

**2015 Standards of Excellence**

**Individual Achievement Awards**

**Individual Achievement Awards Information**

1. Chapter must have scored a minimum 60% on their Standards of Excellence Packet to be eligible for Individual Achievement Awards.
2. Chapters do not have to apply for individual achievement awards but are encouraged to do so.
3. Each individual achievement award application should include the cover letter provided and any additional information, statements, and references.
4. Organizations should consult with past chapter leadership and chapter advisors when completing the Individual Achievement Awards.
5. All members of the chapter are eligible for individual awards.
6. Individual Achievement Awards will be judged by an independent panel of judges outside of Fraternity and Sorority Life.
7. Each chapter may submit ONE application per award.
8. Make sure to use a PC when filling out this document. Microsoft Word forms do not work properly with Macs
9. Individual Awards Packet and all references must be submitted electronically to Phil McDaniel at pmcdanie@gmu.edu.
10. The Individual Awards winners will be announced at the Standards of Excellence Awards Ceremony on February 25th in Dewberry Hall.

**Individual Achievement Awards List**

* New Advisor & Committed Advisor Awards
* Outstanding New Member (one/council)
* Outstanding and Dedicated Community Member
* Council Member of the Year (one/council)
* Greek Man & Greek Woman of the Year
* Alana Melanie Williams Collaborative Spirit Award
* Community Service Program of the Year
* Philanthropic Program of the Year
* Educational Program of the Year

**Individual Achievement Awards are due on Friday, February 5th 2016 at Noon.**

**New Advisor & Committed Advisor**

**Chapter:** Select your chapter.

**Nominee Information**

**Advisor’s Name:** Click here to enter text. **Advisor’s E-mail:** Click here to enter text.

**Advisor’s Phone:** Click here to enter text. **Years as Advisor:** Click here to enter text.

**Fraternity/Sorority:** Select chapter. **Council Affiliation:** Select council.

**Award Information/Criteria**

This award is meant to honor the Fraternity and Sorority chapter advisor that provides service to his/her chapter, to individual members of the chapter and to the Greek community as a whole.

**Requirements for nomination:**

1. Advisor must be registered as the current advisor with Fraternity and Sorority Life.
2. Regularly attend chapter meetings.
3. Two awards will be presented in appreciation of an advisors work and service.
	1. New Advisor awarded to an advisor working with an organization for a semester to two years.
	2. Committed Advisor awarded to an advisor working with an organization for two years or more.

**Nomination Statement:**

On the following page, please explain how this advisor has helped your chapter and why your chapter feels that this advisor should receive this honor. Include how long they have been your advisor and what have they done to improve your chapter or help your individual members. In addition include how many times your advisor comes to chapter meetings/how many times you meet with your advisor a month in order to keep them properly informed about the status of your chapter. Please provide specific examples that are relevant. **Please limit your statement to one page.**

**New Advisor & Committed Advisor**

**Nomination Statement**

Click here to enter text.

**Outstanding New Member**

**Chapter:** Select your chapter.

**Nominee Information**

**Nominee:** Click here to enter text. **G#:** Click here to enter text.

**Phone:** Click here to enter text. **Email:** Click here to enter text.

**Fraternity/Sorority:** Select chapter. **Council Affiliation:** Select council.

**New Member Semester: Spring 2015** ☐ **OR Fall 2015** ☐

**Award Information/Criteria**

This award is presented to the fraternity and sorority new members that have distinguished themselves during their first year of membership. Chapters have the ability to nominate a new member who has been exceptional during their first year of membership through their participation in the organization, the Fraternity and Sorority community, and the Mason community.

**Requirements for nomination:**

1. New Member must have joined the organization during the 2015 calendar year.
2. New Member must be a currently enrolled student at George Mason University.
3. New Member must be in good academic and disciplinary standing with their organization and George Mason University.

