



JUDICIAL COUNCIL

University of Notre Dame

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Members of the Student Senate:

The Student Union Ethics Commission would like to present its nominee for the Michael J. Palumbo Award. This award, named in honor of its first recipient, honors an undergraduate student for his or her outstanding dedication and service to the University of Notre Dame Student Union. The nominee must also have demonstrated outstanding character in the best tradition of Notre Dame, have faithfully upheld the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Body, and have performed services so as to greatly further the causes of the Student Union. It is with great pleasure that we present Halena Hadi as the nominee of the Student Union Ethics Commission for this year's Michael J. Palumbo Award.

Halena's experience within the Student Union includes her former positions as Judicial Council President and Student Union Parliamentarian. She is supremely deserving of this award, due to the nature of her two positions and the fact that she has worked the past two years to better the Student Union, ensuring adherence and respect to the Undergraduate Constitution at every turn. Her grace and sophistication under the stress of two complicated election seasons was commendable, and her hours of work making sure these elections went smoothly were even more so. As Parliamentarian, she was an essential advisor to the McGavick/Gayheart administration, offering important knowledge to them on how to formulate orders and ensuring the efficient running of the Senate by the chair. Furthering her service to the Student Union, as Judicial Council President she held the importance of a fair election above all. In the face of pushback and questioning, she has always remained steadfast in her loyalty to the constitution.

In the words of one of her recommenders, "*No student has worked harder and put in more effort to uphold the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Body of the University of Notre Dame du Lac in the past two years than Halena. As Parliamentarian, she gracefully led the Student Senate in parliamentary procedure, constantly working to ensure the legislative branch of the Student Union carried out its duties properly and pursuant to the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Body.*"

She has been a voice of reason, a guide, a leader, and a friend to all of the branches of the student union and their members, and there is no one more deserving of the Palumbo Award.

Respectfully submitted,

Acting Chair, Michael C. Gouldin

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