Monday, January 25, 2016

Dear Fraternity and Sorority Community:

It has been another great year for the FSL community at MTSU. Now it’s time to recognize all of our chapters and fraternity men and women that make our community great.

The FSL awards program is an opportunity to recognize and encourage fraternal excellence in the MTSU Fraternity and Sorority Community. We would like to invite every chapter to submit award applications. Recognition will be given to those who excel in those areas.

Award applications will be reviewed by the FSL Awards Committee. If necessary, award finalist will be interviewed.

Awards will be presented at the FSL Awards Ceremony on **Tuesday, March 29, 2016 at 7:00pm** in the Student Union Ballroom. The deadline to apply for awards is **Thursday, February 25 at 4:30pm**. All applications are to be completed and submitted to the CSIL office. Late entries will be ineligible for consideration. If you should have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact the FSL staff.

Fraternally,

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Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life

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Guidelines and Information:

- Applications will only be considered for activities that took place in the 2015 calendar year.
- Do not submit previously submitted applications. This will cause your application to be disqualified (i.e. It is not appropriate to submit the same application for advisor of the year that was submitted last year).
- Late awards will not be considered.
- The FSL Award Committee is interested in content and documentation. Please do not add information that does not relate to the award.

FSL Awards include the following:

**Chapter Awards**
- Outstanding Member Education
- Outstanding Philanthropy
- Outstanding Branding and Communication
- Outstanding Community Service
- Outstanding Campus Program
- Outstanding Fraternal Relations
- Outstanding Alumni Relations
- Outstanding Risk Prevention and Accountability
- President’s Award of Excellence
- Chapter of the Year

**Individual Awards**
- Fraternity Man of the Year
- Sorority Woman of the Year
- Chapter President of the Year
- New Member of the Year
- Senior of the Year
- Servant Leader of the Year
- Chapter Advisor of the Year
- Faculty Member of the Year

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

*In order to be considered for the President’s Award of Excellence and the Chapter of the Year Award, the chapter must submit at least six chapter award applications. Although the minimum number of chapter awards is 6, chapters are encouraged to submit all eight award applications.*
CHAPTER AWARDS

Outstanding Member Education
This award is designed to recognize a chapter that shows commitment to creating relevant and thoughtful programming for their members. Include an overview of your educational programming calendar for the year. Provide a narrative of the most innovative and/or successful member programming, including how that program met the needs of the chapter and what impact it had on the chapter’s entire membership.
*Include any supporting documentation of educational sessions, workshops, action plans, etc.*

Outstanding Philanthropy
This award is intended to recognize outstanding philanthropic efforts. This award recognizes not only the amount of money raised, but also a true understanding of the value of giving and its importance to the fraternity and sorority community.

Please provide a detailed overview of any program(s) your chapter has coordinated and implemented for a philanthropic cause in the past academic year. Please include a description of the events, the amount of money raised, the philanthropic organization that benefited from the program, and any educational/promotional materials that were developed in conjunction with the event.
*Include any supporting documentation you may have such as photos, advertisements, etc.*

Outstanding Communication and Brand
Describe chapter activities over the past year that positively impacted the following constituents: faculty, staff, parents, families, general student body, fraternity/sorority headquarters, local community, or the FSL community.

- Describe the chapter social media presence
- Attach the chapter’s marketing plan utilized to promote a positive fraternity/sorority image.
- Describe chapter’s approach to educating members on the personal and organizational brand
  *Attach any media coverage materials or social media engagement reports.*

Outstanding Community Service
This award recognizes the chapter that embraced service as a core value throughout the past academic year. It is meant to celebrate the chapters’ hands-on contribution to the greater community. Provide a narrative that describes the role service plays in your chapter and in what ways community service has positively impacted your chapter.
*Provide any supporting materials such as letter(s) of proof, photos, chapter’s community service policy, etc.*

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Outstanding Campus Program
This award is designed to recognize the chapter that shows a commitment to creating relevant and thoughtful programing for the campus and community.
Please provide a narrative that describes the role campus programing has within the chapter’s activates.
- Describe how chapter’s program involved the campus community
- Describe how chapter’s program benefitted the campus community
- Describe how chapter’s program benefitted the FSL community
  *Attach and any promotional material(s), media coverage, photos, etc.*

Outstanding Fraternal Relations
This award is designed to recognize any chapter who sponsored activities designed to promote unity and collaboration among chapters and councils. This award also recognized chapters who promote positive relations among all chapters and councils.
- Description of the program
- Describe how the program benefited the sponsoring chapters, campus, and FSL community
- Describe what the sponsoring chapters learned about the importance of collaboration
- Describe how your chapter promotes positive relations with other organizations, chapters, and members.
  *Provide any supporting materials such as promotional items, photos, etc.*

Outstanding Alumni Relations
This award is designed to recognize a chapter with outstanding alumni programming, involvement, outreach efforts, and communication.
- Describe chapter’s outreach efforts to alumnae/alumni
- Describe all alumni programs sponsored by the chapter
- Describe alumni involvement with daily chapter operations
- Describe chapter’s graduate board and how this group works with the chapter
  *Attach any chapter produced alumni newsletters, programs and other publications that can support your application*

Outstanding Risk Prevention and Accountability
This award is designed to recognize any chapter who actively promotes healthy behaviors, self-awareness, and accountability within the chapter.
- Describe alcohol education provided to chapter membership
- How does your chapter promote sexual assault awareness?
- How does your chapter encourage healthy lifestyles and behaviors among members?
- How does your chapter hold members accountable? What measures/policies are in place?
  *Provide any supporting documents such as presentations, workshop content, conduct/risk policies, etc.*
President’s Award of Excellence
The President’s Award of Excellence is determined by the highest overall combined scores from chapter award applications. The top scoring chapter from each council (Interfraternity Council, National Pan-Hellenic Council and Panhellenic Council) will be awarded the President’s Award of Excellence.

