2021 AWARDS PRESENTATION

EVENING OF THE STARS

MAY THE 4TH, 2021
PROGRAM

OPENING REMARKS
Soncia Reagins-Lilly
Vice President for Student Affairs
and Dean of Students

RECOGNITION OF SCHOLARSHIPS AND INDIVIDUAL AWARDS
Maralyn Heimlich Scholarship
Tejas Scholarship
Dean’s Dozen Award
Glenn Maloney Memorial Scholarship
Sean N. Bourgeois Memorial Endowed Scholarship
Theodore Henry Strauss Student Award for Exemplary University Service
UT Student Government & University Co-Op Rebecca H. Carreon Scholarship
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Sorority and Fraternity Life Individual Awards

PRESENTATION OF STUDENT ORGANIZATION AWARDS
Sorority and Fraternity Life Chapter and Council Awards
Pillars of the Forty Acres
Pillars of the Forty Acres Monetary Drawing with Special Guest
Swing Out Awards

CLOSING REMARKS
MARALYN HEIMLICH SCHOLARSHIP
This scholarship is given in memory of Maralyn S. Heimlich, who served students at the University of Texas at Austin for more than twenty years. For the last eleven years of her service, she directed the orientation program for new students and was responsible for the training and teaching of the student staff and Orientation Advisors (OAs). Maralyn was a teacher, mentor, and friend to the OA staff who served as a professional role model by demonstrating respect and care in the way she performed her job duties and lived her life. It is these attributes and values we seek to honor and recognize in scholarship recipients.

2021 RECIPIENTS
Justin Gonzales, Kevin Hoang, Isaac James, Indya McKnight, Lawrence Robinson, Annie You

TEJAS SCHOLARSHIP
Through the Tejas Club, members live a more complete life by sharing their personalities, abilities, and commitment to good fellowship and a high standard of conduct in order to encourage loyalty and usefulness to our school and further good scholarship. This scholarship recognizes members whose service to UT Austin, the Tejas Club, and the Austin community best demonstrates the application of these ideals.

2021 RECIPIENTS

DEAN’S DOZEN AWARD
The Dean’s Dozen Award recognizes twelve students for their service to programs or departments within the Office of the Dean of Students, and for positive contributions they have made to our campus community. The Dean’s Dozen Award celebrates graduating seniors, masters or doctoral students who are committed to and involved in enhancing the quality of The University of Texas at Austin student experience.

2021 RECIPIENTS
Christina Baze, Christopher Burnett, Anjali Dalwadi, Eboneigh Harris, Shelby Griffin, Lindsey Hoyer, Winston Hung, Anagha Kikkeri, Michelle Lopez, Brianna McBride, Alcess Nonot, Tuka Uzo

GLENN MALONEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
This scholarship is given in memory of Glenn W. Maloney. Glenn served The University of Texas at Austin for 19 years, the last seven as Associate Dean of Students. The Glenn Maloney Memorial Scholarship was established to remember Glenn’s countless contributions to UT Austin and to recognize the students he loved. Through this scholarship, Glenn’s enduring legacy is to continue helping the students whose lives he enriched.

2021 RECIPIENTS
Neha Irrinki, Malik Julien, Avery Little, Brooke Reaves, Adam Wesevich
SEAN N. BOURGEOS MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP
Established in honor of former Longhorn Hellraiser and engineering student, Sean N. Bourgeois, the Sean N. Bourgeois Memorial Endowed Scholarship recognizes a deserving student at The University of Texas at Austin who exemplifies qualities exuded by Sean: university spirit and campus involvement.

2021 RECIPIENTS
Kathryn Hudack, David Spitler

THEODORE HENRY STRAUSS STUDENT AWARD FOR EXEMPLARY UNIVERSITY SERVICE
The Strauss Student Award recognizes members of the Friar Society who have made significant contributions to the university through campus-wide activities.

