

School of Education, Human & Health Sciences Deans Undergraduate Award

Description:

The Dean's Award is in recognition of the accomplishments of an undergraduate student who personifies the mission of Bay Path University by excelling in academics, leadership, and community involvement. The student must have demonstrated a significant contribution to the University and the surrounding community, while maintaining a high level of academic success.

Recipient: Elizabeth Murphy

Elizabeth Murphy was quiet, reserved, and questioning her place when she arrived on the Bay Path campus three years ago. Enrolled in the accelerated elementary education and Honors program, Liz challenged herself academically and found great success in the classroom. Over this past summer, she decided to share her newly-developed talents with the Greater Springfield community by creating volunteer and teacher resources for Link to Libraries, a local non-profit that promotes literacy through the donation of new multicultural books to youth from underserved communities. Her work supports nearly 200 volunteers who read aloud in classrooms to thousands of children. In her own quiet way and through the Honors program, Liz is finding ways to be a leader and give back to her city of Springfield and beyond. She has truly transformed into an educational leader who creates change in her community.