

Synergy Lab
Student Organizations Awards Packet

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Student Organization Criteria

To be eligible for the Student Organizations Awards your organization must meet the following criteria:

1. Student Organization must be recognized by the University.
2. Organization must be registered as “active” on the Campus Activities Office Website.
3. Organization must have at least 10 currently enrolled students.
4. Organization must have a University advisor.

Awards Banquet
April 28, 2009
6:00 p.m.
(Doors open at 5:45 p.m. for seating)
Conference Rooms
Sam Rayburn Memorial Student Center

Highest Student Organization GPA Awards

These awards will be presented to a Student Organization in each category with the highest average overall GPA in the fall semester (August-December 2008). The Synergy Lab will review and calculate the pertinent data. Your organization must complete the attached roster that provides student names and CWID number of each member for GPA verification.

Award Criteria:

Recognized Student Organizations

(Please indicate the category that your organization registers as on the activities website).

- Academic Interests/ Professional Societies
- Cultural/Social Organizations
- Greek Social Fraternities
- Greek Social Sororities
- Governing Associations
- Honorary Societies
- Religious Affiliations
- Service Organizations
- Sports/Recreational Organizations

****Note***

Please complete the attached membership roster and submit both forms for this particular award. Organizations must have at least 10 members to be considered for this award.

**Award Application Deadline is on Thursday, April 9, 2009 by 5:00 p.m.
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Student Organization Member Award

(Form must be typed)

Student Organization Member Award is given to a member that has demonstrated outstanding service to their student organization. (Individuals may be nominated from more than one organization).

Nominating

Organization: _____

Person Completing the Form: _____

Phone Number: _____ **E-Mail:** _____

Method of Selection: Executive Council _____ **Organizational Vote** _____

President _____ **Other (specify)** _____

Nominee's Full Name: _____ **CWID#** _____

Classification: _____ **Overall GPA:** _____

Nominee's Home Town: _____

Major: _____ **Minor:** _____

Submission:

In addition to the above items, please submit a separate ONE PAGE (typed, double-space) response illustrating the unique qualities this person possesses that make this individual deserving of the award. **Self nominations will not be considered. Please feel free to attach any additional supporting documentation** (thank-you letters, etc).

Within your submission, please include the following:

- 1) List all service contributions to the organization.
- 2) List all honors and/or awards received to date.
- 3) List all organizational events in which this individual directed.
- 4) List all University service involvement.
- 5) Define the individual's willingness to assist their organization.

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Student Organization Outstanding Service Award *(Form must be typed)*

This award is determined by the **overall** community service activities of the student organization that best demonstrates outstanding service.

Award Criteria:

- 1) Quality and service provided to the community as a result of the program.
- 2) Public relations impact for the University population and Commerce Community.
- 3) Degree of participation and quality of experience for undergraduate organization members.

Submission:

To be considered for this award, your organization must submit a typewritten response, no longer than 2 pages (double space) in length.

Within your submission, please include the following:

- 1) A detailed description of project(s) including:
 - a) degree of organization membership participation,
 - b) copy of any and all publicity, and
 - c) degree of involvement of other persons (i.e. alumni, sponsoring agency, other organizations, etc.)
- 2) Assessment of project(s) in terms of completion and/or monetary contribution.
- 3) Is the project an on-going activity or was it a one-time effort?
- 4) List your programming goals and the outcomes of each goal.

In addition to the TWO PAGES application limit, please feel free to attach any supporting credentials (thank you letters, etc.) in evidence of your community service project(s).

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Community Service Award

(Form must be typed)

This award is provided to a Commerce business leader/merchant that has demonstrated outstanding service to your student organization and/or to the University community.

Award Criteria:

- 1) Quality and service provided to the student organization.
- 2) Public relations impact for the University population and Commerce Community.
- 3) Degree of participation by the Commerce business leader/merchant.
- 4) Identify any monetary contributions made to your organization.

