

1. **The Achievement in Philanthropy award** recognizes each chapter that raises over \$100 per active member for philanthropic causes. Whether your chapter has 5 or 100 members, this award recognizes the hard work it takes to raise money for charitable causes. This year, we recognize Kappa Sigma, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and Delta Delta Delta.
2. **The Outstanding Philanthropy Program award** recognizes the philanthropic program that was exceptionally planned and facilitated by the organization sponsors, and not only raises money for their cause, but does an exceptional job at educating the public on its mission. This year, we recognize The 65 Roses Gala by Delta Phi Epsilon.
3. **The Outstanding Educational Program award** recognizes the educational program that was exceptionally planned and facilitated by the organization sponsors, and is geared toward, but not limited to, the following areas: social, risk management, philanthropic, service, cultural, diversity, equity, and inclusion, alumni, or scholarship. Each year we look for new and unique programming that enriches our members in the community. The program receiving this year's award was coordinated with Active Minds to encourage open dialogues on mental health. This year's Program of the Year goes to "Men's Mental Health Panel", led by Alpha Sigma Phi.
4. The Order of Omega was founded in 1959 to serve as an honor society recognizing the best and brightest of our campus fraternity and sorority communities. Stockton's chapter of Order of Omega began in 2005 and has since inducted over 200 members. **The Order of Omega Outstanding Scholar award** is given to someone who exemplifies academic excellence while simultaneously being an active member and leader within the community.

The executive board of the Upsilon Gamma chapter of Order of Omega is proud to present this award to a current member of Stockton's Order of Omega chapter who is a graduating senior and displayed their commitment to academic excellence by maintaining a 4.0 GPA. They are a member of Psi Beta Honor Society and Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. Additionally, this year's recipient has received the Ocean County Community College Italy Travel Abroad Scholarship, Ocean County College Foundation Scholarship, Ocean First Bank Scholarship, two New Jersey Workforce Registry Scholarships, Stockton University Excellence in Academics Scholarship. The Upsilon Gamma chapter of Order of Omega is honored to present the 2022-2023 Order of Omega Outstanding Scholar Award to Ginny Barone of Delta Delta Delta.

5. Harry Maurice served as the Greek Advisor at Stockton from the 1990s until 2013. He was heavily committed to his students and teaching them the importance of service. In his retirement he sponsors baseball teams both in the Galloway area and in Uganda. **The Harry J. Maurice Service Award** recognizes the organization(s) or individual(s) that have

demonstrated a commitment to serving others. This year's recipients of the Harry J. Maurice Service Award are Gianna Brunini of Zeta Tau Alpha and the NJ Rho-Sigma Chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

6. **The Outstanding New Member award** recognizes a new member who has made an outstanding impact on bettering their chapter, and/or community in the short time they have been involved in the organization. The nominee must have been initiated over the last year.

This year's recipients did not hesitate to take leadership roles in their chapters. Our first recipient was elected to the position of Risk Management of their chapter the semester after they were initiated. As their nominee wrote, this recipient "acts as a safe space for members to go to with concerns they have and actively listens and advocates for people". Additionally, this recipient completes community service through both their chapter and Circle K, and consistently advocates for members to join other clubs that will benefit their community. The first recipient of the Outstanding New Member Award is Shayla Cofka of Zeta Tau Alpha.

The second recipient of this award has served as the community service chair and the Vice President of New Member Education for their chapter. As their nominee writes, this recipient "wants each new member to feel loved and to truly understand the values of women's empowerment". During their first semester in the chapter, they represented their chapter at the organization's national convention. Additionally, they attended this year's NGLA conference and was recently appointed the 2023-2024 Panhellenic Council President. The second recipient of the Outstanding New Member Award is Madison Costello of Sigma Delta Tau.

7. **The Outstanding Senior award** recognizes a senior from each governing council who has made an outstanding impact on bettering their chapter, and/or community, and seeks to highlight the outstanding contributions they have had in the Stockton community. These students exemplify the mission, values and purpose of their own organization and have made a significant impact in the fraternity and sorority community overall.

This year's Outstanding Senior is a founding member of their chapter. They have served on their chapter's executive board twice, as the Vice President of Recruitment and the Vice President of the chapter, as well as their Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion chair. This recipient worked with other chapter officers to plan a women's empowerment brunch with parents and alumni, which raised over \$1000 for one of their philanthropies. Additionally, this recipient is also a member of Delta Epsilon Mu and has contributed to their organization exponentially. Their nominee wrote of this year's recipient, "they are a true example of fighting for those who do not have a voice, even when they are going

through her own trials and tribulations". This year's Outstanding Senior is Katie Rickards-Vitale of Sigma Delta Tau and Delta Epsilon Mu.

