

Valencia Alumni Association/Student Development  
Student Leadership Award  
2011/2012

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**Overview:**

The Valencia Alumni Association/Student Development Student Leadership Award was created in memory of and to recognize the contributions and leadership provided by three outstanding student leaders: Bill Castellano, Steven Cummings, and Elaine Turner. This annual award will recognize and reward students that make personal sacrifices through leadership to make sure Valencia is a better place for all students.

**Bill Castellano** served Valencia as its first Student Government President, as an officer in the Florida Junior Community College State organization, as a staff member and advisor to Student Government and Student Activities and as a distinguished faculty member and administrator on East Campus. **Steven Cummings** was a Senator and Executive Board Member in the West Campus Student Government Association and served as an officer in the Florida Junior Community College Student Government Association. He was an active member on the West Campus Student Activities Board and belonged to several clubs and organizations on the West Campus. **Elaine Turner** served Valencia first as a student in the Student Government Association, and as a student officer in the Florida Junior Community College State organization. As a member of Valencia's staff, she was a Student Development Coordinator for the East Campus, developed the Student Activities program, was an advisor to the East Campus' Student Government, and an integral part of creating the first Peer Advisor team for the College. All three exemplified and modeled the characteristics of how one student can make a difference by serving other students.

**Eligibility Criteria:**

- The student must be degree seeking
- The student must have a minimum overall 2.5 GPA
- The student must have demonstrated a commitment to school, leadership and community service

**Nomination Process:**

1. Any member of the Valencia faculty or staff may nominate a student for the Valencia Alumni Association/Student Development Student Leadership Award.
2. Each candidate must submit this completed nomination packet to the Alumni Relations Office, to be received no later than 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 1, 2012.

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Orlando, FL 32801  
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3. The nomination packet must include:
  - This completed Nomination Form <http://www.valenciacollege.edu/alumni/scholarships.cfm>
  - Official Valencia Transcript (Request through Atlas Account)
  - My Education Plan (signed by an advisor) (In Atlas account, under My LifeMap tab)
  - A Resume including community service (not to exceed two pages - recommend visiting the Career Center on any campus for review)
  - Two letters of recommendation (both from Valencia Staff or Faculty; the nomination letter counts as one)
  - An Essay (minimum of 400 words and not to exceed 500 words) ), which addresses ALL of the following topics:
    - The significance of a Valencia College education
    - Your philosophy regarding leadership
    - Your future educational, professional, and personal goals

**\*Please Note:** Incomplete packets, late packets, or those exceeding the guidelines for length will be automatically disqualified.

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Candidate Information:

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last Name) (First Name) (MI)

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (Apt) (City) (State) (Zip)

**Home Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Work Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Preferred Email** \_\_\_\_\_ VID: V \_\_\_\_\_

**Valencia Overall GPA** \_\_\_\_\_ **Anticipated Graduation Date** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Attach an Official Transcript\*)

**NOMINATION PACKET CHECKLIST**

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I certify that the information above and in the attached documents is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

*Note: If not selected as a winner, this application will be forwarded to the Valencia Foundation for other Valencia College scholarship opportunities.*

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Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Nominator's Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Nominator's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Mail Code \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_