Submission:

To be considered for this award, your organization must submit a typewritten response, no longer than two pages (double space) in length.

Within your submission, please include the following:

- 1) A detailed description of benefits derived from the business leader/merchant on behalf of your organization.
- 2) Degree of participation by the community leader/merchant.
- 3) Assessment of project(s) in terms of completion and/or monetary contribution.
- 4) Is your partnership with the community leader/merchant an on-going activity or was it a one-time effort?

In addition to the two page (double space) application limit, please feel free to attach any supporting credentials (thank you letters, etc.).

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Greek Life Excellence in Leadership Development

(Form must be *typed*)

Cover Sheet

1. This award is for the Greek chapter that encourages values-based leadership development and promotes leadership opportunities for its members. How does your chapter encourage members to take a positive leadership role within your chapter, the Greek community, the campus, and local community? How does your chapter educate members in educational leadership development? Please define your leadership development program. What leadership experiences/events does your chapter attend? How do you involve alumni, advisors, faculty or staff in leadership development?
2. Include a paragraph (6-8 sentences) for each event/activity describing how your members benefited from the activities and the impact you feel they had on your chapter. Nomination forms should be on a typed separate 8.5" x 11" sheet of white paper. Presentation of application is expected to be neat and concise.

Fraternity or Sorority: _____

Name and office of person submitting form: _____

Check List

1. How does your chapter encourage members to take a positive leadership role within your chapter, the Greek community, the campus, and local community?
2. How does your chapter educate members in educational leadership development?
3. Define your leadership development program.
4. What leadership experiences/events does your chapter attend?
5. How do you involve alumni, advisors, faculty or staff in leadership development?

(Signature of Chapter President)

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Outstanding Campus Program of the Year Award
(Form must be typed)

This award is determined by the programming activities of the student organization that best demonstrates outstanding involvement as defined below.

- **Outstanding single programming event by a student organization.**

Organization: _____

Name of Program/Event: _____

Person Completing the Form: _____

Phone Number: _____ **E-Mail:** _____

Criteria to be judged for each award:

- 1) Quality and service provided as a result of the program.
- 2) Public relations impact of the overall program to the A&M-C Campus and Commerce Community.

Submission

To be considered for this award, your organization must submit a typewritten response, no longer than two pages (**double space**) in length.

Within your submission, please include the following:

- 1) A detailed description of the program or programs during the 2008-2009 academic school year (August ~ March).
 - a) extent of overall organization membership participation,
 - b) copy of any and all publicity, and
 - c) degree of involvement of other persons (i.e. alumni, sponsoring agency, other organizations, etc.)
- 2) Assessment of program(s) in terms of completion and/or monetary contribution.
- 3) List goals of the program and the outcomes for each goal.

***NOTE:** In addition to the TWO PAGES **typed** application limit, please feel free to attach any supporting credentials (thank-you letters, fliers and/or publications, etc)

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Outstanding Campus Programming Award (Form must be typed)

This award is determined by the **overall** programming activities of the student organization that best demonstrates outstanding involvement as defined below.

- **Outstanding overall programming by a student organization.**

Organization: _____

Person Completing the Form: _____

Phone Number: _____ **E-Mail:** _____

Criteria to be judged for each award:

- 1) Quality and service provided as a result of the program.
- 2) Public relations impact of the overall program to the A&M-C Campus and Commerce Community.

Submission

To be considered for this award, your organization must submit a typewritten response, no longer than two pages (**double space**) in length.

Within your submission, please include the following:

- 1) A detailed description of the program or programs during the 2008-2009 academic school year (August ~ March).
 - a. extent of overall organization membership participation,
 - b. copy of any and all publicity, and
 - c. degree of involvement of other persons (i.e. alumni, sponsoring agency, other organizations, etc.)
- 2) Assessment of program(s) in terms of completion and/or monetary contributions.
- 3) List organization's overall programming goals and the outcomes for each goal.