8. **The Outstanding Chapter President award** recognizes exemplary chapter presidents that have made an impact in and on their chapter and leave a strong legacy. These presidents may have encountered challenges and resistance, worked to make chapter change, or helped an excellent chapter become even better. Award winners are presidents with strong leadership skills capable of leading by example and representing the organization and the fraternity and sorority community as a whole in a positive way through values-based decision-making.

This year's recipient had multiple nominations that described their dedication to their chapter and the FSL community. They were described by their nominees as "an exceptional president," who has "unparalleled leadership qualities" and "goes above and beyond to create a welcoming and inclusive environment for all members, regardless of their background or circumstances". Whether it's providing a safe ride home or checking in on a member who may be struggling, this chapter president's commitment to the well-being of their members is unwavering. This recipient has a strong desire to make a positive impact on their chapter members and the community, and they truly love what they do. Congratulations to RJ Perez of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

9. **The Outstanding Chapter Advisor award** seeks to recognize a chapter advisor who exemplifies the mission, values, and purpose of their organization, contributes significantly to the success of the local chapter, and demonstrates superb mentorship for members of the chapter. This year, we are honoring two chapter advisors who have greatly contributed to their respective chapters.

The first recipient of the Outstanding Chapter Advisor award was nominated for their ability to support and uplift their chapter. This advisor could be counted on to do what they can to support their members, whether it's an encouraging text, showing up to events, helping them with food, figuring out paperwork for them - the members of the chapter know that this advisor is always available and happy to help. Their nominee wrote "I am so grateful to have experienced being a chapter member at Stockton while they are my advisor". The first recipient of the Outstanding Chapter Advisor award is Linda McNeil of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated.

The second recipient of this award was nominated for their substantial impact on their organization and the positivity and respect they show to their chapter's members and their peers. This advisor's willingness to go above and beyond in their role has formed meaningful connections with their members and guides them to reach their best potential. The selection of this recipient is merited to their great leadership,

commitment, and ethic. The nominee wrote, “their ability to connect with and inspire us, and bring about meaningful change within our chapter is truly impressive, and an inspiration to all in the Greek community,”. The second recipient of the Outstanding Chapter Advisor award is Jao Soberano of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

10. **The Outstanding Council Officer** recognizes an officer or delegate of one of the fraternity and sorority community’s councils. These dedicated student leaders have gone above and beyond to serve their council and leave a lasting impact on the community. This individual will have demonstrated worthiness in taking their role or council to new heights. This recipient of this award is also the recipient of the **Panhellenic Woman of the Year**, which is selected by the governing council.

This recipient served on the Panhellenic executive board as the Vice President of Recruitment. They put on a productive and creative recruitment, which was seamless due to their dedication and drive to bettering their position. They worked with the Panhellenic Social Media chair to promote Formal Recruitment and coordinated with the University to have flyers displayed around Campus. This recipient served as a role model for PNMs and a space of comfort for them as well. They reassured PNMs and was a great leader for all of the recruitment counselors. This recipient went above and beyond in ensuring the success of formal recruitment and in their position on the Panhellenic executive board. Congratulations to Caitlyn Segear of Zeta Tau Alpha for receiving the Outstanding Council Officer award and the Panhellenic Woman of the Year award.

11. **The Greek Leaders of Distinction** are awarded to members of the fraternity and sorority community who have made an outstanding impact on bettering their organization and/or the community as a whole. This is a prestigious award that honors some of our most notable members. Many of these recipients are individuals that Joe and I personally chose through our interactions with them throughout the year.

The first Greek Leader of Distinction is the President of Order of Omega and Omicron Delta Kappa, was the Vice President of Finance for the Panhellenic Council, and was an officer in their chapter. They have shown outstanding leadership and dedication to their chapter, and have gone above and beyond for the FSL community. This recipient has modeled the highest standards within the community in academics, scholarship, and leadership. The first Greek Leader of Distinction is Jenna Rutherford of Delta Delta Delta.

This Greek Leader of Distinction has worked to build their chapter through the various events and activities that they have organized. They strive to be a role model for others and have demonstrated a commitment to community service and the FSL community as a whole. They are also an athlete, and have juggled their efforts in their chapter, athletics, and academics with ease. This next Greek Leader of Distinction is Ruben Rojas of Alpha Sigma Phi.

The next Greek Leader of Distinction was nominated as “the most dedicated and passionate person I know”. This recipient has held multiple chair positions in their chapter, an executive board, and was the Secretary for the Panhellenic Council. This individual worked to raise thousands of dollars for their chapter’s local and national philanthropies. They can be seen at just about every event for every organization. They are always smiling and quick to make you laugh! A true shining star, this Greek Leader of Distinction is Gianna Weikel of Delta Zeta.

This next Greek Leader of Distinction works incredibly hard to better the lives of many of those around here. Serving as the President of the Stockton Entertainment Team, the Director of Philanthropy for their chapter, and a student worker in Student Development, this leader is kind and always ready to help. They are also a graduate student in the MBA program, and have balanced their extracurricular activities and academics with grace. This next Greek Leader of Distinction is Becky O’Kane of Delta Delta Delta.

