

Student Organization Leadership Awards

A Time to Celebrate and Recognize Achievements of Monmouth University's Student Organizations



Sponsored by The Office of Student Activities and Student Center Operations

Monmouth University is home to a multitude of recognized student groups who focus on a variety of purposes. Both student organizations and fraternities and sororities contribute to the Monmouth University and West Long Branch communities and Monmouth believes in celebrating these contributions. The Office of Student Activities and Student Center Operations will host the Student Organization Awards on Sunday, April 9, 2017 at TBD. The celebration will be held in Anacon Hall, second floor Rebecca Stafford Student Center and light hors d'oeuvres will be served. An invitation will be sent to each organization president in early March and will be asked to RSVP.

Student organizations and fraternities and sororities can apply for numerous accolades to be announced at the awards ceremony. Awards are categorized as Student Organization Awards or Fraternity and Sorority Life Awards. While an organization may nominate themselves for an award, an individual may not nominate themselves. Someone from the organization may nominate their peer. We recommend that nominations are written thoroughly and explain, in depth, why the organization/individual deserves the achievement.

All nominations MUST be submitted by March 8, 2017 at 5pm to The Office of Student Activities and Student Center Operations. All nominations must be typed and include the name of the award being applied for, the nominator, nominee, and answers to the reflection questions.

For Fraternities and Sororities: Please note that only chapters obtaining an "Accredited" status or higher on the Greek Excellence packet are eligible for group awards.

Fraternity and Sorority Life Awards

Scholar of the Year

An award will be given to an individual in each of the three councils (3 total awards)

Criteria:

- Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Held at least one office in their chapter
- Letter of recommendation from a Monmouth faculty member

Reflection Questions:

- Nominator's Name and Chapter?
- Nominee's name and chapter?
- How does the nominee exemplify the values of their organization and of the fraternities and sororities at Monmouth?
- Why does this person deserve to be scholar of the year?
- Please list any extra-curricular activities the nominee is involved with.
- Please list any awards or honors the nominee has received during their time at Monmouth.

Outstanding Peer Mentor

Criteria:

- Peer Mentor for fall 2016 or spring 2017

Reflection Questions:

- Nominator's Name and Chapter?
- Nominee's name and chapter?
- How does the nominee exemplify the values of their organization and of the fraternities and sororities at Monmouth?
- Give an example(s) of how this individual is a role model to new members?

Philanthropic Program of the Year

Criteria:

- All groups are eligible

Reflection Questions:

- Chapter submitting Application?
- Chapter nominated?
- Name of Program?
- Date & Location of Program?
- Benefactors Name?
- Money / Goods raised?
- Please elaborate why your chapter feels the program is deserving of this award. Be sure to include how this program impacted the chapter members, benefiting organization, the fraternity and sorority community, and Monmouth University.

Fraternity and Sorority Community Program of the Year

Criteria:

- All groups eligible

Reflection Questions:

- Chapter submitting application?
- Chapter nominated?
- Name of Program?
- Please elaborate why your chapter feels the program is deserving of this award. Be sure to include how the program has positively affected the fraternal community and embraced the ideal of unity within our organizations.

Fraternity/Sorority New Member of the Year

Criteria:

- New member during fall 2016 or spring 2017

Reflection Questions:

- Nominator's Name and Chapter?
- Nominee's Name and Chapter?
- Describe the nominee's chapter involvement. Include any positions held, accomplishments within the chapter, etc. What impact has this person made on the organization?
- Describe any campus involvement of the nominee in other organizations and/or community involvement outside of Monmouth.
- Please describe how the nominee exemplifies the values of their organization and the fraternal community at Monmouth.

Chapter President of the Year

Criteria:

- Must have been initiated before spring 2016
- Be in good standing with your chapter

Reflection Questions:

- Nominator's Name and Chapter?
- Nominee's Name and Chapter?
- Achievement in Greek Community
 - Years of Sorority/ Fraternity Involvement
 - List all offices held within the chapter (include semester and years held)
 - List any special achievements or programs the nominee successfully implemented within their organization or the FSL Community
 - List any Panhellenic, IFC, MPGC, or Recruitment Counselor involvement.
- Achievement in Campus Life and Community
 - List any organizations the nominee is involved in on campus (include semester and years held)
 - List any community involvement activities or service project involvement.
- Scholastic Achievement
 - Honor Society Memberships (include academic department)
 - Honors and awards received for academic or professional achievement
- In addition to the nomination form, the nomination will consist of a one to two page statement stating why the nominee is deserving of the award and how they exemplify leadership, dedication, effort and passion for their fraternity/sorority experience and the community as a whole.

