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2015 STANDARDS OF EXCELLENCE AWARDS BANQUET HELD TO RECOGNIZE OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE BY
FAU FRATERNITIES AND SORORITIES
A total of 56 Individual and Chapter Awards given

On Wednesday, February 25, the Office of Student Involvement at Florida Atlantic University hosted the annual Standards of Excellence Awards Banquet to honor fraternity and sorority chapters for outstanding performances in eight categories and announce individual award winners in six categories. One chapter from each of the four councils, the College Panhellenic Association (CPA), Interfraternity Council (IFC), National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), and Multicultural Greek Council (MGC), was also named Chapter of the Year. The following awards were given:

Individual Excellence Awards

New Member of the Year

Jennifer Sirotkin, Phi Mu (CPA)
Felix Hartmann, Alpha Tau Omega (IFC)
Jake Birkhahn, Sigma Phi Epsilon (IFC)
Francine Coker, Sigma Gamma Rho (NPHC)

Advisor of the Year

Jennifer Tims, Alpha Kappa Alpha (NPHC)

Staff Member of the Year

Kyle Johnson, Student Union

Chapter President of the Year

Alex O'Leary, Sigma Phi Epsilon (IFC)
Morgan Donnelly, Alpha Xi Delta (CPA)

Greek Man of the Year

Scott Jackson, Alpha Tau Omega (IFC)

Greek Woman of the Year

Cassie Smith, Alpha Xi Delta (CPA)

Greek Hall of Fame

1. Thomas DeMaio, Delta Tau Delta (IFC)
2. Cora Johnson, Sigma Kappa (CPA)
3. Justin Lewis, Alpha Nu Omega Fraternity, Inc. (MGC)
4. Stephanie Marte, Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Inc. (MGC)
5. Sherrika Mitchell, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. (NPHC)
6. Kate Morgan, Delta Phi Epsilon (CPA)
7. Katie Morris, Delta Phi Epsilon (CPA)
8. Aneal Ramkissoon, Phi Delta Theta (IFC)
9. Mylah Robinson, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. (NPHC)

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10. Allie Wessel, Alpha Xi Delta (CPA)

Chapter Excellence Awards:

Academic Excellence

CPA: Alpha Delta Pi

IFC: Alpha Tau Omega

MGC: Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority, Inc.

NPHC: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Member Education Excellence

CPA: Phi Mu

IFC: Sigma Phi Epsilon

MGC: Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Inc.

NPHC: Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.

Leadership Excellence

CPA: Alpha Xi Delta

IFC: Phi Delta Theta

MGC: Alpha Psi Lambda National Fraternity, Inc.

NPHC: Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.

Greek Relations Excellence

CPA: Delta Phi Epsilon

IFC: Alpha Epsilon Pi

MGC: Alpha Psi Lambda National Fraternity, Inc.

NPHC: Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

Community Service Excellence

CPA: Alpha Delta Pi

IFC: Sigma Phi Epsilon

MGC: Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority, Inc.

NPHC: Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.

Philanthropy Excellence

CPA: Alpha Xi Delta

IFC: Alpha Tau Omega

MGC: Lambda Theta Alpha Sorority, Inc.

NPHC: Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

Living Your Ritual Excellence

CPA: Phi Mu

IFC: Phi Delta Theta

MGC: Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority, Inc.

NPHC: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Brotherhood/Sisterhood Excellence

CPA: Theta Phi Alpha

IFC: Sigma Chi

MGC: Alpha Nu Omega Fraternity, Inc.

NPHC: Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

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The event had approximately 200 guests in attendance including students, chapter advisors and Standards of Excellence judges. In addition to the announcement of award winners, the program also included a keynote speech by Allison Foster, the director of Student Leadership & Civic Engagement at Nova Southeastern University.

Standards of Excellence guidelines were released in October 2014 for chapters to begin working on compiling information. Written packets were due in mid-January, followed by presentations in late January. A panel of 24 judges was selected, consisting of professional staff and graduate students from around the Division of Student Affairs, to read packets, observe presentations and evaluate chapter performances.

Standards of Excellence based the 2015 award winners on performance, activity and reporting for the 2014 calendar year.

The Florida Atlantic University Fraternity & Sorority Community currently consists of 28 chapters under four governing councils. At the end of fall 2014, there were 1,414 active members. For questions regarding the awards please contact Elaine Jahnsen, assistant director of Student Involvement for Fraternity and Sorority Life at ejahnse1@fau.edu or 561-297-3269.