2021 RECIPIENTS
Brianna McBride

UT STUDENT GOVERNMENT & UNIVERSITY CO-OP REBECCA H. CARREON SCHOLARSHIP
The UT Student Government & University Co-Op Rebecca H. Carreon Scholarship is for current students who have contributed to the University community and have financial need.

2021 RECIPIENTS
Jorge Cervantes, Abigail Chandler, Serline dos Santos Coelho, Lauren Cortez, Emma Hetrick, Lauren McKinney, Marilyn Nwora, Mmesomachukwu Onuoha, Eva Patel, Clara Tran, Parth Upadhyay

UT SENATE OF COLLEGE COUNCILS’ WILLIAM POWERS JR. ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP
As president of The University of Texas at Austin, Bill Powers oversaw a record-breaking capital campaign and defended and bolstered UT’s role as a world-class institution. In his honor, the Senate of College Councils’ William Powers Jr. Endowed Scholarship fund was created. Selected recipients have demonstrated academic excellence and leadership abilities.

2021 RECIPIENTS
Williamena Granger, Austin Martinez, Ivonee Martinez, Maykel Pena

SORORITY AND FRATERNITY LIFE HYPERION AWARD
In Greek mythology, Hyperion was known as the “Titan of Light,” similarly these sorority and fraternity members are lights in their community. The Hyperion Award recognizes individuals committed to serving and improving the sorority and fraternity community. Their accomplishments are wide ranging and each recipient has made a unique and important contribution to their chapter, council, and university community. This year’s recipients include chapter presidents, council officers, and individuals involved in university-wide service.

2021 RECIPIENTS
Marco Cardenas, Omega Delta Phi Fraternity, Inc.
Lauryn Cornish, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Shanell Henry, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.
Catherine Holley, Pi Beta Phi
(recipients continued on the following page)
SORORITY AND FRATERNITY LIFE INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

OUTSTANDING SERVICE AND PHILANTHROPY AWARD
The Outstanding Service and Philanthropy Award seeks to recognize individuals who are committed to engaging in hands-on service and philanthropy to create tangible support and awareness towards a specific cause.

Lindsay Creasmen, Delta Gamma

SCHOLASTIC EXCELLENCE AWARD
The Scholastic Excellence Award recognizes individuals who have achieved excellence in both their academic and scholastic pursuits. The recipients not only excel academically in the classroom but also enrich their learning through internships, research, or independent projects.

Pearlyn Ang, alpha Kappa Delta Phi

OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AWARD
The Outstanding Leadership Award seeks to recognize an individual who exemplifies leadership within their organization and within the UT Austin community and positively represents the sorority and fraternity community through these involvements. This leader should demonstrate strong character, the ability to motivate, problem solve, communicate, and creates supportive environments for others.

David Kelly, Beta Theta Pi
Chidera Nwaiwu, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

EMERGING LEADER AWARD
The Emerging Leader Award seeks to recognize a fraternity and sorority member in their first year of membership who has shown great potential for future leadership through their contributions to their chapter, sorority and fraternity community, and the university.

Sara Cain, Delta Gamma
Joyce Ortega, Pi Lambda Chi Latina Sorority, Inc.

LIVING YOUR VALUES AWARD
As members of values-based organizations, the Living Your Values Award seeks to recognize a sorority or fraternity member who exhibits and upholds their organizational values, purpose, ritual, and mission through their everyday actions. This member is a person that everyone is proud to consider a member of their organization and challenges other chapter members to also uphold the organization’s values.

Carlyn Crow, Alpha Chi Omega
Griffin Sanchez, Phi Delta Theta
OUTSTANDING CHAPTER PRESIDENT AWARD
The Outstanding Chapter President Award is awarded to chapter presidents who served their chapter during the 2020 calendar year and demonstrated strong chapter leadership, the ability to motivate others, strong character, and high ideals. This person is a role model to others and has made their chapter stronger during their time in office.

Noah Gipson, Phi Delta Theta
Katherine Lopez, Sigma Delta Lambda Sorority, Inc.

