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Winners Announced for the 2001 Herfurth–Kubly Awards

The recipients of the 2001 Teddy Kubly Award for Initiative and Efficiency are Melissa Lehman (Psychology, L&S) of Watertown, Wisconsin, and Casey Gardonio (Art History, L&S) of Duluth, Minnesota, as first runner-up. The recipient of the Theodore Herfurth Award for Initiative and Efficiency is Justin Sydnor (Economics and German Culture, L&S) of Racine, Wisconsin. A runner-up was not selected for the Herfurth Award. The Herfurth-Kubly Awards are two of the oldest and most prestigious awards granted to senior students by the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

All outstanding undergraduates of the Madison campus with 86 or more credits (senior standing) were potentially eligible to compete. Nominations were solicited from faculty on campus. A committee, appointed by the chancellor, evaluated the 42 nominees and selected the finalists based upon the following four criteria: academic achievement, degree of self-support, significant contributions through extracurricular activities, and the ability to express oneself verbally. Four female finalists were selected, and four male finalists were selected. The other finalists were Kimberly Elizabeth Diarra, Carolyn Ruth Smith, Fred Boehm, Matthew Kalscheur, and Daniel Quimby. The final speech competition took place during a banquet held on Sunday, April 29, 2001. Each award winner receives a cash prize as well as the significant honor of receiving one of the highest recognitions bestowed upon a University of Wisconsin-Madison undergraduate.

Mr. Theodore Herfurth, a Madison insurance executive, first established this award for a senior man in 1928, and subsequently in 1943 provided a similar award for a senior woman. Mr. Herfurth's concern for the advancement and recognition of outstanding achievement among UW-Madison students is continued today by his daughter, Mrs. Harold (Teddy) Kubly. Male recipients receive the Theodore Herfurth Award; female recipients receive the Teddy Kubly Award.