The H. L. Wakeland Undergraduate Leadership Award is given annually to a junior or senior student who has demonstrated outstanding leadership accomplishments. A minimum grade-point average of 3.0 is required, but the criteria for selection is based primarily on leadership accomplishments that have occurred during the student's undergraduate years. These activities can include university, campus, college, departmental, local, and community involvement. The evaluation considers the continuous participation and depth of leadership responsibility in the various activities that have been undertaken. The award involves a monetary component and an individual plaque, and the recipient's name is added to a permanent plaque located in the Office of the Associate Dean for Academic Programs.

Solicitation: The nominations for the Knights of St. Pat are used to select the recipient of the Wakeland Award.

Selection: Selection is made by the deans in the Office of Associate Dean for Academic Programs in late January.

Publication: February - Recipient is informed by letter from the associate dean for Undergraduate Programs.

Logistics: February/March - The editor in the Engineering Communications Office prepares the college awards convocation booklet, which will carry photo and biosketch of recipient. In addition to a cash award, the recipient is given a small individual plaque and his/her name is placed on the permanent memorial in Engineering Hall. Award is presented at the awards convocation in April. Recipient and family are invited to the awards luncheon by the associate dean for undergraduate programs.

Previous Recipients:
2016 Catherine McCarthy, AE
2015 Marrissa Hellesen, CS
2014 Connie H. Kim, IESE
2013 Jaime Kelleher, MatSE
2012 Kimberly Heinecke, ABE
2011 Jonathan Naber, MSE
2010 Claire Joseph, CEE
2009 Elizabeth Brooks, ABE
2008 Richard Erickson, IESE
2007 Scott Banjavcic, CEE
2006 Meena Babu, MatSE
2005 Kyle Cline, ECE
2004 Rachel Williams MatSE
2003 Brian Lammert, CEE
2002 David Nickell, CEE
2001 Jennifer Brooks, ChBE
2000 Samantha C. Sutton, ECE
1999 Erica Messinger, ECE
1998 Jennifer A. Rosen, ECE
1997 Shunsuke Okubo, MIE
1996 Andrea J. Culumber, MIE
1995 Eric A. Hiller, MIE