

Students honored for service, dedication to local community

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In recognition of their commitment to service, five Emory students were honored by the division of Campus Life at a reception Wednesday evening in Winship Ballroom.

The recipients of the 2001 Humanitarian Awards were College seniors Steven Bailey, Tianna Bailey and David Bray, second-year Public Health student Carlos Franco-Paredes and Kelly Horvath, a senior in the Business School.

The award, sponsored by Campus Life and Emory Bookstores, annually recognizes nominated students committed to the "betterment of the human condition," according to Director of Student Activities Karen Salisbury.

The recipients participated in service activities ranging from teaching inner-city students, judging high school debates, promoting civil rights and providing free medical care to Mexican immigrants.

Salisbury said the award was given to those who demonstrated "honesty, integrity, responsibility and courage."

Senior Vice President and Dean for Campus Life John Ford said Bray has an "acute sense of community by being intolerant of intolerance and through assisting in the empowerment of others."

Bray was acknowledged in part for his extensive travels at his own expense for Habitat for Humanity.

"Mr. Bray took odd jobs to pay for the \$2,000 trips to places such as New Mexico, and he did this out of a commitment to others," Ford said. Bray was also known for his volunteer efforts with the Boys & Girls Club, Doctors without Borders and Hands on Atlanta. He also holds a position on the Advisory Board for the University Community Partnership.

"Bray's quest for others reaches so far that he gave up a job paying more than \$40 an hour at Atlanta-based Internet firm IntellinQ to study public health," Ford said.

Bray said he felt that the "professors and faculty, especially those interested in the human spirit, deserve this award because we're allowed to reach our potential through them," he said.



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College senior David Bray receives an award for his commitment to the community presented by University President William M. Chace at Wednesday's Humanitarian Awards ceremony.