UMD STUDENT RECOGNIZED NATIONALLY AS EXCEPTIONAL OUTDOOR RECREATION STUDENT LEADER

David Erbe ’14 Awarded AORE Bill March Student Achievement Award

Campus Recreation Services (CRS) is proud to announce that senior, David Erbe, was awarded the top student award by the Association of Outdoor Recreation and Education (AORE) at the 2013 AORE Annual Conference held at the University of Maryland, College Park in November.

The Bill March Student Achievement Award is presented by AORE to an undergraduate or graduate student making significant contributions to the field of outdoor recreation.

Erbe is the Maryland Adventure Program (MAP) assistant for the adventure trips program, an adventure trip leader, lead “Paddle in the Pool” instructor, and a supervisor at the climbing wall.

Amanda Even, Coordinator of Adventure Trips at CRS, the 2010 Bill March Award winner, nominated Erbe as his supervisor.

“Dave has fully immersed himself in the Maryland Adventure Program. His passion for the outdoors, environmental ethics, and teaching make him stand out as a great trip leader. His conviction to providing transformational experiences for every person he encounters has left a lasting impact on the program,” Even says.

Erbe says he is involved with MAP not only because he loves the outdoors, but also because empowering others inspires him.

“Adventure education provides students with experiences that lead to a better understanding of who they are. In adventure experiences, people are faced with new physical and emotional challenges. How you respond to those challenges reveals the gap between the person you are and the person you want to be,” he explains.

Erbe models the way for his peer trip leaders as they look to him for technical knowledge and respect him for the strong leadership he exhibits. Often when young trip leaders talk about the impact Dave has had on their lives, they say that one day they hope they can be someone’s “Dave.”

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Campus Recreation Services is a national leader in recreational sports programming and facilities in higher education. CRS provides varied recreational opportunities that enhance the quality of life for members of the University of Maryland community.