (Campus Activities/Thiel Involvement) – for example: participates in college committees or campus initiatives; contributes to campus organizations, college clubs, music, theatre, athletics, Student Government, WING; demonstrates campus leadership; or others

5. Narrative (you may use additional paper):

Nominator information:

I am ☐ an administrator ☐ an instructor ☐ a staff member

Your Name (required) ____________________________________________

Your e-mail or phone number (required) ___________________________________

May Public Relations use your comments in T-Notes and area newspapers? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Date submitted _____________________________

When completed, please send to Julie Graubard in the Office of Academic Affairs.

Thank you for your time and effort to recognize our senior students.