

(Seth Cutter is a 2006 Graduate of Newport Central Catholic High School)

Cold Spring Resident Seth Cutter was presented with American University's President's Award, the university's highest honor bestowed upon an undergraduate at commencement ceremonies on Sunday, May 9.

Cutter was also awarded the University Student Award for Outstanding Service to the University Community and the Cathryn Seckler-Hudson Award. The Seckler-Hudson Award is presented to the senior who best exemplifies qualities of character and achievement while making significant contributions to student government.

Cutter, a double major in political science and philosophy, exemplifies the combination of academic excellence and dedication to the community so highly valued in American University students. Even from within a student body known for its commitment to service, Cutter stands out for the breadth of his activities and the indelible mark he leaves on the university community.

As a student trustee to the American University board of Trustees, Cutter contributed valuable insight into campus life and kept up with substantial responsibilities to the board. He facilitated numerous opportunities for trustees to interact with students and become more involved with life on campus.

During his time in student government, including a year as president, he helped accomplish an impressive list of initiatives, including establishing a new African American studies minor, representing students on the Strategic Planning steering Committee, increasing the number of bike racks on campus, improving shuttle schedules, creating an online appointment system for the Student Health Center, expanding eagle bucks, and initiating the creation of a center office for issues regarding the registrar, bursar and financial aid.

Cutter made an impact in the School of Public Affairs Leadership Program, where he guided seven freshmen as they created a mentoring program at a local public school and helped organize a sophomore retreat. He has also been an ambassador for the Admissions office and the musical director and accompanist for the Catholic Choir and Ensemble, all while maintaining a 3.7 GPA.

After working as an intern at the Department of Homeland Security, the National Association of Regional Councils, a congressional office, and the field office for the govern of his home state, Cutter plans to work in local government--"where the rubber meets the road," as he describes it. He will attend the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill for a master's degree in public administration, then head back to Cold Spring, Kentucky, where he hopes to work in regional affairs and city management.

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