OUTSTANDING ADVISOR OR VOLUNTEER
The Outstanding Advisor or Volunteer Award recognizes an individual who serves a Greek organization on a volunteer capacity. A role model for the organization and it’s members, this person displays hard work and dedication toward helping the chapter, it’s members, and the greater Sorority & Fraternity Community.

Russ Keene, Phi Kappa Alpha
Briana Novian, Delta Gamma

MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD
The Member of the Year Award seeks to highlight the outstanding contributions of a fraternity or sorority member. This student exemplifies the mission, values, and purpose of their own organization and have made a significant impact in the sorority and fraternity community overall.

Carlyn Crow, Alpha Chi Omega

SORORITY AND FRATERNITY LIFE CHAPTER AND COUNCIL AWARDS

RISK MANAGEMENT AND SAFETY COUNCIL AWARD
The Council Risk Management and Safety Award is presented to a council that has established an effective program or implemented initiatives that educates members on how to mitigate risks, develops a culture of responsible decision making and accountability, and promotes member safety within their council. This award includes a $300 prize supported by the Transforming Texas Greeks fund.

University Panhellenic Council

COUNCIL OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY BUILDING AWARD
The Outstanding Community Building Award is presented to a council who successfully creates a strong sense of community connection among members of its chapters. The council demonstrates that membership involves collaboration and community beyond the chapter level.

Texas Asian Pan-Hellenic Council

COUNCIL COMMITMENT TO CULTURAL CONSCIOUSNESS AWARD
The Commitment to Cultural Consciousness Award is presented to a council who actively promotes, sponsors and/or participates in programming and activities related to diversity, multiculturalism, and/or social justice. The council encompasses an inclusive and welcoming environment that is enhanced by persons who differ in gender, race, ethnicity, national origin, age, socio-economic background, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, and religious belief.

University Panhellenic Council
CHAPTER COMMITMENT TO CULTURAL CONSCIOUSNESS AWARD
The Commitment to Cultural Consciousness Award is presented to a council who actively promotes, sponsors and/or participates in programming and activities related to diversity, multiculturalism, and/or social justice. Diversity at The University of Texas at Austin encompasses an inclusive and welcoming environment that is enhanced by persons who differ in gender, race, ethnicity, national origin, age, socio-economic background, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, and religious belief.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Kappa Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.
Zeta Tau Alpha

CHAPTER SERVICE AND PHILANTHROPY AWARD
The Outstanding Service and Philanthropy Award recognizes a chapter that successfully engages their community to participate in hands-on service or in philanthropic efforts to support their chosen non-profit organization. This award is given to the chapter that has demonstrated excellence in providing service opportunities or establishing a commitment to philanthropic causes.

Alpha Kappa Delta Phi
Alpha Phi
Kappa Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.
Sigma Delta Lambda Sorority, Inc.

CHAPTER SCHOLASTIC EXCELLENCE AWARD
The Scholastic Excellence Award recognizes chapters that exhibit high academic achievement and promotes scholarship for their members. Chapters should foster an environment that positively promotes learning both in and out of the classroom for members. Chapters should encourage members to seek connections with professors, utilize academic support resources, and develop academic mentorship among members.

Alpha Delta Pi
Kappa Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.
Sigma Delta Lambda Sorority, Inc.

CHAPTER OUTSTANDING NEW MEMBER PROGRAM AWARD
The Outstanding New Member Program Award seeks to recognize a chapter that provides outstanding education to their new members and prepares them for membership and future success. The award recognizes programs that educate their new members on the values of the organization, creates relationships within the chapter and the community, teaches safe and responsible practices, encourages leadership, and ensures an understanding of chapter operations.

Alpha Delta Pi
Kappa Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.
Sigma Lambda Alpha Sorority, Inc.