Chris Meija Fraternity Man & Sorority Woman of the Year

Two total awards; one for a fraternity member and one for a sorority member. This nominee should be a different individual than a chapter's president of the year nominee

Criteria:

- Junior or Senior status
- Exemplify ideals and cornerstone of fraternities and sororities (leadership, service, scholarship, fellowship)

Reflection Questions:

- Nominator's Name and Chapter?
- Nominee's Name and Chapter?
- Describe the nominee's chapter involvement. Include any positions held, accomplishments within the chapter, etc. What impact has this person made on the organization?
- Describe the nominee's involvement with their respective council. What impact has this person made on the greater fraternal community?
- Describe any campus involvement of the nominee in other organizations and/or community involvement outside of Monmouth.
- Please describe how the nominee exemplifies the values of their organization and the fraternal community at Monmouth.

Outstanding Faculty/Staff Advisor of the Year

Criteria:

- All faculty/staff advisors are eligible

Reflection Questions:

- Chapter submitting Application?
- Individual Nominated?
- Nominee's e-mail address and phone number?
- Please describe why your chapter feels the nominee is deserving of this award.

Greek Impact Award

Criteria:

- Senior Graduating in May 2017 or December 2017

Reflection Questions:

- This award will be determined by the Office of Student Activities and Student Center Operations Staff
- Things to consider:
 - Leadership positions, skills gained as a fraternity or sorority member, effective programming, impact on the community, impact on Monmouth University, academics

Most Improved Fraternity or Sorority

Criteria:

- All groups eligible

Reflection Questions:

- Chapter submitting Application?
- Chapter nominated?
- Please elaborate on why your chapter feels the nominated chapter is deserving of this award.
- What impact has the chapter made on the fraternal community?
- What impact has the chapter made of the Monmouth community?

Chapter of the Year

Criteria:

- All groups eligible

Reflection Questions:

- Outline the mission of your organization. Be sure to identify your organization's mission, value and purpose.
- List any goals and/or objectives identified by your organization for this past year and how they supported your organization's mission. Then explain how those goals/objectives were

achieved. Include any challenges or successes you had throughout the year and how the organization addressed them.

- What impact did your organization have on your organization members, the Monmouth campus, local or global community?
- How can your organization serve as a role model for other Monmouth registered student organizations and the fraternal community??

Student Organization Awards

Global Inclusion

Criteria:

- All registered student club or organizations eligible
- An event devoted to bringing together the Monmouth community to understand and celebrate differences

Reflection Questions:

- Provide a brief description/outline of the diversity program
- Explain the goals of the event and how those goals were met. Include why your organization choose to sponsor this program on campus and include any challenges or successes you had during this program.
- Describe the impact of the program on attendees, members of the organization, and the student organization as a whole.

Campus Conscious

Criteria:

- Be a registered student club or organization.
- Contribute to Monmouth University by working to improve connections with the community-at-large through either on-campus or off campus initiatives.
- Demonstrate how their group has provided assistance to the community (i.e. via philanthropy, community service hours, volunteering, donating money, raising awareness, etc.).

Reflection Questions:

- Discuss how this program impacted your individual organization members and the organization as a whole.
- What did your organization learn by doing this program?
- How did it impact your members as individuals?

Outstanding Organization

Criteria:

- Commitment to the betterment and strengthening of the organization's chosen community/audience.
- Strong leadership who consistently work together toward the group's common goals.
- Serve as role models for the other Monmouth registered student organizations.

