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Fraternity and Sorority Life
at Virginia Tech



OUR VISION: To be a fraternity and sorority community
inspiring lifetime engagement in the spirit of *Ut Prosim*.

Virginia Tech Fraternity and Sorority Community Awards Application

The annual Fraternity and Sorority Community Awards program is designed to recognize undergraduate leaders, alumni/ae members, and chapters for their consistent efforts to: promote lifelong learning, empower personal growth, inspire intellectual development, cultivate leadership, encourage philanthropy and service, and celebrate our shared values of brotherhood and sisterhood.

Each year, Fraternity and Sorority Life identifies chapter leaders, council leaders, advisors, and campus partners to assist in reviewing award applications submitted by chapters. As you consider submitting nominations think about how the nominee advances the vision of Fraternity and Sorority Life at Virginia Tech: "To be a fraternity and sorority community inspiring lifetime engagement in the spirit of *Ut Prosim*."

Timeline

The deadline for submission of award applications is Wednesday, February 25th, 2015 by 5:00pm. Nominations should take into account achievements made by the member or chapter between January 1, 2014 and February 23, 2015. Achievements outside of this time period will not be reviewed.

Awards

Community awards are given under two different categories: Individual Awards and Chapter Awards.

Submissions

Only electronic applications should be submitted. Nominees should electronically sign nomination forms. Script or italicized text is not considered an electronic signature. Application submissions should be saved as follows: ChapterName_2015_FSLA (ex: KappaDelta_2015_FSLA or KD_2015_FSLA). **Submissions should be sent to Tavianna@vt.edu.**

Individual Awards

Order of Omega Outstanding Sorority Woman and Fraternity Man of the Year Legacy Award
Fraternity and Sorority Outstanding New Member
Shari B. Malone Outstanding Sorority Advisor of the Year
Edward F. D. Spencer Fraternity Advisor of the Year
Michelle Dillon Outstanding Sorority President of the Year
Gavin Starner Outstanding Fraternity President of the Year
Carolyn Smith Outstanding Sorority Alumna of the Year
Henry S. Mattox Outstanding Fraternity Alumnus of the Year
Division of Student Affairs Learning Aspirations Legacy Awards
Fraternity and Sorority Outstanding Chapter Officer of the Year

Chapter Awards

Fraternity and Sorority Chapter of Year
Most Improved Chapter of Year
Outstanding New Member Education Program of the Year
Outstanding Community Relations of the Year
Outstanding Risk Management Program of the Year
Outstanding Philanthropic Program of the Year
Outstanding Community Service of the Year

Individual Award Descriptions

Order of Omega Outstanding Sorority Woman and Fraternity Man of the Year Legacy Award

The Order of Omega Outstanding Sorority Woman and Fraternity Man of the Year Legacy Award recognizes a graduating senior of the community who has greatly benefited his or her chapter, Fraternity and Sorority Life both locally and nationally, and the entire university community. The award is for overall accomplishments in the context of the entire time period the individual has been a member with the fraternity and sorority community at Virginia Tech. The top individual leadership award, the outstanding Greek Man and Woman, has made exceptional contributions to his or her chapter, the general fraternity and sorority community, the campus, local, and/or surrounding community, and has demonstrated a successful balance of academics, leadership, service on and off campus, and a genuine commitment to lifetime engagement in the spirit of *Ut Prosim*.

Fraternity and Sorority Outstanding New Member

The Outstanding New Member Awards are presented each year to two individuals who have demonstrated an exceptional commitment as new members during their first two semesters to the interfraternal community. Completing the application for this award, along with recommendations, are strongly encouraged.

The nominee must have begun their new member period between Spring semester 2014 and Fall semester 2015.

Michelle Dillon Outstanding Sorority President of the Year

The Michelle Dillon Outstanding Sorority President of the Year Award is presented annually to a sorority president from MGC, NPHC, or PHC that has excelled in their elected position during their term of office. Named for a sister of Alpha Delta Pi, Michelle Dillon was a role model for exceptional president leadership, the highest degree of resolve, and the contagious passion she brought to our community during her tenure at Virginia Tech.

The nominee must have begun their officer position between Spring semester 2014 and Fall semester 2015.

Gavin Starner Outstanding Fraternity President of the Year

The Gavin Starner Outstanding Fraternity President of the Year Award is presented annually to a fraternity president from IFC, MGC, or NPHC that has excelled in his elected position during his term of office. Named for the 1988 chapter president of Pi Kappa Alpha, Gavin Starner was a role model for exceptional presidential leadership, was well regarded as a conscientious leader on campus, and a committed fraternity man who was highly regarded by his peers as a true advocate for his beloved Fraternity and Alma Mater.

The nominee must have begun their officer position between Spring semester 2014 and Fall semester 2015.