CHAPTER EXCELLENCE IN SUSTAINABILITY AWARD
The Excellence in Sustainability Award is presented to a chapter that successfully engages their members in sustainable actions and sustainability education. This award is given to the chapter that has demonstrated excellence in their community engagement with sustainability, commitment to a sustainable lifestyle, and a consistent drive to continuing sustainable habits by their organization and their members.

Zeta Tau Alpha
CHAPTER RISK MANAGEMENT AND SAFETY AWARD
The Risk Management and Safety Award is presented to a chapter that has established an effective program or implemented new initiatives that educates members on how to mitigate risks, develops a culture of responsible decision making and accountability, and promotes member safety within their chapter. This award includes a $300 prize supported by the Transforming Texas Greeks fund.

Delta Gamma
Theta Chi
Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority, Inc.

CHAPTER OUTSTANDING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM
The Chapter Outstanding Educational Programming Award is presented to a chapter who identifies and provides relevant educational programming to their members. Educational programs may cover any topic that the chapter has identified as a priority and need for their members.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
Delta Delta Delta
Kappa Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.

CHAPTER OUTSTANDING INNOVATION IN VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING
The Chapter Outstanding Innovation in Virtual Programming Award recognizes a chapter that develops or adapts a programmatic initiative to a virtual, hybrid or an asynchronous format. Programs may cover any topic, on any platform or format that meets the rapidly changing needs of their members.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
alpha Kappa Delta Phi
Alpha Xi Delta
Beta Theta Pi
Phi Kappa Psi

CHAPTER OUTSTANDING SIBLINGHOOD AWARD
The Chapter Siblinghood Award recognizes a chapter that successfully creates a strong sense of siblinghood. Strong siblinghood looks different in every chapter but always includes a sense of connection, care, and belonging among members.

Kappa Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.
Pi Lambda Chi Latina Sorority, Inc.
Zeta Tau Alpha

CHAPTER OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS AWARD
The Chapter Outstanding Community Relationships Award recognizes a chapter that establishes meaningful relationships with community members and service groups, effectively communicates their goals and achievements with multiple stakeholders, and is engaged in the larger sorority and fraternity community through partnerships and collaborations with other organizations.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Zeta Tau Alpha
CHAPTER EXCELLENCE IN RETENTION, RECRUITMENT, AND INTAKE AWARD
The Chapter Excellence in Retention, Recruitment, and Intake Award recognizes a chapter that recruits and retains members in a values congruent way and has experienced success in these areas from previous cycles.

Alpha Sigma Rho Sorority, Inc.
Pi Lambda Chi Latina Sorority, Inc.
Zeta Tau Alpha

CHAPTER OF THE YEAR AWARD
The Outstanding Chapter of the Year Award seeks to highlight the outstanding contributions of a sorority or fraternity chapter in The University of Texas at Austin Sorority and Fraternity Community. This chapter exemplifies the mission, values and purpose of their own organization and have made a significant impact in the sorority and fraternity community overall.

Kappa Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.
Pi Lambda Chi Latina Sorority, Inc.
Zeta Tau Alpha

PILLARS OF THE FORTY ACRES
The Pillars of the Forty Acres was created to highlight the missions and activities of student organizations that exemplify the Core Values of The University of Texas at Austin. Student organizations demonstrate the importance of co-curricular involvement and provide opportunities for students to learn beyond the classroom. Student organizations host guest speakers, devote time to community service and create programs that bring cultures from around the world to the Forty Acres. Through the Pillars of the Forty Acres, the Office of the Dean of Students recognizes student organizations whose activities embody the Core Values of Learning, Discovery, Freedom, Leadership, Individual Opportunity and Responsibility. There are two levels of recognition status: Distinguished and Exemplary. To achieve Distinguished Status, an organization must complete six points in one Core Value category. To achieve Exemplary Status, an organization must achieve Distinguished Status in five of the six Core Value categories.

