

## Mountaineer Fraternal Awards

The Mountaineer Fraternal Awards program provides recognition for fraternal organizations excelling in areas of highest priority to the success of sororities and fraternities at West Virginia University. This assessment focuses on the five core values of the Center for Fraternal Values & Leadership at WVU: Scholarship, Service & Philanthropy, Strengthening Fraternal Bonds, Leadership, and Inclusive Excellence. Each of these values is intrinsically linked to the institutional values of West Virginia University (Curiosity, Service, Appreciation, Accountability, and Respect).

The Mountaineer Fraternal Awards program is voluntary.

## Eligibility

All organizations recognized by the Center for Fraternal Values & Leadership (social/general, professional, academic, honorary, service, and/or special-interest organizations) are eligible and encouraged to apply for recognition.

## Award Types & Descriptions

There are two types of awards given annually through the Mountaineer Fraternal Awards program: composite and individual.

### **CFVL Values Awards**

Composite awards recognize the collective organization. Specifically, the CFVL Values Awards recognize outstanding achievement in both our Center's values and the values of West Virginia University

**CFVL Values Awards** –Excellence Awards recognize a chapter who has achieved a high level of excellence in a specific category:

- Excellence in Scholarship (Curiosity)
- Excellence in Service and Philanthropy (Service)
- Excellence in Strengthening Fraternal Bonds (Appreciation)
- Excellence in Recruitment/Intake (Appreciation)
- Excellence in Leadership Development (Accountability)
- Excellence in Risk Management (Accountability)
- Excellence in Chapter Engagement (Accountability)
- Excellence in Chapter Management (Accountability)
- Excellence in Inclusive Excellence (Respect)
- Excellence in Social Media (Respect)

**Arista Awards of Distinction**– The Arista Awards of Distinction (Arista Cup) are the highest honor bestowed upon one chapter of each council per year.

## **Individual Awards**

Individual Awards are presented each year to community members who have demonstrated outstanding achievements either as an officer, leader or volunteer for the Fraternity & Sorority Community and the University. Chapters will submit separate applications for Individual Awards during the Spring Semester, and can submit multiple applications for each award, if applicable.

Below is a list of the Individual Awards currently available for nomination:

### **Greeks of Distinction**

These awards are presented annually to Greek students who are distinguished beyond their peers in all areas of Fraternity & Sorority Life, including academics, service, social involvement, unity, dedication, leadership, and community involvement. This recognition is the highest individual honor an undergraduate Greek student can achieve in Fraternity & Sorority Life. Recipients will identify how the award is bestowed based on their identity (e.g. Greek Man of the Year, Greek Person of the Year, Greek Woman of the Year).

### **Chapter President of the Year**

These influential student leaders have gone above and beyond to improve both their individual chapter and the Fraternity & Sorority Community. This man or woman will have demonstrated worthiness in overcoming great odds or in pushing their chapter to new heights. This will be awarded per governing council.

### **Chapter Officer of the Year**

This student leader has performed above and beyond the call of duty as a chapter officer. The recipient must be nominated by his or her chapter and has served as an executive officer of his or her organization. This will be awarded per governing council.

### **Council Member of the Year**

These dedicated student leaders have gone above and beyond to serve their Council and leave a lasting impact on the Fraternity & Sorority Community. This man or woman will have demonstrated worthiness in taking their position or Council to new heights. Applicants must have served in an elected or appointed position on the Collegiate Panhellenic Association, National Pan-Hellenic Council, Interfraternity Council, Professional Greek Council or Multicultural Greek Council. This will be awarded per governing council.

### **Rising Star of the Year**

This award is presented annually to the Greek underclassman man or woman who has shown great leadership potential in their chapter or Council. They have shown initiative, leadership, and dedication regardless of role in chapter and have inspired others with their desire to better the Fraternity & Sorority Community.

### **Community Pillar Award**

This award is presented annually to a fraternity man or sorority woman who exemplifies a high standard of leadership through service to student organizations, the greater university community, or surrounding Morgantown area. This student should hold positions of great influence and strive to provide his or her fellow WVU students with selfless service.

### **Advisor of the Year**

The Advisor of the Year Award recognizes the efforts of the volunteers that give of their time and talents to our chapters and the Fraternity & Sorority Community. Chapter advisors, alumni/ae advisors (e.g. Recruitment Advisor, Risk Management Advisor, etc.), and House Directors are eligible for nomination in this category.

### **Faculty/Staff Mentor of the Year**

The Faculty/Staff Mentor of the Year Award recognizes the efforts of the faculty/staff members that give of their time and talents to our chapters and the Fraternity & Sorority Community.

### **Micaela A. Isler Headquarters Partner of the Year**

The Headquarters Partner of the Year Award recognizes the efforts of a member of a headquarters staff to provide a positive partnership between their organization, their chapter, and West Virginia University. Leadership Consultants/Field Staff, Volunteer Officers, and Full Time Employees of an Organization are eligible for nomination. The award is named after Micaela A. Isler, National President of Alpha Xi Delta Sorority, for her service to WVU during the 2018 "Reaching the Summit: Plan for Excellence in Fraternity & Sorority Life" initiative.

### **Award for Meritorious Service**

In special circumstances, alumni, administrators or students may be recognized with the Award for Meritorious Service, acknowledging their selfless service to the promotion of the fraternity and sorority community at WVU and beyond.

## **Submission Information**

The submission for the Mountaineer Fraternal Awards should be directly submitted to the Center electronically. Please email your submissions to [GreekLife@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:GreekLife@mail.wvu.edu).

## **Submission Instructions & Deadline**

The following are items to consider when submitting your Mountaineer Fraternal Award of Distinction application:

- ✓ Documentation must be submitted to [GreekLife@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:GreekLife@mail.wvu.edu)
- ✓ Please summarize what awards you are applying for and provide supporting documentation
- ✓ Examples of supporting documents are meeting minutes or agendas, thank you letters, photos, news articles, printed programs, program fliers, program evaluations, screen shots, and so on. There are no standard documentation forms provided, so creativity is encouraged!
- ✓ Documentation must provide evidence that programs were planned and implemented
- ✓ For individual nominations, please provide a justification as to why a particular person is deserving of recognition. You may wish to include letters of support from peers, advisors, faculty members, etc.
- ✓ One event or program may be used to satisfy multiple nominations
- ✓ Chapters are encouraged to review their submission materials with a member of the Center's Staff prior to the deadline

The award deadline annually will be **the first Friday in April by Noon**. No late applications will be accepted.