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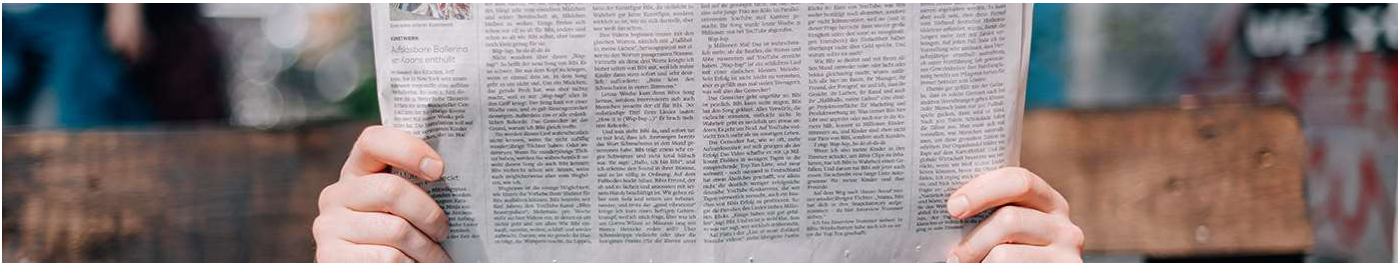
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April 26, 2018

This year marked the 60th anniversary of the esteemed Robins Awards at Utah State University. At the award ceremony, the most coveted and prestigious of all university honors are given to students, faculty, and staff for outstanding dedication and hard work to individual as well as program achievements.

At the April 14 awards gala, Huntsman School students received four prestigious awards. Entrepreneurship club member, Halston Van Der Sluys, received Achievement of the Year for his work in developing a jacket that charges cellular devices. Both the Woman and Man of the Year were also awarded to Huntsman students. Woman of the Year, Emily Turner, is a quadruple major in International Business, Economics, Political Science, and Asian Studies, with a minor in Chinese. Man of the Year, Michael Peters, served as 2017-2018 Student Body President and has had a significant impact on increasing mental health awareness across the university.

The most prestigious award of the evening went to Huntsman School senior, Christian Hobbs. The Bill E. Robins Memorial Award is presented to a student who represents the best youth has to offer. This award, unlike other Robins Awards, is based on total collegiate achievement. It is awarded to a student who has excelled academically, displayed outstanding leadership ability, shown dedication to Utah State University, and possesses traits that set them apart as a rare individual. Hobbs will graduate with a dual degree in Marketing and Business Administration and a minor in Spanish. He served as the president of the Utah State University Ambassador Program and is the Co- Founder and Vice-President of USU's gentlemen's a cappella group 'The Octaves'. Hobbs recently returned from Peru after an internship with the Huntsman School's Small Enterprise Education & Development (SEED) Program, where he and his partner developed a 12-step financial teaching manual to aid small business owners in reaching financial stability. Hobbs has accepted a full-time position with General Mills and will begin work in Arizona as a Business Management Associate upon graduation.

The Robins Awards have been held each year for the past 60 years in memory of 1949 USU student body president William E. Robins. One of the original visionaries for the Taggart Student Center, Robins and his wife were tragically killed in a plane crash in 1954 leaving behind a one-year-old son. After his death, Robins' fraternity Sigma Nu set up the Bill E. Robins Memorial Fund, which continues to fund the Robins Award tradition today.



Halston Van Der Sluys
Achievement of the Year



Michael Peters
Man of the Year



Emily Turner
Woman of the Year



Christian Hobbs
The Bill E. Robins Memorial Award