

2009 UTSA Greek Awards Packet

The Greek Awards ceremony is an annual event at The University of Texas at San Antonio. The awards are based on excellence in several areas of interest that are central to the values and characteristics existing in the Greek Community. The following awards are available to chapters in addition to the Greek Excellence awards of Gold, Silver and Bronze standing. Please place a check next to each award that you are applying for and attach any additional materials with the award application sheet for that specific award.

Chapter Awards

- Outstanding Programming Award
- Outstanding Commitment to Service
- Living the Ritual
- Greek Unity Award

Individual Awards

- Man/Woman of the Year
- Outstanding Advisor
- Outstanding Rho Gamma (PHC Only)

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OUTSTANDING PROGRAMMING AWARD

Name of Fraternity/Sorority _____

The purpose of this award is to recognize those chapters who hosted a philanthropy program/campus wide event/fundraiser that was well planned and executed, and well attended by the Greek community and/or the University community. Chapters can be recognized individually or jointly if chapters have paired for the project.

* To apply for this award please submit an essay providing any information describing why you feel your chapter deserves this recognition for outstanding philanthropy.

Name of the event: _____

Location: _____

Who the project benefited (If program was a philanthropy or fundraiser):

Organizations who participated:

Name of the program chairman: _____

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OUTSTANDING COMMITMENT TO SERVICE

Name of Fraternity/sorority_____

Community service and Philanthropy are cornerstones of Greek life. Whether through a national philanthropy program, regular service to the San Antonio community or participating in outside causes, Greeks can be seen contributing to a variety of causes and issues that affect our local, national, and global communities. This award recognizes those chapters that are committed to their philanthropic principles, not just in one event but throughout the entire year. This includes not just fundraising but the overall chapter awareness of the philanthropic causes, as well as service done by individual chapter members and participation in other organizations' philanthropy events.

In order to be eligible for this award, please answer the questions listed below.

1. What are your chapter's philanthropic causes and how do you support them throughout the year?
2. How does your chapter raise awareness both within the chapter and within the larger community (Greek, UTSA, San Antonio, etc)?
3. What are the expectations of each chapter member in supporting your philanthropy?
4. Are there other service or philanthropic events that your chapter participates in, or expects of its members? If so, please describe in detail.
5. Has your chapter participated in philanthropy events hosted by other chapters/councils? If yes, please list the organization(s) and event(s).
6. What is the total dollar amount that your chapter raised for your philanthropies?
7. What was the total number of service hours that your chapter completed?

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LIVING THE RITUAL

Name of Fraternity/Sorority _____

Your Ritual is the internal chapter expression of the values your organization stands for and is paramount to your experience as Greek men and women. When you live your Ritual, the values your chapter stands for become evident to the larger community through programs, service, and the actions that individual chapter members take. In order to live the Ritual, members must first understand it. This award recognizes the chapter whose commitment to their values is demonstrated each day. This chapter continually honors their ritual by regularly performing ritual and making it a topic of discussion through new member programs, chapter education, retreats, and workshops. Additionally, the values this chapter adheres to are present in all aspects of programming, and community involvement.

*Please note that these questions do not require you to divulge secret information, but rather ask you to discuss the values of your organization and the actions you take to support them and educate members about them.

Answer all questions below as they apply to your chapter:

1. How frequently does your National Office recommend that your ritual be performed? How frequently does your chapter perform ritual?
2. How does your chapter educate new members about the meaning of the ritual?
3. How does your chapter ensure that chapter members are continually educated on the ritual and continue to stay in touch with its meaning?
4. What kind of programming does your chapter do that supports your ritual?
5. How are the values of your ritual made evident to members of the entire Greek community and the UTSA community? What events, programs, community involvement do you participate in that support these values?

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GREEK UNITY AWARD

Name of fraternity/sorority_____

As members of Greek organizations, we are also all a part of a larger Greek community where values and purposes are often similar. This award recognizes the chapter that has promoted cooperation among the different chapters and councils through leadership, programming, philanthropy, and/or athletics.

