

Through academic inquiry, service to the community and written expression, Ruby Ann Ganal-Burke has developed a deeper understanding of her practical obligation to work toward a more just world.

While participating in the Honors Program and earning a BA in English Writing and Rhetoric, Ruby co-founded 360, an on-campus interfaith group addressing critical issues of society through exploration of faith, religion, ethics, and personal philosophy and values. She served as a Campus Ministry Alternative Spring Break student leader helping the homeless at the Andre House in Phoenix, Ariz. She was also a student leader with the Campus Ministry India Immersion program, spending two weeks at the Abhayadhama Human Development Center, an educational facility that provides a stable environment for the rehabilitation of street boys and orphans.

Ruby's work has been published in the university creative journal, *Sorin Oak Review*, and in the university academic journal, *Arete*. She also served as associate editor of *Arete*. From 2007 to 2009, she was a student assistant for the English Writing course.

As executive coordinator of the Unity Coalition, Ruby received the Student Life Officer of the Year award. She also received a Trustee Merit Award, Dean's Scholarship and Service Scholarship.

One of her supervisors said: "She has chosen to promote programs and dialogue addressing the social issues of our times regarding poverty, racism, environmentalism and classism. She is a person of character, strength and, to be honest, is just enjoyable to be around."