

PRINCETON, N. J., Feb. 28 -- Princeton's top undergraduate prize was awarded jointly today to two seniors.

The M. Taylor Pyne Honor Prize -- the highest general distinction conferred on undergraduates -- went to J. David Germany, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Germany of Mansfield, Ohio; and Sonia Maria Sotomayor, 21, daughter of Celina and the late Juan Luis Sotomayor of the Bronx, New York. Each awardee receives \$1,950, half of \$3,900, the prevailing undergraduate comprehensive fee for a year at Princeton.

Founded in 1921 as a memorial to Moses Taylor Pyne, Class of 1877, trustee and benefactor of the University, the Pyne Prize is awarded to a member or members of the senior class who have "most clearly manifested excellent scholarship and effective support of the best interests of Princeton University."

Germany's academic record is outstanding. He has earned 21 A+'s and 9 A's in his three and a half years at Princeton, and last year was awarded the Class of 1939 Princeton Scholar Prize for highest academic standing on all work performed prior to senior year. He is an economics major, and the Economics Department has thought enough of his scholarship to enlist him as a teaching assistant in one of its upperclass courses, an unusual distinction for an undergraduate. On the extracurricular side he has served as editor-in-chief of the Nassau Herald, co-director of the Campus Fund Drive, transportation coordinator for the Student Volunteers Council, and as the Undergraduate Parking Administrator, adjudicating appeals of campus parking violations. He is active in intramural athletics and has spent some time in two of the last three summers backpacking in the High Sierras. He attended Malabar Senior High School in Mansfield, Ohio.

Sotomayor was born and raised in the Bronx and attended Cardinal Spellman High School there. A history major, her academic record is exceptional -- she has earned almost all A's her last two years -- and it is more than matched by her extracurricular accomplishments. She has served for three years on the student-faculty Discipline Committee and has contributed much to the quality of campus life for minority students, providing leadership as an administrative assistant and a member of the Governance Board and the Constitution Committee at the Third World Center, and as an organizer of the Latino Student Organization. Beyond the campus she has worked as a volunteer at the Trenton Psychiatric Hospital, serving as an interpreter for many patients. She expects to attend law school and to go into criminal law.

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