October 3, 2017

Gideon Hawley Teacher Recognition Award

Dear Class of 2020 and 2021,

Consider thanking one of your secondary school teachers who made a significant difference in your education by nominating your teacher for Union’s Gideon Hawley Award, which will be presented to the selected teacher during the Founders Day Ceremony in Memorial Chapel on Thursday, February 22, 2018.

The Gideon Hawley Award is named for the 1809 graduate of Union College who was New York State’s first superintendent of public education. It is awarded to secondary school teachers who have had a significant and continuing influence on the academic life of Union students.

The teacher selected and the student who nominated the teacher will be guests of the College at breakfast and lunch on the day of the ceremony. This award has become a tradition in which the College celebrates the lifetime contributions of teachers to their students.

Please submit your nomination anytime between now and Friday, January 5, 2018. The nomination form is attached. You can return the form and your essay to my assistant, Emily Tong, in Feigenbaum Hall or by email at tonge@union.edu.

Sincerely yours,

Strom Thacker
Stephen J. and Diane K. Ciesinski Dean of the Faculty
and Vice President for Academic Affairs