



Northeastern University  
College of Arts, Media and Design  
**Department of Communication Studies**

**THE RICHARD KATULA  
ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

**ABOUT THE AWARD**

The Richard Katula Academic Achievement Award honors a senior Communication Studies Major (including combined majors) for exceptional academic achievement. Grade point average is an important consideration, but the Katula Award also recognizes scholarly activity such as a senior honors thesis, an exceptional seminar paper, or presentations at an academic conference.

**ELIGIBILITY**

All senior Communication and/or Media Studies majors are eligible to apply. To be considered, applicants should submit electronic versions of the following items to [a.chin@northeastern.edu](mailto:a.chin@northeastern.edu):

1. A cover letter (250 word limit) explaining why the applicant is worthy of the Academic Achievement Award.
2. An *unofficial* transcript. (Any senior major can apply, but past recipients have had a grade point average of 3.75 or better.)
3. A resume.
4. A writing sample. (A paper from a class or a scholarly project presented at an academic conference.)
5. A letter of recommendation from a professor speaking to the student's scholarly ability.

The Katula Award Committee will base their decision on academic achievement, the quality of the writing sample, and the recommendation letter. Incomplete and/or late applications will not be considered.

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BY 4:30 P.M. ON MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2024



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### ABOUT PROFESSOR KATULA

Richard Katula came to Northeastern University in 1990 to chair the Communication Studies Department. An accomplished researcher and Fulbright Scholar, Katula was also a master teacher and patient mentor beloved by a generation of students. In addition to his popular courses on Classical Rhetoric, Public Speaking, and Argumentation and Debate, Katula led a popular Dialogue of Civilizations trip to Greece during the summer months. Through these expeditions, Katula introduced hundreds of students to Greece's culture and rich history.

Katula earned a B.A. from Western Michigan University (1966), an M.A. from Northern Illinois University (1968), and a Ph.D. from the University of Illinois (1974). His first academic appointment was at the University of Rhode Island (1973-1987), where he rose from Instructor to Professor and Chair of the Speech Communication Department. Katula left URI to serve as Chair of the Communication Department at DePaul University (1987-1990). He returned to New England in 1990 to Chair of the Communication Studies Department at Northeastern University (1990-2013). After serving in this role for nearly a decade, he returned to the faculty. Throughout his career, Katula was active in faculty governance and he served on the Faculty Senate at both URI (where he also served as Senate Chair) and at Northeastern along with dozens of other different committees.

Among his many accomplishments, Katula is the author or co-author of scholarly books, dozens of book chapters and articles, and a long list of scholarly presentations. Katula is also the recipient of more than \$1 million in federal grants. Eloquence was a consistent theme in his scholarship and he wrote about a diverse collection of public figures, ranging from Quintilian to Edward Everett to Richard Nixon. Among his many awards and honors, Katula received the Everett Lee Hunt Award from the Eastern Communication Association, a Fulbright Scholarship to Greece (twice), the Governors Medal for Citizenship (Rhode Island), and many accolades for his academic advising and teaching.

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Name:

Campus Address:

E-mail Address:

Phone Number:

Expected Graduation Date:

Grade Point Average:

Career Objectives:

Extracurricular Activities:

*Application Checklist:*

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- A resume
- A writing sample
- A letter or recommendation

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