

March 8, 2021

The 27th Annual Stillman Prize for Excellence in Teaching

Dear Member of the Class of 2021, 2022 or 2023,

The Committee on Teaching & Advising (COTA) is soliciting nominations from members of the sophomore, junior, and senior classes for the twenty-seventh (27th) annual Stillman Prize for Outstanding Teaching at Union College. The Stillman family has endowed this prize for the purpose of rewarding a teacher "... who can make a classroom a place which combines excitement, joy and challenge." We are writing to you to request your assistance in identifying full-time members of Union's faculty who are excellent teachers and deserve this prestigious prize.

Your assistance in this endeavor is vital. The Stillman Prize helps ensure proper recognition for the excellence in teaching for which Union is known. You may nominate a faculty member (please limit your nomination to one) by filling out the google form at <u>www.union.edu/stillman</u> or emailing Emily Tong at <u>tonge@union.edu</u>.

Please submit your nomination **by Friday, April 9**. The Student Nominating Committee will screen the nominations and forward the names of approximately six faculty members to the COTA for final consideration for the Stillman Prize. The winner of the prize will be announced at this year's Commencement Ceremony.

We encourage you to participate in this important endeavor by nominating a faculty member who has done an outstanding job of teaching at Union. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely yours,

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