Bernard Challenor Spirit Prize

The Bernard Challenor Spirit Prize is awarded to a student who exemplifies the spirit of Professor Bernard Challenor M.D., MPH. Dr. Challenor was a professor and interim Dean at the MSPH, who believed in the school as a community. He was the only faculty member who, at one time or another, taught in every department of the school. He continually made concerted efforts to create a sense of community for students and faculty that transcended departmental boundaries.

Eligibility Criteria:

Nominees Must:
- Be a graduating student (MPH, MHA, MS, DrPH, PhD)
- Be in good academic standing
- Have demonstrated initiative in creating a school community
- Have completed 3 or more activities that supported the development of community across departments
- Be known outside of their department for their contributions to creating community
- Submit an application by Friday, April 14, 2023.

Nomination Process:
- Students can be nominated by self, peers, faculty, staff or administrators
- Nominees must submit nomination letters: either two separate letters, one from each category below; or one letter cosigned by at least one nominator from each category.
  - A member of his/her department
  - An individual external to the department
- Nomination letters must include 3 or more tangible examples of the nominee’s initiative in developing and implementing programs to build community within the student body
- Nominee’s academic standing will be verified by the Office of Student Affairs

Selection Process:
A committee of Columbia Mailman School members will select the award recipient. All students who are nominated will be notified of their nomination.

All required documentation must be submitted online through Engage by Friday, April 14, 2023.