

Post-Secondary Russian Scholar Laureate Award Report 2019
Submitted by Alla A. Smyslova, PSRSLA Chair, on April 13, 2019

FACTS:

- ✓ Updated the list of Russian-language programs to which to send information about the program. Today the list includes 164 programs
- ✓ Sent announcements and invitations to heads of Russian-language programs via SEELANGS, CCPCR (Committee on College and Pre-College Russian), ACTR website
- ✓ Sent invitations and reminders by e-mail to 164 Russian language programs
- ✓ Sent a personal e-mail message to each nominating faculty member acknowledging the nomination and thanking them for their participation in the program
- ✓ Made sure at least one nominator was a current ACTR member with 2019 dues paid. Fifteen nominators either renewed their lapsed membership or joined the ACTR
- ✓ Mailed ACTR certificates and letters to nominators March 26
- ✓ Updated the list of laureates on the ACTR website

RESULTS:

- ✓ 83 (2018-77) institutions submitted nominations, 8 of them for the first time (see the list below)
- ✓ 2 program responded but did not nominate
- ✓ 8 returning programs (did not nominate in 2018 but did nominate in 2019)
- ✓ 8 (2018 -11) programs that participated last year did not respond

EXPENCES:

- ✓ **as of today, may not yet be final** \$284.33 (in 2018 \$342.75) was spent on this year's PSRSLA. The expenses included certificate and letter printing, envelopes and postage

COMMENTS FROM NOMINATORS:

"I am a one-person program, and it means a lot to see my students get recognized by the ACTR. As I am working towards establishing a Russian studies minor, this is the best reward they could get for studying Russian at the Univ. of Arkansas. Thank you so much for recognizing the best students of Russian."

Nadezda Berkovich, the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville

"Thank you for continuing to offer this wonderful form of recognition for our students!"

Julie A. Cassidy, Williams College

"Thank you for arranging this!"

Charles Byrd, the University of Georgia

"Thank you, as always!"

Mary Nickolas, Lehigh University

"Thank you so much for doing this once again!" Susan Kresin, UCLA

"Thanks so much for this wonderful program!" Alyssa Gillespie, Bowdoin College

"Thank you so much for orchestrating the Laureate Award, which is always a nice thing to give out at the end of the year."
Timothy Harte, Bryn Mawr College

"I appreciate so much the work of ACTR to support our programs!"

David Graber, the University of North Carolina at Wilmington

"Thanks so much for this opportunity. I love being able to honor the strongest student in my program each year for their hard work and dedication to learning Russian. They are always thrilled to receive this award each year."

Kristine Shmakov, Portland Community College

"Thanks for continuing this program." Benjamin Sutcliffe, Miami University

SPECIAL THANK YOU

to John Schillinger, Chair, CCPCR (Committee on College and Pre-College Russian)
to Yevgeny Dengub, Website Manager and Irina Dubinina, Membership Secretary

FUTURE STEPS:

- continue to reach out to programs that have not participated in the nomination this year

List of Participants in PSRSLA Program—2019

Appalachian State University
Arizona State University
Barnard College
Binghamton University
Boston University
Bowdoin College
Bowling Green State University
Brandeis University
Brigham Young University
Bryn Mawr College
Bucknell University*
Colgate University
Colorado Mesa University*
Columbia University
Connecticut College
Defense Language Institute FLC
Drew University
Duke University*
Fordham University*
Franklin and Marshall College
George Mason University
Georgetown University
Hobart & William Smith Colleges
Hofstra University*
Indiana University
Kenyon College
Lafayette College

The University of Central Florida
The University of Florida
The University of Georgia
The University of Illinois at Chicago
The University of Iowa*
The University of Kansas
The University of Kentucky
The University of Maryland
The University of Massachusetts, Amherst
The University of Mississippi
The University of Missouri-Columbia
The University of Montana-Missoula
The University of New Hampshire
The University of New Haven
The University of North Texas
The University of North Carolina at Willmington*
The University of Notre Dame
The University of Oklahoma
The University of Pennsylvania
The University of Pittsburgh
The University of South Carolina
The University of Tennessee
The University of Texas at Austin
The University of Utah
The University of Washington
The University of Wisconsin-Madison
United States Air Force Academy *no nominees 2019*

Lawrence University
Lehigh University
Miami University
Missouri University of Science and Technology
Mount Holyoke College
New York University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Oberlin College
Pennsylvania State University
Pomona College//Pitzer College
Portland Community College
Purdue University
Rhodes College
Rutgers University
Smith College
Stetson University
Swarthmore College
Texas Tech University *no nominees 2019*
The College of Charleston
The College of William & Mary
The George Washington University
The University of Alabama
The University of Alaska Anchorage
The University of Arizona
The University of Arkansas, Fayetteville
The University of British Columbia*
The University of California, Los Angeles
The University of California, Santa Barbara

United States Military Academy
Yale University
Vanderbilt University*
Virginia Commonwealth University
Wayne State University
Wellesley College
Wesleyan University
Wheaton College
West Virginia University
Williams College

Summary-2019

- 83 - programs submitted nominations
- 8 - of them participated for the first time
- 2 - **2018-participant did not
nominate any student this year**

*** first time participants**