***NOTE:** In addition to the **TWO PAGES typed** application limit, please feel free to attach any supporting credentials (thank-you letters, fliers, and/or publications, etc).

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Greek Life Excellence in Ritual and Values

(Form must be typed)

Cover Sheet

This award recognizes one fraternity and one sorority for demonstrating how the ritual and values of your chapter are incorporated in the overall operation of the organization as well as creating the bond of brother or sisterhood. Please follow the checklist in order to fully express how your chapter achieves your Founder's Vision. To be considered, applicants must complete the following application. Applications should be on a separate 8.5" x 11" sheet of white paper. Presentation of application is expected to be neat and concise.

Fraternity or Sorority: _____

Submission

To be considered for this award, your organization must submit a typewritten response, no longer than two pages (**double space**) in length.

Check List

1. What are the core values of your organization?
2. How does your chapter instill these values within its membership and its daily operations?
3. What policies and/or practices are in place to hold members accountable to these values?
4. What personal development programs do you offer your members to educate them on these values?
5. Who are your organization's founders and what was the vision they had for your organization?
6. How do you ensure that you are staying true to the vision your founders had for your organization?
7. How does your chapter help to advance fraternal values?

(Chapter President Signature)

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Outstanding Campus Leader Award

(Form must be typed)

Student Organizations may nominate one man and one woman from their own organization for Outstanding Campus Leader Award. **This award is for our freshman and sophomore student members.** (Individuals may be nominated from more than one organization).

Nominating

Organization: _____

Method of Selection: Executive Council _____ **Organizational Vote** _____

President _____ **Other (specify)** _____

Nominee's Full Name: _____ **CWID#** _____

___ **Freshman** ___ **Sophomore** ___ **Male** ___ **Female** **GPA:** _____

Nominee's Home Town: _____

Major: _____ **Minor:** _____

Submission:

In addition to the above items, please submit a separate ONE PAGE (typed, double-space) response illustrating the unique qualities this person possesses that make this individual deserving of the award. **No self nominations, please.**

Please feel free to attach any additional supporting documentation.

Freshman status is defined as a student that has from 0-29 credit hours completed
Sophomore status is defined as a student that has from 30-59 credit hours completed

Within your submission, please include the following:

- 1) List all organization involvement and positions held.
- 2) List all university involvement and/or positions held to date.
- 3) List all honors and/or awards received to date.
- 4) List academic honors and awards.
- 5) List all community service involvement.

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William Leonidas Mayo Student Leader Award

Nomination Form
(Form must be typed)

Nominating

Organization: _____

Method of Selection: Executive Council _____ Organizational Vote _____

President _____ Other (specify) _____

Nominee's Full Name: _____ **CWID#** _____

Male: ____ **Female:** ____ **Junior:** ____ **Senior:** ____ **GPA** _____

Major: _____ **Minor:** _____

Submission:

In addition to the above items, please submit a TWO PAGE (typed, double- space) response illustrating the unique qualities this person possesses that make this individual deserving of the award. Utilizing Mayo's creed: Ceaseless Industry, Fearless Investigations and Unfettered Thought describe the nominee.

Junior status is defined as a student that has completed 60-89 credit hours

Senior status is defined as a student that has completed 90 and above credit hours

Within your submission, please include the following:

- 1) List all organizational involvement and/or positions held to date.
- 2) List all honors and/or awards received to date.
- 3) List academic honors and awards.
- 4) List all community service involvement.
- 5) List all University involvement.

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Greek Life Dedication Award

Nomination Form

(Form must be typed)

Cover Sheet

This award is presented to a fraternity man and sorority woman who has given a minimum of three years of outstanding service to the Texas A&M University-Commerce community and has made a positive impact on his/her chapter and the Greek system. This award considers chapter involvement, Texas A&M University-Commerce involvement, and GPA.