Fraternity and Sorority Outstanding Chapter Officer of the Year

The Outstanding Fraternity and Sorority Chapter Officer of the Year Awards are presented annually to two chapters who have excelled in their elected position during their two semesters of leadership. These awards recognize the utmost importance in officer leadership for the promotion and support of positive, effective, and meaningful chapter operations.

The nominee must have begun their officer position between Spring semester 2014 and Fall semester 2015.

Shari B. Malone Outstanding Sorority Advisor of the Year

The Shari B. Malone Outstanding Sorority Advisor of the Year Award is presented annually to an MGC, NPHC, or PHC sorority advisor who has been of greatest service to the chapter they advise, and in addition, to their overall service to the fraternity and sorority community. Shari Malone was a member of our Panhellenic community for many years, worked diligently for our students, and was the past National President of Delta Gamma Sorority.

The nominee must have served in the role as advisor between January 2014 and December 2014.

Edward F. D. Spencer Fraternity Advisor of the Year

The Edward F. D. Spencer Fraternity Advisor of the Year Award is presented annually to an IFC, MGC, or NPHC fraternity advisor who has been of great service to the chapter they advise. In addition to his overall service to the fraternity and sorority community, Dr. Spencer served the Virginia Tech community for nearly 30 years in a variety of roles, retiring as Vice President of Student Affairs. His belief and commitment to fraternity and sorority membership led to the development of all phases of the Oak Lane Community, which he oversaw during his tenure. Dr. Spencer has been recognized by Sigma Chi Fraternity as a Significant Sig and a member of the Order of Constantine.

The nominee must have served in the role as advisor between January 2014 and December 2014.

Carolyn Smith Sorority Alumna of the Year

The Carolyn Smith Sorority Alumna of the Year Award is given annually by Fraternity and Sorority Life, in recognition of a Virginia Tech sorority alumna member from MGC, NPHC, or PHC, who has demonstrated outstanding service, commitment, and lifetime engagement in the spirit of *Ut Prosim* to Virginia Tech, our community, and the greater interfraternal community. This award is named in honor of the first Panhellenic Council president.

The nominee must be an alumna of a sorority chapter aligned with MGC, NPHC, or PHC. The nomination statement should include a brief description of their achievements, listing specific accomplishments of the nominee, and their participation on the local, regional, or national level for your organization or achievement at Virginia Tech.

Henry S. Mattox Fraternity Alumnus of the Year

The Henry S. Mattox Fraternity Alumnus of the Year Award is given annually by Fraternity and Sorority Life, in recognition of a Virginia Tech fraternity alumnus member from IFC, MGC, or NPHC, who has demonstrated outstanding service, commitment, and lifetime engagement in the spirit of *Ut Prosim* to Virginia Tech, our community, and the greater interfraternal community. This award is named in honor of the first Interfraternity Council president.

The nominee must be an alumnus of a fraternity chapter aligned with IFC, MGC, or NPHC. The nomination statement should include a brief description of their achievements, listing specific accomplishments of the nominee, and their participation on the local, regional, or national level for your organization or achievement at Virginia Tech.

Individual Award Nomination Instructions

Please complete the nomination form below and indicate which award you would like the nominee to be considered for. If submitting multiple nominees, simply make copies of this page prior to completing this form and add it as an additional page to your application.

Nomination Requirements:

1. Complete nomination form.
 2. 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.
 3. Student nominees should be well-rounded individuals that have contributed significantly to the fraternity and sorority community, their chapter, or IFC, MGC, NPHC, or PHC. They should be visibly supportive of the community and demonstrate a willingness to volunteer time and energy to the efforts of creating a relevant fraternity and sorority experience at Virginia Tech.
 4. For undergraduate nominees, the student must sign the nomination form, so their academic and conduct status can be verified to make certain they are in good standing as students.
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Chapter: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Year Initiated: [Click here to enter text.](#)

PID: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Nominee Electronic Signature: [Click here to enter text.](#)

(In providing your signature you accept the nomination made on your behalf and authorize the Fraternity and Sorority Life Office to verify your academic and conduct status to ensure that you are in good standing at Virginia Tech.)

Nominator's Name: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Nominator's Role: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Please check off which award this nomination is for (you can select multiple).

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Division of Student Affairs Learning Aspirations Awards

(Descriptions adapted from the Division of Student Affairs' *Aspirations for Student Learning*)

Curiosity Award

The Virginia Tech student affairs experience seeks to instill the value that learning is the common essential element for intellectual development, discovery, and engagement, rather than a necessary means to a specified end. Virginia Tech believes that all environments of the college experience provide countless opportunities for learning. Student organizations, service projects, classrooms, residence and dining halls, student centers, leadership development programs, cultural and recreational events, and many other planned and spontaneous encounters at Virginia Tech, cumulatively represent a vibrant learning laboratory for students.