**Statement:**

On the following page, please explain how this new member has made an impact on your organization, what has made them stand out, and why the chapter feels this member should receive the distinction of Outstanding New Member. Include the new member’s leadership involvement, program and event participation, and how they have gone above and beyond other new members in your organization. **Please limit your statement to one page.**

**Outstanding New Member**

**Nomination Statement**

Click here to enter text.

**Outstanding and Dedicated Community Member**

**Chapter:** Select your chapter.

**Nominee Information**

**Nominee:** Click here to enter text.

**Phone:** Click here to enter text. **Email:** Click here to enter text.

**Nominee’s Relationship to Organization:** Click here to enter text.

**Award Information/Criteria**

The nominee for this recognition award can be from the Mason or Fairfax community. The nominee should have been committed and involved in multiple events your chapter or the community has held or attended throughout the year. The nominator should have a positive relationship with this person and be able to articulate how the nominee has improved your organization or the Fraternity and Sorority Community.

**Requirements for nomination:**

1. Community member must have played an active role in creating positive change a better environment for an organization or the Fraternity and Sorority Community as a whole.

**Statement**

In a one page statement please describe the importance of this community member to your organization and the greater Fraternity and Sorority Community. Please describe in what way does this community member, whether a business or an individual, impacts your organization and beyond. How has this nominee improved the value of the Fraternity and Sorority community at George Mason?

**Outstanding and Dedicated Community Member**

**Nomination Statement**

Click here to enter text.

**Outstanding Council Member**

**Chapter:** Select your chapter.

**Nominee Information**

**Name:** Click here to enter text. **G#:** Click here to enter text.

**Phone:** Click here to enter text. **Email:** Click here to enter text.

**Year:** Click here to enter text. **Cumulative GPA:** Click here to enter text.

**Fraternity/Sorority:** Select chapter. **Council Affiliation:** Select council.

**Award Information/Criteria**

This award is presented to the Greek individual in each council that has distinguished her/himself over the past year as a council member – whether officer or active participant within the council.

**Requirements for Application:**

1. Member must have been an active member of their organization and their council during the 2015 calendar year.
2. Member must be a currently enrolled student at the time of application.
3. Member must be in good academic and disciplinary standing with their organization and George Mason University.

**Criteria Considered:**

1. Service to their council, the FSL community, their organization, and the George Mason community

**On the following page:**

Please answer the following questions in 300 words or less. Include specific examples in your response.

1. In what areas have you helped your council improve?
2. In what areas have you helped the Greek community improve?
3. Please describe your biggest accomplishment as a council member.

Please provide the following information:

1. List all Greek involvement and leadership positions held. (indicate years)
2. List all honors, awards, and scholarships received.
3. List all volunteer work and involvement in campus clubs and organizations.

**Recommendations**

Please submit two letters of recommendations for this award written by a chapter officer, chapter advisor, and/or a Mason faculty or staff member. Submit letters of recommendations electronically to pmcdanie@gmu.edu.

**Outstanding Council Member**

**Questions (answer in 300 words or less)**

**In what areas have you helped your council improve?**

Click here to enter text.

**In what areas have you helped the Greek community improve?**

Click here to enter text.

**Please describe your biggest accomplishment as a council member.**

Click here to enter text.

**Additional Information**

**List all Greek involvement and leadership positions held. Indicate Years**

Click here to enter text.

**List all honors, awards, and scholarships received.**

Click here to enter text.

**List all volunteer work and involvement in campus clubs and organizations.**

Click here to enter text.

**Outstanding Greek Man/Woman of the Year**

**Chapter:** Select your chapter.

**Nominee Information**

**Name:** Click here to enter text. **G#:** Click here to enter text.

**Phone:** Click here to enter text. **Email:** Click here to enter text.

**Council Affiliation:** Select council. **Fraternity/Sorority:** Select chapter.

**Semester& Year Initiated:** Click here to enter text. **Cumulative GPA:** Click here to enter text.

**Award Information/Criteria**

This award is presented to the Greek individual that has distinguished her/himself over the past year. The nominees must be graduating seniors from a sorority/fraternity.

