

# Eight Emory Women Honored as ‘Unsung Heroines’

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The Center for Women at Emory held their 11th annual Unsung Heroine award banquet at the Miller-Ward Alumni House on Thursday.

Eight women were honored this year, and the awards presentation included Brenda Bynum, the co-chair of the Unsung Heroine Committee, reading “letters” that included the honorees’ achievements and quotes from those who nominated them.

College senior Megan Kruer, the undergraduate student recipient, was honored for her work in being an advocate for women who have been raped or have suffered from other types of abuse.

She was the president for “Take Back the Night,” a weeklong event that brings awareness about sexual assault.

College senior Julie Hoehn and Mozhddeh “Aimi” Hamraie (’07C) received the first-ever Unsung Heroine team award. They were the first female team to ever win at the national debate tournament last year.

Moya Bailey was given the graduate student award for her activist work in minority health rights and women’s studies.

“It really meant a lot to me that my students nominated me for this award,” Bailey said.

The staff award was given to Berky Abreu, the academic department administrator for women’s studies. She received 13 nomination letters on her behalf for her engagement in feminist activism.

Alicia Franck (’88MDiv) received the administrator award for her commitment as an administrator and an alumna.

Felicia Guest (’91MPH) received the faculty and alumna award for her work in health education for women at Emory and the outer community.

“It was gratifying to hear someone else praise you,” said Guest. “My boss wrote that [letter], and it is a nice feeling to know that your boss thinks of you that way.” The retiree award went to Mary Alice Clower who was the first woman department chair at Emory in 1958. She is also responsible for building the dance program at Emory.

“A wonderful role model to those she taught and coached,” said Bynum when reading Clower’s letter.

Clower said she was in awe of receiving her award.

“People forget that students make the difference, not faculty,” she said. “I always enjoyed my students and got along with them well. And hopefully give them something they could take away with them.”

According to the Center’s website, an Unsung Heroine is “a woman who has demonstrated extraordinary dedication to issues that affect women, at Emory or in the larger community, but whose efforts heretofore have not received accolades or formal recognition.”

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