



## **The Jessica Soto-Perez Award**

*A UMBC Graduate Recognition Award dedicated to the spirit of Jessica Soto-Perez*

The Graduate Student Association has established the Jessica Soto-Perez Award to honor a graduate student who strives, during their time at UMBC, to aid graduate students in their academic and professional pursuits. The award is presented at the Annual Graduate Student Association Awards Banquet. The recipient of the award receives a \$250 honorarium and his/her name on the showcase plaque in the GSA Office. A committee of graduate students will accept and review the nominations before the final senate meeting of the academic school year.

### **Requirements**

Any current graduate student, faculty, or staff member may nominate any graduate student who is enrolled at UMBC.

The nominator must complete the following:

- Complete the information sheet
- Write a 250 word or less essay on why the nominee is deserving of this award
- Acquire a faculty reference with faculty signature for GSA to follow up on

The nominator's essay should address why the nominee meets the qualities of a great graduate student such as research, teaching and level of concern for those students under their direction, involvement in graduate community life such as graduate student organizations and social functions, and providing support and advocacy for other graduate students in their departments or the graduate student body at large.

**It is the responsibility of the person making the nomination to collect all of the required information and submit it in one packet to the GSA office.**



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### **Information Sheet**

*To completed by the nominator*

(Please type or print)

#### **Nominator's Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Nominee's Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Campus Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