The nominee should be any fraternity or sorority member you feel has a strong sense of how membership enhances their life and the lives of others. This person seeks opportunities at Virginia Tech that will challenge them to discover and learn new things about their role as a member of the Fraternity and Sorority Life community. Additionally, the nominee should demonstrate a commitment to a lifetime of learning that will enhance their fraternity and sorority membership.

Self-Understanding and Integrity Award

Virginia Tech students will experience, explore, and understand the values and principles of their families, communities, and the many cultures they encounter. As students better understand themselves, their strengths and interests, and align their values with purposeful decision-making, they will adopt an integrated set of principles to guide their personal and professional lives.

The nominee should be any fraternity or sorority member you feel strives to understand who they are and what they value. This person carefully considers how their personal values and fraternity/sorority values coincide to shape who they become. Their decision-making, is then, in turn, affected by these values they have chosen to develop.

Civility Award

Living and learning as individuals who believe in the Principles of Community and Hokies Respect, students will pursue and embrace the value of civility which will be carried throughout life. At the heart of this pursuit is a basic commitment to consideration, respect, and courtesy. Civility is a shared gift that we give and receive in turn. Accordingly, civility expects that: we strive to listen, as well as to speak to each other; we try to understand each other in our commonalities and differences; we give respect due to all members of the university community; we favor courtesy over rudeness and encourage considerate treatment over dismissive behavior; and we combine free speech with reasoned expression so that liberty and peace are both served.

The nominee should be any fraternity or sorority member you feel commits to civility in their interactions with others. This person is concerned about others in the chapter and makes every attempt to understand them for the purpose of being respectful, considerate, and creating a true sense of brotherly/sisterly love.

Courageous Leadership Award

Virginia Tech students will be courageous leaders who are willing to challenge the status quo in pursuit of a more humane and just world. They will have the fortitude to speak up when they witness an injustice and reach out to those who are vulnerable, marginalized, or in need. Courageous leadership is possible whether or not the individual is in a position of responsibility. Virginia Tech students will inspire others with their actions, changing the world one decision at a time.

The nominee should be any fraternity or sorority member you feel is a courageous leader that desires to serve as change agents and join others that are willing to do so. This person understands what courage looks like and their ability to be courageous. They are willing to make decisions that benefit others, or the chapter, even at a personal cost.

Ut Prosim Award

The university motto, *Ut Prosim* (That I May Serve), and the Principles of Community will stand as a foundation for the development of personal relationships and intercultural experiences, which create communities. These communities compel students to understand and develop a value system that will guide their decisions and enable them to offer themselves as responsible citizens of the world.

The nominee should be any fraternity or sorority member you feel lives their lives in service to others without a desire for recognition. This person understands that the principal purpose of fraternity or sorority membership is to better the lives of fellow members and the greater community through a life guided by Ritual.

Learning Aspirations Award Nomination Instructions

Please complete the nomination form below and indicate which award you would like the nominee to be considered for. If submitting multiple nominees, simply make copies of this page prior to completing this form.

Nomination Requirements:

1. Complete nomination form.
2. 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.
3. Nominees should be well-rounded individuals that have contributed significantly to the fraternity and sorority community, their chapter, or IFC, MGC, NPHC, or PHC. They should be visibly supportive of the community and demonstrate a willingness to volunteer time and energy to the efforts of creating a relevant fraternity and sorority experience at Virginia Tech.
4. The nominee must sign the nomination form, so their academic and conduct status can be verified to make certain they are in good standing as students.

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Chapter: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Year Initiated: [Click here to enter text.](#)

PID: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Nominee Signature: [Click here to enter text.](#)

(In providing your signature you accept the nomination made on your behalf and authorize the Fraternity and Sorority Life Office to verify your academic and conduct status to ensure that you are in good standing at Virginia Tech.)

Nominator's Name: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Nominator's Role: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Please check off which award this nomination is for (you can select multiple).

- Curiosity Award
- Self-Understanding and Integrity Award
- Civility Award
- Courageous Leadership Award
- Ut Prosim* Award

Chapter Award Descriptions

Fraternity and Sorority Chapter of the Year

The Chapter of the Year awards are presented each year to a fraternity and sorority in IFC, MGC, NPHC, or PHC that has been most successful in aspiring to the strategic goal areas of Fraternity and Sorority Life: promoting lifelong learning, empowering personal growth, inspiring intellectual development, cultivating leadership, and encouraging philanthropy and service. The recognized fraternity and sorority chapters have taken meaningful steps to make a significant overall effort to excel within the interfraternal community at Virginia Tech during the year.

The time period of this nomination should be between January 2014 and December 2014. Throughout this time period, the chapter should be in good standing with both the University and their respective council – and had neither potential nor active conduct concerns.

