



Emalea Pusey Warner and Alexander J. Taylor Sr.
Awards for Outstanding Seniors

- The University of Delaware Alumni Association's Emalea Pusey Warner and Alexander J. Taylor Sr. Awards annually honor two outstanding students of the senior class.
- Recipients must demonstrate leadership, academic success and community service with preference given to impact of this involvement at the University, as exemplified by Mrs. Warner and Mr. Taylor. The Warner Award was first given in 1950 while the Taylor award debuted in 1968.
- Students must also have a cumulative index of 3.5 or better at the end of the first semester of their senior year.
- The recipients are honored at a luncheon or dinner, each receive a \$2,500 award, lead the alumni delegates' procession at spring Commencement and are recognized at the annual UDAA Awards Celebration held during Alumni Weekend.
- Nomination deadline is **Friday, March 13, 2026**. For information on past recipients, visit <https://www.udel.edu/alumni-friends/resources/scholarships-awards/>

EMALEA PUSEY WARNER

Emalea Pusey Warner (1853-1948) is best remembered on the University of Delaware campus as a champion of education. In 1911, she became chairperson of the State Federation of Women's Clubs' Committee on Education, and she worked diligently towards establishing a state-supported women's college. When the General Assembly of Delaware passed the Women's College Bill, Mrs. Warner served on the Commission. In 1914, she was appointed chairperson of the Advisory Council of the Women's College and soon became the first woman on the Delaware College Board of Trustees. At the Delaware College Centenary Anniversary in 1934, she was awarded a Medal of Honor in recognition of her many accomplishments in the field of education. Both Warner Hall on the University campus and Warner Elementary School in Wilmington are named in her honor.

ALEXANDER J. TAYLOR SR.

Alexander J. Taylor Sr. (1875-1940) has been described as "a man who was never unwilling to try to solve any problem." It was his custom to devote himself energetically to each task until it was done satisfactorily. He entered Delaware College in 1889 and was one of 13 who graduated four years later. Class valedictorian, with a baccalaureate degree in civil engineering, Mr. Taylor always remained faithful to the University. He was elected to the Board of Trustees in 1927, reelected in 1932 and again in 1938. He served on the Grounds and Buildings Committee and Executive Committee, and he was chairman of the Finance Committee. Taylor Gymnasium was named in his honor.



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Name: _____

Birth date: _____

Local Address: _____

Local Phone Number: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Home Address: _____

Names of Parents/Guardians: _____

Major(s) _____ Minor (s): _____

College: _____ Grade Point Average: _____ (overall)

1. Please attach *no more than 3* recommendation letters (including one from the lead nominator listed below) from faculty, members of the UD administration or someone connected to the student's extra-curricular and community service activities which detail and illustrate how the nominee has excelled in each of the following areas:

- A. Academic Achievement
- B. Leadership on Campus and/or in the Community
- C. Community Service

2. A statement from the candidate *must* be submitted in support of the application along with a current resume. **The statement from the candidate may not exceed 1,000 words.**

3. A copy of the nominee's transcript, either official or unofficial, is also required.

Submission Requirements: Application, Candidate Statement, Letters of Recommendation, Resume and Transcript should preferably be submitted as one document (ideally, a PDF) by the lead nominator.

Nominator's Name: _____ E-mail: _____
(*must a UD faculty or staff member*)

Daytime Phone: _____ Date: _____