This Greek Leader of Distinction is heavily involved on campus. As a member of the Asian Student Alliance, the Bengali Student Association, the Campus Religious Council, Circle K International, and Light the Candle, this leader strives to make the Stockton community a better place to be for all. They befriend everyone they meet and live the values of their organization each and every day. They are a great representation of leadership, kindness, and what it means to be a fraternity man. This Greek Leader of Distinction is Vidad Malik of Phi Mu Delta.

This Greek Leader of Distinction is a nursing student who has contributed significantly to their organization. Upon being initiated into their organization, they have worked tirelessly to plan events, celebrate diversity, and be an exemplary leader. This leader strives to better their council by working with other organizations and highlighting Fraternity and Sorority Life to all students. This Greek Leader of Distinction is Kira Key of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

This next Greek Leader of Distinction has contributed immensely to the FSL community, as we just heard. Additionally, they have been selected to serve as a Leadership Consultant for their national organization and tutors children in their spare time. This Greek Leader of Distinction is Caitlyn Segear of Zeta Tau Alpha.

From the minute this member joined their organization, they have stepped up to contribute to the community. They have led philanthropy efforts for their organization, attended NGLA, and even ran for Student Senate. As a student veteran, this leader is an incredible example of what it means to be a member of Fraternity and Sorority Life. Our next Greek Leader of Distinction is Michael Paccione of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

This final Greek Leader of Distinction has shown remarkable leadership skills and dedication to the FSL community. They continue to raise the bar for what it means to be an exceptional

member of a Greek organization. They have served on their chapter's executive board as Secretary, on the tabling, banners and DEI committees for their chapter, and the Vice President of Service for the Panhellenic Council from 2021- 2023. This leader has gone above and beyond in their service for Breast Cancer Education and Awareness. They are the first person to lend a helping hand to those in need, regardless of what organization they're in. They desire to see others succeed and provides support to their friends and peers. They are a true role model for their peers, and I am so honored to present this award to Victorria Cotton of Zeta Tau Alpha.

Now for our final two awards of the evening.

12. The Greek Leader of the Year is the highest honor that we give to individuals. The recipients of this award excel academically, in their overall involvement, and of course, in their fraternity/sorority chapter and community. This recipient has great responsibility with the leadership positions that they hold on campus, and handles them all with grace. Despite being a new member in their organization, they are their chapter's president and the vice president of their council. They are also an orientation leader, an Admissions Ambassador, and the president of First Ospreys. This recipient created Breaking the Glass Ceiling, a program that focused on women of color in diverse fields who are thriving in their career for Women's History Month. They also collaborated with First Ospreys and Student Transition Programs, and delivered Jars of Hope to Pleasantville and AC students who are involved in the GOALS Gear Up Program. They stepped up to host the Yard Show this past spring and brought vibrant energy to this year's show. They collaborated with different offices on campus to shine a spotlight on the multicultural Greek-lettered organizations. They coordinated and hosted the "Hang with the Greeks" series, and organized a Multicultural Greek Life panel for Stockton's first ever Inclusive Leadership Conference. Whether it's at the BLM March, March Against Rape Culture, or the Hispanic Flag Raising, you will hear this year's recipient use their platform to advocate for and advance marginalized communities. They are a well rounded leader and put their all into every position they hold. I personally cannot think of someone more deserving and honorable than this year's recipient, Aleyskha Barbosa of Chi Upsilon Sigma National Latin Sorority, Incorporated.

13. Finally, our Chapter of the Year. A third of being a good chapter is just being on top of your responsibilities. It's getting paperwork on time, understanding and following procedures, communicating, attending events when you're expected to. That's really the easy part. That second third is simply living the values of your organization, representing your organization well, being good students and leaders on campus. The final third piece is the impact you have on your members and the community. This might include the events and programs you host, the collaborations you have, your support for other chapters.

This chapter of just three incredible members has maintained full course loads while sustaining their commitment to their organization through programming geared toward their guiding principles of scholarship, service, sisterhood, and finer womanhood. They have held several events on campus and collaborated with other clubs, FSL organizations, and campus offices. In partnering with UCGC and NPHC organizations, as well as the Unified Black Student Society, this chapter has been a voice for students of color on Stockton's campus. Two of the chapter's members hold e-board positions within the Unified Black Students Society and have played integral roles in inclusive programming on Stockton's campus this year. They have contributed significantly to their community through service initiatives, such as education regarding domestic violence, donations to Avanzar Women's Shelter, participation in the Breast Cancer Walk of Ocean City, and working with Meals on Wheels. They also performed for prospective students at the Educational Opportunity Fund summit and participated in Welcome Week Activities for incoming students. Their chapter has created relationships throughout the Stockton community, as well as with other chapters across the region. It is with great honor that this year's Chapter of the Year is Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated.