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Alethea Hunter named USI Student Leader of the Month

Alethea N. Hunter, a 1995 Harrison High School graduate, has been named Student Leader of the Month for September, in the O'Daniel Leadership Academy program at the University of Southern Indiana. The program was started in 1996 to honor the students who provide leadership for student and University programs.

Hunter volunteers in the EXCEL Mentoring Program in USI's Multicultural Center and serves as treasurer for the Black Student Union. Pamela Hopson, director of the Multicultural Center who nominated her for this honor, said that Hunter exhibits true qualities of a leader. She assisted with setting up the Mentoring Program schedule for the entire academic year and designed the format of each session of the program. Hopson said that Hunter's goal was to help under-represented students on campus.

"Alethea has drawn upon many leadership qualities that she acquired as a result of the O'Daniel Leadership Academy by taking a lead role in helping students make a smooth transition from high school to college. Students come to her now, and thank her for some of the things she did for them."

Hunter is the daughter of the Reverend Collin and Debra Baltzell of Evansville. She is majoring in business administration and was a volunteer second grade tutor at Caze Elementary School last year.