Nominee's Name: _____

Chapter Affiliation: _____

Semester/Year Pledged: _____

Cumulative GPA: _____

Major: _____

Nominated by: _____

Submission:

In addition to the above items, please submit a separate ONE PAGE (typed, double-space) response illustrating the unique qualities this person possesses that make this individual deserving of the award. **No self nominations, please.**

Please feel free to attach any additional supporting documentation

Check List

1. Chapter Involvement: (positions held, committee involvement)
2. Minimum of three years service/involvement.
3. Extracurricular activities: (civic organizations, student organizations, other non-Greek activities)
4. Please list any honors and awards received
5. Please indicate what significant contributions this student has made to the Texas A&M University-Commerce Greek community over the past four years and indicate what characteristics this person exemplifies that warrants the Four Year Dedication Award.

(Signature of Nominator)

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Outstanding Greek Alumni Relations Program
(Form must be typed)

Cover Sheet

This award is presented to the chapter that has taken advantage of its vital alumni resources, and works actively at maintaining strong connections with its alumni members. Alumni offer great knowledge and insight to strengthen and bring success to a chapter. Creating and maintaining relationships with alumni is invaluable, a chapter will only benefit from the personal and professional advice that alumni have to offer. Alumni are knowledgeable about the internal operations of a chapter, and have a deep investment in the continuing success of the organization.

Fraternity or Sorority Name: _____

Submission

To be considered for this award, your organization must submit a typewritten response, no longer than two pages (**double space**) in length.

Check List

1. Describe specific alumni activities and events.
2. Attach a copy of your most recent alumni newsletter.
3. Please provide examples, such as pictures, copies of certificates or awards, letters, other correspondence, etc., in order for the awards committee to better evaluate your alumni relations.

Signature of Chapter President

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Outstanding Greek Chapter Faculty or Staff Advisor Award
(Form must be typed)

Cover Sheet

This award is designed to recognize the Faculty/Staff advisor of an A&M-Commerce fraternity or sorority who has made outstanding contributions to the local undergraduate chapter and/or to the campus as a whole. In order for a Faculty or Staff advisor to be considered, a collegiate member must nominate him/her. Nomination form should be typed on a separate 8.5" x 11" sheet of white paper. Presentation of application is expected to be neat and concise.

Advisor Name: _____

Advisor's Address and Phone #: _____

Fraternity or Sorority Affiliation: _____

Number of years advising chapter: _____

Name and office of person submitting form: _____

Check List

1. List activities and involvement within the chapter.
2. List activities and involvement on campus (outside of chapter).
3. Activities and involvement with Interfraternity, Panhellenic, and Pan-Hellenic Councils, Regional Conferences, Search Committees, and Community.
4. Honoraries and other awards received.
5. Other additional information (community service work, etc. . .)
6. Nominating statement (please be precise and thorough as possible)

(Signature of Nominator)

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Outstanding Student Organization Faculty or Staff Advisor Award
(Form must be typed)

The Outstanding A&M-Commerce Faculty or Staff Advisor of the Year Award will be presented to the **University** faculty or staff advisor that has demonstrated outstanding service to his or her student organization.

Award Criteria:

- 1) This award is given to recognize outstanding service and contributions made by a university faculty/staff advisor.
- 2) Nominations may be submitted by any recognized student organization on campus.
- 3) All nomination forms must be completed and accompanied by one typed letter of recommendation that detail the advisor's contribution to your organization.
- 4) Advisors must have served at least one year in their mentoring capacity to be considered for this award.

Nominating

Organization: _____

Advisor's Name: _____

Advisor

Job Title: _____ **Number of years as advisor:** _____

Department: _____ **Work Phone:** _____

Using a ONE PAGE basic recommendation letter format, please state in sufficient detail the reasons for the nomination. Be sure to describe the contributions that the nominee has made to your particular organization. **(Please use a separate page to type your recommendation letter – one page only please.)**

***Please note that Student Access and Success personnel are not eligible for this award.**

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