Most Improved Chapter of the Year

The Most Improved Chapter of the Year award is presented each year to an IFC, MGC, NPHC, or PHC chapter that achieves excellence in overall improvement during the academic year. These awards recognize the member organizations in the fraternity and sorority community that have been most successful in improving the scholastic, recruitment, membership education, financial management, public relations, and overall operations of the chapter. The winners of these awards have taken steps to make significant overall improvements to reach new levels of chapter excellence in fraternity and sorority life. All fraternity and sorority chapters are considered annually for these awards.

The time period of this nomination should be between January 2014 and December 2014. Throughout this time period, the chapter should be in good standing with both the University and their respective council – and had neither potential nor active conduct concerns.

Outstanding New Member Education Program of the Year

The Outstanding New Member Education Program of the Year awards are presented each year to an IFC, MGC, NPHC, and PHC chapter that achieves excellence in new member education programming efforts, implementation, and effectiveness during the academic year. Nominee applications will also be reviewed for how membership education continues following a new member's orientation into the chapter.

The time period of this nomination should be between January 2014 and December 2014. Throughout this time period, and currently, the chapter should be in good standing with both the University and their respective council – and had neither potential nor active conduct concerns.

Outstanding Community Relations of the Year

The Outstanding Community Relations of the Year awards are presented each year to an IFC, MGC, NPHC, and PHC chapter that achieves excellence in the areas of public relations, campus organization involvement, campus leadership participation, and overall exceptional involvement off campus.

The time period of this nomination should be between January 2014 and December 2014. Throughout this time period, the chapter should be in good standing with both the University and their respective council – and had neither potential nor active conduct concerns.

Outstanding Risk Management Program of the Year

The Outstanding Risk Management Program of the Year award is presented annually to an IFC, MGC, NPHC, or PHC chapter that achieves excellence in risk management programming efforts, implementation, and effectiveness during the year. Additionally, this chapter has excelled at creating a culture of civility and courageous leadership within their membership for the purpose of managing a healthy and safe chapter experience. This award recognizes a chapter that has been successful in following its inter/national and university risk management policies and social event guidelines. The winner of this award has taken significant steps to reduce liability and sponsor/attend programs to increase members' awareness of risk management issues.

The time period of this nomination should be between January 2014 and December 2014. Throughout this time period, the chapter should be in good standing with both the University and their respective council – and had neither potential nor active conduct concerns.

Outstanding Philanthropic Program of the Year

The Outstanding Philanthropic Program of the Year award is presented annually to an IFC, MGC, NPHC, or PHC chapter that achieves excellence in a campus wide philanthropic (charitable fundraising) program during the year. This award recognizes a chapter that has organized, sponsored, and hosted a campus program that proved outstandingly successful in terms of generating awareness for a cause in an effort to support a need while demonstrating the traditional values of the interfraternal community at Virginia Tech.

The time period of this nomination should be between January 2014 and December 2014. Throughout this time period, the chapter should be in good standing with both the University and their respective council – and had neither potential nor active conduct concerns.

Outstanding Community Service of the Year

The Outstanding Community Service of the Year award is presented annually to an IFC, MGC, NPHC, or PHC chapter that achieves excellence in community service programs during the year. This award recognizes a chapter that has organized, sponsored, and hosted community service projects and activities that proved remarkably successful in terms of service to the university and/or local community in the spirit of *Ut Prosim*.

The time period of this nomination should be between January 2014 and December 2014. Throughout this time period, the chapter should be in good standing with both the University and their respective council – and had neither potential nor active conduct concerns.

Chapter Award Nomination Instructions

Please complete the nomination form below and indicate which award you would like the nominee to be considered for. If submitting multiple nominees, simply make copies of this page prior to completing this form.

Nomination Requirements:

1. Complete nomination form.
 2. In addition to the nomination form, the nomination will consist of a one to two page statement stating why the chapter is deserving of the award and how they exemplify leadership, dedication, effort and passion for the fraternity/sorority experience and the community as a whole.
 3. The chapter nominee should have contributed significantly to the fraternity and sorority community and their respective council. They should be visibly supportive of the community and demonstrate willingness to volunteer time and energy to the efforts of creating a relevant fraternity and sorority experience at Virginia Tech.
 4. A review of the chapter's conduct record will be completed to make certain that they are in good standing with the University and had neither potential nor active conduct concerns during the time period considered for the nomination.
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President Name: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Chapter: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Advisor Signature: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Please check off which award this nomination is for (you can select multiple).

- Fraternity and Sorority Chapter of the Year
- Most Improved Chapter of the Year
- Outstanding New Member Education of the Year
- Outstanding Community Relations of the Year
- Outstanding Risk Management Program of the Year
- Outstanding Philanthropic Program of the Year
- Outstanding Community Service of the Year