Reflection Questions:

- Outline the mission of your organization. Be sure to identify your organization's mission, value and purpose.
- List any goals and/or objectives identified by your organization for this past year and how they supported your organization's mission. Then explain how those goals/objectives were achieved. Include any challenges or successes you had throughout the year and how the organization addressed them.
- What impact did your organization have on your organization members, the Monmouth campus, local or global community?
- How can your organization serve as a role model for other Monmouth registered student organizations?

Excellence in Advising

Criteria:

- Advisor to a registered student organization; cannot be part of this person's job description
- Consistently contributes his or her time and energy for the betterment of the organization
- Assists the group into realizing their potential, helping them achieve their goals
- Mentors individual members
- Leads by example

Reflection Questions:

- List the responsibilities and expectations established for your advisor.
- Describe how this individual exceeded the above responsibilities and expectations for the current award period.
- How has this individual assisted the organization toward reaching its purpose, mission and/or goals?
- How has this individual served as a role model for the individual members of the organization?

Event of the Year

Criteria:

- All student organizations eligible
- A program sponsored for the entire campus community
- Will be judged on attendance, budget, promotion, and overall effectiveness
- The program has to meet and embrace the need, appeal, and culture of the Monmouth community.
- Program must have been held between March 1, 2016 and March 1, 2017
- Include the budget (total amount spent) for your event.
- Three separate awards will be decided by the judges from the applications, one for:
 - Outstanding Event of the Year (events that were \$5,000 and over)
 - Outstanding Event of the Year (events that were \$1,000 - \$5,000)
 - Outstanding Event of the Year (events that were \$1,000 or under)

Reflection Questions:

- Provide a brief description/outline of the social program
- How many people attended?
- Discuss the budget (how much, how it was spent, etc.), and how the event was promoted.
- Explain the goals of the event and how those goals were met. Include why your organization choose to sponsor this program on campus and include any challenges or successes you had during this program.
- Describe the impact of the program on attendees, members of the organization, the student organization, and the campus as a whole.

Unsung Hero

Criteria:

- Demonstrated servant leadership - putting the organization's needs before their own
- Contributes regularly to the goals and projects of the student organization, but does so with humility and respect
- Does not look for or expect recognition from peers for the work that is done
- A dedicated member who may not hold an officer position within the organization, but plays an undeniably valuable role in achieving organizational success.

Reflection Questions:

- Describe how this nominee is an active and engaged member of the organization and how this person is dedicated to the organization's goal, mission, and values.
- Describe any active role(s) taken, initiative shown, or achievements by this member.

- How is this individual seen as a role model within the organization and how has the organization been impacted as a result of this involvement?
- Describe how this individual has exemplified servant-leadership (i.e. putting the organization's needs before him/her own)?

Outstanding Student Organization New Leader

Criteria:

- First year as a member of an organization
- General member- Does not hold an executive board position
- Consistently attends organization meetings and events
- Actively engages in meeting discussions and activities
- Dedicates him/herself to the organization's goals and ideals
- Seen as a role model within the organization

Reflection Questions:

- Nominator's Name and Organization?
- Nominee's Name and Organization?
- Describe how this nominee is a proactive and engaged member of the organization and how this person is dedicated to the organization's goals and ideals.
- Describe any active role(s) taken, initiative shown, or achievements by this member.
- How is this individual seen as a role model within the organization and how has the organization been impacted as a result of this person's involvement?

Outstanding Student Organization Leader

Criteria:

- Officer in an organization
- Best exemplifies the leadership qualities within the student organization
- Consistently motivating and encouraging to other members
- Provides vision for the group and leads by example in accomplishing the goals
- Challenges fellow members to excel and understands the limits of the group.
- An effective communicator
- A positive role model for peers

Reflection Questions:

- Describe how this nominee is an active, engaged member and leader of the organization and how this person is dedicated to the organization's goals, values, purpose, and mission.
- Describe any active role(s) taken, initiative shown, or achievements by this member to make the organization successful.

- How is this individual seen as a role model within the organization and how has the organization been impacted as a result of this person's involvement?

Student Activities Impact Award

Criteria:

- Senior Graduating in May 2017 or December 2017

Reflection Questions:

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- Things to consider:
 - Leadership positions, skills gained as a fraternity or sorority member, effective programming, impact on the community, impact on Monmouth University, academics