To apply for this award please submit responses to the following questions:

1. Has your chapter *hosted or cosponsored* events with other organizations? Please include organizations from both *your council and other councils* and list the events along with their purposes and activities involved.
2. Has your chapter *participated* in events hosted or cosponsored by other organizations? Please detail your chapter's level of participation.
3. What strategies has your chapter employed to encourage attendance or participation of other Greek individuals or groups at your events?
4. How has your chapter been involved with and/or supported the activities, events, or initiatives of your council or another council?
5. What other strategies has your chapter utilized to reach out or establish/enhance relationships within the Greek community?
6. Please indicate if any chapter members held leadership positions within their respective governing organizations (IFC, MGC, NPHC, PHC).

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Greek Woman and Greek Man of the Year

Each chapter may nominate one member from their respective chapter for Greek Woman or Man of the Year. Additionally, each chapter may nominate one other man and woman for each award.

Chapters will need to display that nominees have significantly contributed to his/her organization and/or council as well as the Greek community and UTSA community. Please answer the following questions about the nominee from your chapter.

Name of Fraternity/Sorority Submitting Nomination: _____

Nominee from your own chapter: _____

Banner ID# _____ Year in school _____ Major _____

Cumulative GPA _____

How was the nominee chosen (Chapter vote, Executive Board, President's choice, other – please explain)? _____

Please type the answers to these questions on a separate sheet of paper and attach to this application.

1. List leadership experiences / offices participated in / held while a member of the UTSA Greek community. Include on and off campus information.
2. List any honors or awards (i.e. scholastic, philanthropic, honorary organizations, community, UTSA, etc.) they have received while a member of the UTSA Greek community.
3. Describe the reason you have nominated this person?
4. Describe how this member lives the mission or values of your organization?
5. What is one major issue that is currently affecting our Greek community? What have they done to personally address this issue?

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Please nominate one fraternity man and one sorority woman from another chapter. Attach an additional sheet if necessary.

Nominee from another chapter: _____

Fraternity: _____

How was the nominee chosen (Chapter vote, Executive Board, President's choice, other – please explain)? _____

Briefly describe the reason you have nominated this person?

Nominee from another chapter: _____

Sorority: _____

How was the nominee chosen (Chapter vote, Executive Board, President's choice, other – please explain)? _____

Briefly describe the reason you have nominated this person?

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OUTSTANDING FACULTY/STAFF/CHAPTER ADVISOR

Name of Fraternity/Sorority: _____

This award recognizes an advisor who has demonstrated the support and commitment to chapter excellence and community involvement paramount to this position. This individual has given of his/her time to be involved not just within the chapter, but in promoting the ideals of the national organization, and the council in which the chapter operates.

Advisor Name: _____

Position (faculty, Staff, alumni, etc.): _____

Length of service as advisor: _____

Advisor's current contact information _____

To nominate an advisor for this award, please submit responses to the following questions:

1. What role(s) has your advisor played within your chapter, the national organization, and the University of Texas at San Antonio?
2. How has the advisor encouraged the chapter to face new challenges of the Greek community?
3. How has the advisor that you are nominating made a difference to your chapter?
4. How does the advisor stand out from the rest?
5. How does the advisor encourage your chapter to foster the inter-fraternal spirit?
6. How does the advisor serve as a role model?

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OUTSTANDING RHO GAMMA (PHC Only)

Name _____ Affiliation _____

(1=strongly disagree 2=disagree 4=agree 5=strongly agree)

This Rho Gamma served the purpose of her position by:

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| 1. Making all women feel welcome during the recruitment process. | 1 | 2 | 4 | 5 |
| 2. Lending a hand, shoulder, ear to women going through recruitment. | 1 | 2 | 4 | 5 |
| 3. Promoting positive attitudes toward the Greek community. | 1 | 2 | 4 | 5 |
| 4. Was able to answer all questions regarding recruitment rules, scheduling. | 1 | 2 | 4 | 5 |
| 5. Maintained confidentiality. | 1 | 2 | 4 | 5 |
| 6. Continued to promote positive Greek relations even after recruitment. | 1 | 2 | 4 | 5 |
| 7. This member consistently attended all recruitment functions. | 1 | 2 | 4 | 5 |
| 8. This member was successful in disaffiliating herself from her chapter. | 1 | 2 | 4 | 5 |

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