A&S procedure for selecting the Founder’s Medalist (approved 1991)

The five graduating seniors with the highest grade-point averages will be eligible to become candidates for the Founder’s Medal. In the case of a tie for fifth place, all of those tied will be included. The Dean will inform these students of their eligibility. The Dean will request each of them to provide a list of exactly four faculty members who are familiar with their academic accomplishments and a statement describing their academic activities or achievements not reflected in their transcripts. Upon receipt of these materials in the Dean’s office, the student becomes a candidate for the Founder’s Medal.

The Dean will solicit letters of recommendation and compile a dossier on each candidate consisting of the four letters, the statement from the candidate, and the candidate’s official transcript. The faculty members serving on the Committee on Academic Standards and Procedures will review these dossiers and recommend to the Dean candidates to become Founder’s Medalist and Banner Bearer. The Committee and the Dean will attempt to schedule the review process so that the final stages occur after all grades for the candidates have been recorded. In arriving at its recommendations, the committee will consider candidates’ grade-point averages, rigor and diversity of academic programs, and overall academic achievements as reflected in the materials available.