Chapter of the Year
The Chapter of the Year Award is the highest award a chapter can receive at MTSU and such, represents the ideal chapter. The Chapter of the Year Award is determined by the highest overall combined scores among the three councils.

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INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Fraternity Man of the Year
This award is designed to recognize the fraternity man who serves as an example of what it means to be True Blue and a fraternity member. When nominating, chapters should account for service to the chapter, national organization, MTSU FSL community, campus leadership and service, as well as overall chapter engagement and involvement. Members that have held leadership roles within chapters and/or governing councils and have specifically contributed to the efforts and progression of the FSL community are the most eligible for this award.

- List all leadership roles held in the chapter and FSL community
- List all organizations nominee holds membership and any offices held (non-Greek organizations)
- List all community service involvement
- List any honors, awards, special achievements, honor society memberships:
- Describe how the nominee has improved their council and/or the FSL community at MTSU

*Recommendation/support letters are encouraged but not required*

Sorority Woman of the Year
This award is designed to recognize the sorority women who serves as an example of what it means to be True Blue and a sorority member. When nominating, chapters should account for service to the chapter, national organization, MTSU FSL community, campus leadership and service, as well as overall chapter engagement and involvement. Members that have held leadership roles within chapters and/or governing councils and have specifically contributed to the efforts and progression of the FSL community are the most eligible for this award.

- List all leadership roles held in the chapter and FSL community
- List all organizations nominee holds membership and any offices held (non-Greek organizations)
- List all community service involvement
- List any honors, awards, special achievements, honor society memberships:
- Describe how the nominee has improved their council and/or the FSL community at MTSU

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Chapter President of the Year
This award is designed to recognize a chapter president who went above and beyond in their duties as a leader, both within the chapter and community.

- Describe nominee’s relationship with the FSL office (Chapter Presidents’ Meetings, One on One Meetings, Administrative Responsibilities, etc.)
- Describe nominee’s effort to improve chapter operations, programming, relationships with other organizations, chapter headquarters, and the university relations.
- Describe nominee’s service to MTSU
- Describe nominee’s service to the MTSU FSL community
- List any awards or recognition nominee has received

*Recommendation/support letters are encouraged but not required*

New Member of the Year
This award is designed to recognize an outstanding new member within the FSL community. When considering which new member to nominate, chapters should account for chapter and campus leadership and service, as well as overall chapter engagement and involvement.

- Describe nominee’s service to the chapter
- Describe nominee’s extracurricular involvement at MTSU
- Describe nominee’s community service activities

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Senior of the Year *(Note: Nominee must have been classified as a senior during part of the 2015 calendar year.)*
This award is designed to recognize a deserving senior who exhibits the highest standards of purpose and performance in their chapter throughout their collegiate experience. When considering a nominee, chapters should consider the member’s dedication and commitment to the fraternity or sorority, governing council, MTSU FSL community and campus community.

- Please list activities that the nominee was involved within the chapter throughout membership
- Please list activities that the nominee was involved in at MTSU throughout membership
- Seniors are statistically the least active members in fraternities and sororities. What has motivated the nominee to stay committed and engaged within the Chapter?
- Describe how the nominee exemplify dedication to fraternal values
- How would one describe the nominee’s legacy to the Chapter?

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Servant Leader of the Year
This award is designed to recognize a community member who leads by serving others. When considering which member to nominate, chapters should account for the member’s commitment to community service, charitable fundraising, and leading by example, as well as overall civic engagement.

- Please provide a statement highlighting the nominee’s fraternity or sorority experience and how it has helped influence them.
- Described how the nominee’s servant leadership is shown through their fraternity or sorority experiences
- Include examples of contributions the nominee has made to their chapter and the community. Specific reflection on how the member has contributed to community agencies, the awareness of a cause, and/or the betterment of humanity is highly encouraged.

*Provide a letter of support from the sponsoring community service organization and attach any promotional flyers, event photographs, etc. to support this nomination.*

Chapter Advisor of the Year
This award is designed to recognize a chapter advisor who goes above and beyond to serve the undergraduate chapter. When considering which advisor to nominate (if you have more than one), chapters should account for service to the MTSU FSL community, involvement with the national fraternity or sorority, assistance/guidance provided during chapter issues, as well as overall engagement with the chapter membership.

- Describe nominee’s service to the chapter
- Identify examples of leadership or service provided by the nominee
- Additional support of your choosing
- List any awards or recognition nominee has received

Faculty Member of the Year
The award is designed to recognize an instructor who serves as role model to students and colleagues. Nominees should participate in MTSU community events to promote FSL. When nominating a faculty member, chapters should account for service to and engagement in the FSL community.

*Note: Recipients must be a lecturer/instructor/professor for an academic course at MTSU*

- Describe nominee’s service to the chapter or FSL community
- Identify examples of leadership or service provided by the nominee
- Additional support of your choosing
- List any awards or recognition nominee has received