2021 Pillars of the Forty Acres Distinguished Status Recipients

Learning
Alpha Epsilon Delta - Pre-Health Honor Society | Camp Kesem at The University of Texas at Austin | Campus Environmental Center | Ismaili Muslim Students Association | Sigma Delta Lambda Sorority, Inc. | Texas Ballroom | The Project

Discovery
Alpha Epsilon Delta - Pre-Health Honor Society | American Medical Student Association – Pre-med | Asian Business Students Association | Camp Kesem at The University of Texas at Austin | Campus Environmental Center | Future Doctors of America | Hindu Students Association | Ismaili Muslim Students Association | Sigma Delta Lambda Sorority, Inc. | Texas Ballroom | The Project

Freedom
Future Doctors of America | Sigma Delta Lambda Sorority, Inc. | Texas Ballroom

Leadership
Alpha Epsilon Delta - Pre-Health Honor Society | American Medical Student Association – Pre-med | Apricity Magazine | Asian Business Students Association | Austin Conservation Project at The University of Texas at Austin | Camp Kesem at The University of Texas at Austin | Campus Environmental Center | Friends of MSF at UT Austin | Humanity First | Ismaili Muslim Students Association | Lang Stuttering Institute Student Leadership Organization | National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) On Campus at The University of Texas at Austin | SCORE Athletics | Sigma Delta Lambda Sorority, Inc. | Texas Ballroom | Texas Pre-Dental Society | Texas Wranglers | The Project
SWING OUT AWARDS

The Swing Out tradition began in 1922 as a ceremony to honor outstanding women students on campus and to pass on UT Austin traditions from one generation to the next. Cap and Gown, a senior women’s organization, originally sponsored the Swing Out Awards, which became an annual tradition as part of the University Senior Week. The ceremony was extended to honor men’s and coed organizations in 1955. Swing Out remained a campus tradition for recognizing student leaders and a symbolic gesture of transferring leadership from one class to the next until 1963.

In 1991, the University of Texas Leadership Board (UTLB), a student organization sponsored by the Office of the Dean of Students, revitalized the tradition, broadening the scope of the Swing Out Awards to include all student organizations on campus.

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Today, Student Activities continues to support the tradition of the Swing Out Awards to honor outstanding student organizations and the students who drive them, for their commitment, leadership, and excellence at The University of Texas at Austin.

2021 SWING OUT AWARDS FINALISTS

Primary Categories

BEST ACADEMIC/DEPARTMENTAL ORGANIZATION
This award is for an organization founded within an academic or departmental community. It is given to an organization that goes above and beyond to contribute to their academic community and overcome challenges inherent in an academic setting. This organization utilizes their resources to promote educational success.

Texas Nutrition at The University of Texas at Austin

BEST ARTISTIC ORGANIZATION
This award is for an organization dedicated to artistic expression. It is given to an organization that positively impacts members, the UT Austin community and the greater Austin community through artistic programs. This organization effectively showcases its creativity throughout the coordination of artistic programs.

Hindu Students Association
Nritya Sangam Indian Dance Troupe
Texas Ballroom

BEST CULTURAL ORGANIZATION
This award is for an organization founded within a cultural community. It is given to an organization that works to promote awareness and education about the culture(s) it represents to the UT Austin community. This organization advocates for cultural appreciation among all people and enriches the cultural experiences of its audience.

Asian Business Students Association
Hindu Students Association
Ismaili Muslim Students Association

BEST POLITICAL/ACTIVIST ORGANIZATION
This award is for an organization founded within a political or activist community. It is given to an organization that educates others about the issues(s) that it stands for and advocates tirelessly for its cause(s). This organization effectively organizes and engages the UT Austin community in their cause(s).

Longhorn Alliance for Refugees and Asylees (LARA)
National Alliance on Mental Illness On Campus at The University of Texas at Austin
TX Votes

BEST PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION
This award is for an organization that focuses on professional vocation. It is given to an organization that encourages networking with professionals in the members’ field and offers opportunities that will contribute to the members’ success after graduation. This organization teaches members useful skills that will translate well into a professional career.

