

Exceptional Extracurricular Achievements Award 2022

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Yes. And now it is my great honour to announce the winner. But before I do, I would first like to thank the jury and its chair, Dop Bär.

The jury had a difficult task: First to select three award candidates from the nominations, and then to pick one winner.

I am struck by the fact that the different projects and activities are all very much in line with the theme of today's event. Together, we want to create an environment where people feel safe and acknowledged. Renate's work focuses on people with a disability, Kimia gives support to refugees and Marloes, Lotte, Giulia and Isa aim to improve the student culture around sexuality and prevent harassment through their awareness-raising programme called 'Gelijkspel'. Anyone who keeps up with current affairs knows that all three of these issues are highly relevant today. As the Executive Board, we are very proud that, alongside your studies, you are so actively involved in addressing social issues.

And so, before I go on to quote from the jury's report on the winner, I would first like to ask all nominees to stand up. Please give them all a big round of applause.

The jury has the following to say about the winner:

The social contributions made by this year's winner are very diverse and of an exceptionally high standard. The jury is impressed by the passion and versatility demonstrated. And the jury finds it commendable that the winner is committed to addressing a global issue that is bigger than her own personal experience. A foundation has been set up to make the initiatives more sustainable. The jury welcomes this commitment to sustainability and hopes that the foundation and its activities can be continued and that this student award will give a boost to this.

Ladies and gentlemen,
this year's student award for Exceptional Extracurricular Achievements goes to Kimia Milani Sabzewar.