**Requirements for Application:**

1. Member must have been an active member of their organization during the 2015 calendar year.
2. Member must be a currently enrolled student at the time of application.
3. Member must be in good academic and disciplinary standing with their organization and George Mason University.

**The following criteria which will be used in evaluating the credentials of the nominees:**

1. GPA and academic achievement
2. Service to their sorority/fraternity, the FSL community, and the George Mason community
3. Character and ideals

**On the following page:**

Please answer the following questions in 300 words or less. Include specific examples in your response.

1. In what areas have you helped your fraternity/sorority improve?
2. In what areas have you helped the Greek community improve?
3. Please describe your biggest accomplishment as a member of the Greek community?

Please provide the following information:

1. List all Greek involvement and leadership positions held (indicate years).
2. List all honors, awards, and scholarships received.
3. List all volunteer work and involvement in campus clubs and organizations.

**Recommendations**

Please submit two letters of recommendations for this award written by a chapter officer, chapter advisor, and/or a Mason faculty or staff member. Submit letters of recommendations electronically to pmcdanie@gmu.edu.

**Outstanding Greek Man/Woman of the Year**

 **Questions**

**In what areas have you helped your fraternity/sorority improve?**

Click here to enter text.

**In what areas have you helped the Greek community improve?**

Click here to enter text.

**Please describe your biggest accomplishment as a member of the Greek community.**

Click here to enter text.

**Additional Information**

**List all Greek involvement and leadership positions held (indicate years).**

Click here to enter text.

**List all honors, awards, and scholarships received.**

Click here to enter text.

**List all volunteer work and involvement in campus clubs and organizations.**

Click here to enter text.

**Alana Melanie Williams Collaborative Spirit Award**

**Chapter:** Select your chapter.

**Nominee Information – Individual Award**

**Name:** Click here to enter text. **G#:** Click here to enter text.

**Phone:** Click here to enter text. **Email:** Click here to enter text.

**Council Affiliation:** Select council. **Fraternity/Sorority:** Select chapter.

**Year in School:** Click here to enter text. **Cumulative GPA:** Click here to enter text.

**Award Information/Criteria**

This award will be selected by the chapter presidents and leaders of the community.

The award will recognize one individual and one chapter, for their collaborative efforts both within and outside of their respective affiliate councils.

Working together is how we will become stronger and continue to grow as a community.  We can only achieve this through collaboration, fellowship, and interfraternal cooperation. This award is in remembrance of Alana Melanie Williams, sister of Omicron Iota, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

**Criteria for Individual Consideration:**

1. Supports intra-council (within affiliate council) and interfraternal (outside of affiliate council) programs/initiatives
2. Initiates interfraternal collaborations
3. Must be in good standing with their affiliate chapter/council
4. Positively promotes chapters/councils outside of their respective affiliation

**Nomination Instructions:**

Please explain why you feel this individual supports and/or facilitates interfraternal collaboration. Additionally, how has this individual increased collaboration within the fraternity & sorority community. Please cite relevant examples. **Please limit your statement to one page.**

**References:**

Please provide two letters of support from collaborative organizations. Letters may only be obtained from either a chapter or council president. Submit letters of recommendations electronically to pmcdanie@gmu.edu.

**Alana Melanie Williams Collaborative Spirit Award**

**Nomination Statement – Individual Award**

Click here to enter text.

**Alana Melanie Williams Collaborative Spirit Award**

**Chapter:** Select your chapter.

**Nominee Information – Chapter Award**

**Fraternity/Sorority:** Select chapter. **Council Affiliation:** Select council.

**Award Information/Criteria**

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The award will recognize one individual and one chapter, for their collaborative efforts both within and outside of their respective affiliate councils.

Working together is how we will become stronger and continue to grow as a community.  We can only achieve this through collaboration, fellowship, and interfraternal cooperation. This award is in remembrance of Alana Melanie Williams, sister of Omicron Iota, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated.

