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Date: June 6, 1997**"K" Sophomore Wins Campus Leadership Award**

Chris Dragisic, a Kalamazoo College sophomore from Riverside, Ill., is the recipient of this year's Amy Trenkle Campus Leadership Award. The award is named for "K" senior Amy Trenkle, the recipient of the first Campus Leadership Award presented last year. The award is presented annually to the student who exemplifies leadership and campus involvement.

Dragisic, an international and area studies and Spanish double major with a minor in international commerce, has a long and impressive list of experiences and activities to her credit since arriving at Kalamazoo College in 1995. She founded the College's successful gymnastics club and is co-leader of Project BRAVE (Bringing Action and Volunteer Excellence to Kalamazoo).

She is described by her peers as "enthusiastic and a good motivator who exudes determination and devotion," said senior Christine Mungall, who presented the award to Dragisic.

Dragisic is also a member of the Overseas Development Network, an organization that works to recognize the needs of developing nations through education and activism. Other activities include the Student Activities Committee, Amnesty International, EnvOrg, an environmental organization, and the recently created Social Justice Coalition, a group of students representing various campus organizations that work together towards furthering human rights.

In addition to these activities, Dragisic was instrumental in bringing Dr. Owens Wiwa of Nigeria to the College campus to lecture earlier this year. Dr. Wiwa's brother, Ken Saro Wiwa was hanged after protesting the actions of a multinational oil company. The trial was roundly criticized for being unjust, and

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the executions were condemned by world leaders and human rights organizations.

"I had a pamphlet with a lot of speakers listed," said Dragisic of her efforts in coordinating the lecture. "I saw Dr. Wiwa's name and thought he would interest a lot of different groups. A lot of departments, organizations, people from Western (Michigan University), and members of the community were involved in bringing him here too."

Another one of her favorite projects is the Social Justice Coalition. "I really like the Social Justice Coalition because it really pulled a lot of different groups together, and I think we can get a lot more done if we are together, rather than separated," said Dragisic. "We really need to increase communication on campus."

Future plans include a career development internship at the Chilean consulate in Chicago, followed by an internship in land management in Costa Rica. After her internship, she plans on going to Caceres, Spain, for nine months on study abroad.

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