Distinguish *yourself* from the MASS

Office of National Scholarship Advisement (ONSA)
National scholarships reward and promote success
What ONSA does for students

- Mentors to guide student’s individual plan
- Networks to find individuals, offices, and resources on campus to help them
- Supports Alpha Lambda Delta (1st year honor society)
- Provides feedback for essays and interviews
ONSA: Office of National Scholarship Advisement

60-70 per year
Juniors - Public service
$30,000 for graduate school
Application addresses service, leadership, intellectual potential, career plans
Includes policy proposal
Start working on during Fall

Joe Sklut, Truman winner, 2009
Goldwater Scholarship

Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Program

The Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Program was established by Congress in 1986 to honor Senator Barry Goldwater, who served his country for 56 years as a soldier and statesman, including 30 years of service in the U.S. Senate.

The purpose of the Foundation is to provide a continuing source of highly qualified scientists, mathematicians, and engineers by awarding scholarships to college students who intend to pursue research careers in these fields.

- ~300 per year
- Sophomores or juniors in sciences
- $7500 per year in college
- Application concerns science background
- Research proposal
- Start working on in Fall
Boren Scholarship

• $20,000 for study abroad program
• National security focus; study and research in areas of the world critical to U.S. interests (not W. Europe)
• 1 year commitment to work in USG agency
• Start working on during Fall (Prof. Tim Lang, advisor)
Post-college International Scholarships

• Fulbright – study, research, or English teaching in one of 155 countries
• Rhodes- graduate study at Oxford
• Marshall- graduate study in the U.K.
• Mitchell- graduate study in Ireland
• Gates Cambridge- graduate study at Cambridge
• Churchill- advanced math or science study at Cambridge
UMass has a strong record of success

- Over $3.2 million in scholarship awards (since 1999)
- 14 Fulbrights 2014-15 (out of 25 applicants)
- Gates Cambridge winner
- Marshall Scholarship winner
- 3 Goldwater winners and 1 Boren, 2014 alone
- 2 CLP Winners
- Several Truman winners

... Who will be the first Rhodes?
We need your students, especially those with...

- high GPA – often necessary but not sufficient
- practical experience relevant to scholarship
- compelling story
- involvement in student leadership- usually necessary
- ⭐⭐ and especially “star power” ⭐⭐

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