**Criteria for Chapter Consideration:**

1. Supports intra-council (within affiliate council) and interfraternal (outside of affiliate council) programs/initiatives
2. Initiates interfraternal collaborations
3. Must be in good standing with their respective affiliate council and George Mason University.

**Nomination Instructions:**

Please explain why you feel this chapter supports and/or facilitates interfraternal collaboration. Additionally, how has this chapter increased collaboration within the fraternity & sorority community? Please cite relevant examples. **Please limit your statement to one page.**

**References:**

Please provide two letters of support from collaborative organizations. Letters may only be obtained from either a chapter or council president. Submit letters of recommendations electronically to pmcdanie@gmu.edu.

**Alana Melanie Williams Collaborative Spirit Award**

**Nomination Statement – Chapter Award**

Click here to enter text.

**Community Service Program of the Year**

**Chapter:** Select your chapter.

**Nominee Information**

**Fraternity/Sorority:** Select chapter. **Council Affiliation:** Select council.

**Name of Program:** Click here to enter text. **Benefactors Name:** Click here to enter text.

**Date & Location of Program:** Click here to enter text. **Service Hours Donated** Click here to enter text.

**Award Information/Criteria**

The purpose of this award is to recognize a creative, unique, and successful community service program that was planned and run by the chapter(s) during 2015. For this award, community service is defined as “volunteer work done for free in order to give back to the community” *(yourdictionary.com)* and “voluntary work, intended to be for the common good, usually done as part of an organized scheme” *(dictionary.com)*. Community service is different from philanthropic work.

On the following page, please elaborate on why your chapter feels the program is deserving of this award. Be sure to include how this program impacted the chapter members, the benefitting organization, the fraternity and sorority community, and the George Mason University community. **Please limit your statement to one page.**

**Community Service Program of the Year**

**Nomination Statement**

Click here to enter text.

**Philanthropic Program of the Year**

**Chapter:** Select your chapter.

**Nominee Information**

**Fraternity/Sorority:** Select chapter. **Council Affiliation:** Select council.

**Name of Program:** Click here to enter text. **Benefactors Name:** Click here to enter text.

**Date & Location of Program:** Click here to enter text. **Money/Goods Raised:** Click here to enter text.

**Award Information/Criteria**

The purpose of this award is to recognize a creative, unique, and successful philanthropic program that was planned and run by the chapter(s) during 2015. For this award, philanthropic/philanthropy is defined as “the effort or inclination to increase the well-being of humankind, as by charitable aid or donations” (*American Heritage Dictionary*) and “seeking to promote the welfare of others, esp. by donating money/goods to good causes” (*google.com*).

On the following page, please elaborate on why your chapter feels the program is deserving of this award. Be sure to include how this program impacted the chapter members, the benefitting organization, the fraternity and sorority community, and the George Mason University community. **Please limit your statement to one page.**

**Philanthropic Program of the Year**

**Nomination Statement**

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**Educational Program of the Year**

**Chapter:** Select your chapter.

**Nominee Information**

**Fraternity/Sorority:** Select chapter. **Council Affiliation:** Select council.

**Name of Program:** Click here to enter text.

**Date & Location of Program:** Click here to enter text.

**Award Information/Criteria**

The purpose of this award is to recognize a creative, unique, and successful educational program that was planned and run by the chapter(s) during 2015. For this award, an educational program is defined as a program that accomplished one or more of the following objectives: stressed the importance of scholarship/academics, introduced thought-provoking topics, involved participants in active learning, or promoted the development of its attendees.

On the following page, please elaborate on why your chapter feels the program is deserving of this award. Be sure to include how this program impacted the chapter members, program attendees, the fraternity and sorority community, and the George Mason University community. **Please limit your statement to one page.**

**Educational Program of the Year**

**Nomination Statement**

Click here to enter text.