

PHILIP H. & SUSAN RUDD COHEN EXEMPLAR OF EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Goucher College Hillel earned two international awards at the annual General Assembly for the Jewish Federations of North America, held in New Orleans in November. The five-day conference attracted more than 4,000 students, professionals, and lay leaders representing more than 150 organizations, NGOs, and charities.

Goucher Hillel was one of only two campuses chosen by Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life as a **Philip H. and Susan Rudd Cohen Campus Exemplar of Excellence** “for being a leader in building relationships across campus and throughout the greater community.”

Goucher student Ellen Brown '12 was one of eight students worldwide who received the prestigious **Philip H. and Susan Rudd Cohen Student Exemplar of Excellence Award** from Hillel.



From left: Hillel Board of Directors Chair Bea Mandel, Susan Rudd Cohen, Goucher Hillel Student Board Member Mira Simon '12, Hillel Board of Directors Member Philip Cohen.



Goucher Hillel Student Board with the Campus Exemplar Award. (from top left:) Roxanne Schwartz '11; Nellie Shippen '14; Sarah Lawton '14; Rabbi Josh Snyder, Director; Mira Simon '12; Laynie Soloman '12; Rachael Rose '12; Neta Ra'anan-Lerner '11; Debbie Cohen '12; Gaby Mervis '11; and Julia Mizrahi '11 (not pictured: Channa Rotenberg '12)



Ellen Brown '12 (left) with Engagement Director Yona Gorelick

As Goucher Hillel's Greening and Networking (GAN) intern, Brown uses her joint passions for the environment and Judaism to engage her peers in meaningful Jewish experiences that have a natural touch. This semester, she organized Chai V'Kayam: Cultivating the Jewish Environmental Movement, which connected Goucher students to their Jewish roots through hands-on harvesting and study at Kayam Farm at Pearlstone in Reisterstown, MD.

“By exploring her passions and connecting them with Jewish exploration, Brown models and inspires her peers to grow Jewishly and make a difference in their communities,” Hillel President Wayne L. Firestone said.