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Keeper of the Dream award nominations sought

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Since 1993, 40 undergraduate students have earned awards ranging from \$2,500 to \$5,000. This year's award winners will be honored at the prestigious Keeper of the Dream Scholarship Award Banquet in February.

Lenny Compton (SEHS '04) was one of five students who received the 2004-2005 Keeper of the Dream Award. He said it meant a lot to be honored and to attend the banquet where he could meet representatives from the company that sponsored the award. He also had a chance to rub elbows with Michigan's First Gentleman, Daniel Mulhern.

"The type of student who should apply for the award is someone who understands the differences on the campus and throughout the world and someone who forms true, genuine relationships with people from different backgrounds" Compton said. "It's also a person who is committed to academics and to seeing OU improve in communication and interaction among all individuals of different cultures and backgrounds."

The **Keeper of the Dream Nomination or Self Nomination Form** is available on the **Dean of Students** Web site. Completed nomination packets must be submitted to the Dean of Students Office no later than Friday, Nov. 5.

For more information, contact the Dean of Students Office, 144 Oakland Center, at (248) 370-3352.

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