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Hardy Liston Jr. Symbol of Hope Award (2011)

Leshuan Oliver

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The 2011 Hardy Liston Jr. Symbol of Hope Award goes to Leshuan Oliver, a graduate of UT Knoxville who served as a corporal with the UT Police Department Community Relations Unit. As a UT police officer, Oliver promoted and facilitated diversity awareness programs on campus and throughout Knoxville. He worked to help provide programming for the LGBT commission and UT residence halls regarding incidents of bias and how to report them. For the last three years, he served on the East Tennessee Civil Rights Working Group, is actively involved with the Urban League, and served as a liaison for UT Minority Student Affairs and international students on campus. Oliver now serves on the Vanderbilt University Police Department.

The Hardy Liston Jr. Symbol of Hope Award is presented by the Commission for Blacks to faculty/staff/alumni who have demonstrated a commitment to the development of individuals in our society through cultivating and enriching the human mind and spirit.

Presented by the Commission for Blacks, the Hardy Liston Symbol of Hope Award goes to faculty, staff or friends of the university who demonstrate a commitment to diversity, multiculturalism and appreciating the differences of people and cultures on our campus.