American Medical Student Association – Pre-med
Asian Business Students Association
Association for Women in STEM at UT Austin
Austin Chapter of SIAM
BEST RECREATIONAL ORGANIZATION
This award is given to an organization that promotes and provides recreational outlets for members. This organization offers the UT Austin community a unique and impactful experience through recreation.

- Hispanic Business Student Association
- SCORE Athletics
- Texas Ballroom

BEST SERVICE ORGANIZATION
This award is for an organization dedicated to service. It is given to an organization that positively impacts its members, the UT Austin community, and the greater Austin community through programs and service opportunities. This organization coordinates projects that have a significant impact on both the communities it serves and its members.

- American Medical Student Association – Pre-med
- Asian Business Students Association
- Texas Spirits

BEST SOCIAL ORGANIZATION
This award is given to an organization that promotes both camaraderie among members as well as social unity on the UT Austin campus. This organization provides social opportunities that foster community and contribute to the development of leadership within members.

- American Medical Student Association – Pre-med
- Asian Business Students Association
- Hindu Students Association

BEST SPIRIT ORGANIZATION
This award is given to an organization that brings spirit to the UT Austin campus on a regular basis and strives to improve areas where UT Austin spirit is lacking. This organization brings out and enhances the school spirit in UT students.

- Texas Silver Spurs
- Texas Spirits

Special Categories

BEST NEW ORGANIZATION
This award is given to an organization that has brought a new and important community the University of Texas at Austin that did not exist before. The organization must have been founded within the past two years. This organization has overcome obstacles in early stages of development and has a strong plan to ensure their organization is sustainable and continues to grow on campus.

- Advancing Campus Technology
- Engineering LGBQTies

BEST GRADUATE ORGANIZATION
This award is given to an organization that works to have a positive impact on its members and broader graduate student community. This organization uses their resources to promote the academic success and beneficial out-of-class experiences of graduate students. *Eligibility: To be eligible for the Best Graduate Organization award, 51% of the organization’s active members must be graduate students

- Association for Women in STEM at UT Austin
- Austin Chapter of SIAM
- Black Graduate Business Association
MOST IMPROVED ORGANIZATION
This award is for an organization that has shown tremendous improvement in the past year. It is given to an organization that recognized the areas where improvement was most needed and worked to make changes to better fulfill its goals.

Asian Business Students Association
Black Graduate Student Association
Future Doctors of America

HEALTHIEST ORGANIZATION
This award is for an organization that creates a social environment that helps members be active and healthy. This organization is a leader in providing enjoyable programming that establishes healthy activities as a core part of having an outstanding Longhorn experience.

Hindu Students Association
Texas Ballroom

OUTSTANDING ADVISOR
This award is for an organization advisor who has gone above and beyond the call of their duties with the organization. It is given to an advisor who exhibits outstanding qualities and provides vital services for the organization. This advisor exceeds expectations on all fronts and is nominated by the organization with which they work.

Dean Brent Iverson, Camp Kesem at the University of Texas at Austin
Chad Zimmerman, Texas Ballroom
Mika Romo-Ortega, The Project

MOST OUTSTANDING STUDENT ORGANIZATION
This award is given to one of the nine winners of the primary category awards. This award goes to an organization who has positively impacted the UT campus and has a strong connection to the university core values. This organization shines as an exemplary group of students who strive to be the best they can be and give back to the UT community in their own way.
The Evening of the Stars Awards Celebration…

is an annual event envisioned by the Dean of Students and two student leaders. It is held to highlight and honor student leadership and the 1,200 student organizations represented on The University of Texas at Austin campus.

Each year, recipients of various awards and scholarships coordinated by the Office of the Dean of Students are announced and celebrated at the Evening of the Stars event for the achievements and contributions they have made to UT Austin and the Austin community. Student organizations and student leaders are an integral component of the fabric of the university and support the institution’s mission.

Student organizations at UT Austin and the students involved in these organizations enrich the lives of others by fostering a sense of community, a volunteer spirit and an activist approach.