

The Center for Orientation, Transitions and Leadership, in partnership with SAIL, is excited to announce the winners of our monthly Student Leadership Recognition program for December, January, and February.

Nicholas Nelligan '26- is a sophomore Finance and Business Economics double major from Oak Park, IL. Nicholas is involved in numerous programs, clubs, and organizations, including Fall Orientation, where he was selected to serve as an Orientation Coordinator this coming school year. Additionally, Nicholas is involved with the Leadership Fellows Program, as well as an Honors Mentor, and Student Led Asset Management (SLAM). He is described by peers as an individual who goes above and beyond any expectation of him and works hard to help other students feel welcome and included on campus.

During his tenure at Providence College, as mentioned, Nicholas works as a Fall Orientation Leader, and Now Coordinator. In describing his leadership in the Orientation Program, he says, "My involvement in Orientation has allowed me to be a resource to incoming students and help make the adjustment to PC as smooth and enjoyable as possible". He credits the Leadership Fellows Program (LFP) for allowing him the opportunity to fine tune his confidence and leadership skills. LFP is a leadership development program at Providence College that provides a space for emerging and experienced student leaders to develop critical skills through dialogue, contemplation, and mindfulness.

A highlight Nicholas describes during his time at Providence College was arriving to Orientation Leader training last August without having previously met any of the other leaders. He says that over the course of training, he "developed great friendships with other leaders and met many new people", eventually going on to remain close with other leaders after Orientation and playing on various intramural teams together.

In his leadership roles, Nicholas hopes to continue to lead by example. He mentions his enthusiasm for his upcoming position as an Orientation Coordinator this fall specifically, where he aspires to "help shape the Orientation experience for both incoming [first year students] and Orientation Leaders...by setting a strong example of leadership through vulnerability to create a positive and interconnected environment". He hopes that this example will be spread outside of the program throughout campus.

Myles Forgue '24- is a senior, first-generation Marketing major and Theology minor from New Bedford, MA. Myles is involved in numerous programs, clubs, and organizations, including serving as the Chief Content Officer for the Benjamin Family Social Media Fellowship, a Key Committee Chair for Friars Club, a Retreat Leader and Peer Minister in Campus Ministry, an Orientation Leader and Coordinator for the Orientation Program, and the Vice President of Beta Gamma Sigma. Additionally, Myles is a member of various honor societies on campus, including Dirigo Leadership Honor Society, Alpha Mu Alpha, Phi Sigma Tau, Theta Alpha Kappa, and is a student in the Liberal Arts Honors Program. He is described by Fr. Justin Bolger, O.P. as deserving of this recognition because he "leads all over campus in generous ways" and "uses his leadership positions as opportunities for real service and Christian friendship". Fr. Justin cites numerous examples that exemplify Myles's dedication and interest in supporting others, such as inviting his peers to Campus Ministry meetings, and actively providing creative ideas to enhance the organizations he is involved with.

During his tenure at Providence College, as mentioned, Myles has been involved in numerous leadership roles for various organizations. In describing his leadership in Campus Ministry specifically, which he has been a member of since his sophomore year, he describes how as a Peer Minister, he cares for a group of 12 first year students, which has been his "favorite leadership position at PC because we've created a very special environment where we grow as friends in the faith, and our crew keeps growing!". He credits the Orientation Program and his role as an Orientation Coordinator for helping him grow as a person and as a leader, as well as for providing him the opportunity to connect with leaders from all across campus.

A highlight Myles describes during his time at Providence College is a new event hosted by Campus Ministry called Open Table, which takes place every other Monday. At this event a guest speaker comes to campus to share “inspiring insights on living out the faith”. There is a dinner and an opportunity for campus members to pray together. Myles says that over the course of the year Open Table has become a “weekly tradition” for him, and he especially looks forward to it because “breaking bread and hospitality are key tenets of [his] servant-leadership philosophy.

In his leadership roles, Myles hopes to continue to serve others and lead by example for the duration of his time at Providence College. He aspires to be “the person who [he] needed when [he] was younger: a mentor who makes himself available as a source of inspiration, advice, and friendship”. Myle’s goal before he graduates is to have prepared those who come after him to be well equipped to serve as successful leaders on campus.

Carmela Frontzak ‘24- is a senior Political Science major from Chicago, IL. Carmela is involved in numerous programs, clubs, and organizations, serving as President of Pi Sigma Alpha, Providence College’s Chapter of the National Political Science Honor society, a member of the Pre Law-Society, as well as a Peer Tutor in the Student Success Center. She is described by Casey Stevens as deserving of this recognition because of her hard work and dedication to “rejuvenating the life of Pi Sigma Alpha”, where the first meeting she organized as President reached its highest attendance on record. Carmela is also the first Political Science student to work as a statistical Peer Tutor on campus for her fellow Political Science classmates.

During her time at Providence College, as mentioned, Carmela has been involved in numerous leadership roles. In describing her role as President of Pi Sigma Alpha, specifically, a position which she was elected by peers, she describes her responsibilities and aspirations for the organization, where she holds executive board meetings as well as leads the annual induction ceremony for juniors. In addition, Carmela works with Political Science faculty and staff to sponsor and assist with events on campus for students related to politics, law, and government.

A highlight Carmela describes during her time at Providence College is her involvement working as an intern for the Rhode Island State Government alongside Senator Dawn Euer. She was given the opportunity to attend the State House for legislative meetings, as well as attend Senate Judiciary Committee hearings.

In her leadership roles, Carmela hopes to continue to make a positive impact at Providence College. She aspires to “create a community of students in Pi Sigma Alpha that carries on next year” as well as extend and grow into the future once she has graduated.