January 20, 2015

Dear Washburn Campus Community,

Student Activities & Greek Life is proud to present the Student Organization Achievement Recognition (SOAR) Awards program once again this year. The SOAR awards program is growing each year, and we see more students and advisors being recognized for their achievements on campus and in the community. The SOAR Awards reception will be held **Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Washburn Room, Memorial Union.**

Please read the guidelines carefully to ensure your nomination is completed correctly. Please note we will only be accepting (1) one copy for each nomination.

The information to follow describes the various awards that are eligible to student leaders, advisors, and registered student organizations. Everyone is invited to nominate individuals and organizations deserving of recognition. The deadline for nomination is **Monday, March 9, 2015 at 5:00pm.** All nominations are to be turned into the Student Activities & Greek Life, Lower Level of the Union, or by email to getalife@washburn.edu.

Additional applications can be emailed to you in an electronic format or are on the Student Activities & Greek Life website at washburn.edu/getalife. Hardcopies are also available in Student Activities & Greek Life (Union Lower Level), Student Life (MO 136), and the Living Learning Center (LLC).

Please do not hesitate to contact our office if you have questions.

We look forward to receiving many applications!

Sincerely,

Jessica Neumann Barraclough
Director, Student Activities & Greek Life
The Outstanding Student Organization Advisor Award will be presented to the faculty/staff advisor who has provided continuous support for his or her respective student organization.

Name of Faculty/Staff Nominee: ____________________________
Name of Student Organization(s) advised by Nominee: ____________________________
Department: ____________________________ Title: ____________________________
Phone: ____________________________ E-mail: ____________________________

Guidelines:
1. Any individual, including all faculty and staff, that serves as an advisor for a Washburn registered student organization is eligible for nomination. Nominees must be an advisor during the 2014-15 academic year.

2. Nomination letter must be typed and be no longer than three (3) pages in length.

3. Nomination may also be accompanied by supporting materials (e.g., resume, letters of recommendation, etc.) for selection committee to gain better insight of the individual’s contributions and qualifications.

4. All nomination materials must be bound together with a paperclip. This includes nomination application, nomination letter and any supporting materials.

5. One (1) copy of the nomination application, nomination letter and any supporting materials must be submitted to Student Activities & Greek Life by 5:00pm on Monday, March 9, 2015.

6. Nominations will be judged on the following criteria:
   a. Availability to students
   b. Commitment to organization/institution
   c. Methods of leadership development/training
   d. Resource & support skills
   e. Support of student endeavors
   f. Membership recruitment
   g. Organization GPA
   h. Program Development

7. Nomination letter should address the following:
   a. Describe the nominee’s involvement and support of the organization.
   b. Describe methods nominee uses to train leaders and/or members.
   c. What outstanding qualities does this person exhibit as an organizational advisor?
   d. Why is the nominee most deserving of this award?

This form must be completed and returned with the nomination letter as stated in the guidelines by 5:00pm, Monday, March 9, 2015.
Emerging Leader Award
Nomination Application

The Emerging Leader Awards will be presented to a freshman and transfer student who have demonstrated knowledge, enthusiasm, and motivation for campus and community involvement and leadership.

Category (circle one): Freshman Transfer Student

Name of Student Nominee: ____________________________

WU ID________________________ Campus Address: ____________________________

Phone: __________________________ E-mail: ____________________________

Major: __________________________ Cumulative GPA is a 2.75 or Higher: __________

Number of Hours Completed: ______ Hometown: ____________________________

Name of Nominator: ____________________________

Nominator's Campus Address: ____________________________

Nominator's Phone: __________________________ E-mail: ____________________________

Guidelines:

1. All full-time undergraduate freshmen or transfer students who transferred for the summer or fall of the 2014-15 academic year, who carry a minimum of 12 hours, and who hold membership in at least one Student Activities & Greek Life registered student organization shall be eligible for nomination.

2. Nominations may be submitted by an individual (faculty, staff, or student) or by a registered student organization. Self-nomination is encouraged.

3. A nomination letter must be submitted along with this nomination application. The nomination letter must be typed and no longer than three (3) pages in length.

4. Nominations may also be accompanied by supporting materials (e.g., resume, letters of recommendation, etc.) for selection committee to gain better insight of the individual’s contributions and qualifications.

5. All nomination materials must be bound together by a paperclip. This includes the nomination application, nomination letter and any supporting materials.

6. One (1) copy of the nomination application, nomination letter and any supporting materials must be submitted to Student Activities & Greek Life by 5:00pm on Monday, March 9, 2015.

7. Nomination letter should address the following judging criteria:
   a. Student involvement and leadership position(s)
   b. Academic achievement
   c. Impact on Washburn University and community
   d. Future goals for furthering leadership and involvement
   e. List any honors the student may have received
   f. Why the nominee is the most qualified to receive this award

This nomination form must be filled out and returned with the nomination letter as stated in the guidelines by 5:00pm on Monday, March 9, 2015. Please submit one (1) copy.
New Student Organization of the Year
Nomination Application

The New Student Organization of the Year Award recognizes the new student organization that has made exceptional contributions to its members and the greater Washburn University community in their first year of registration.

Name of Organization for Nomination: ____________________________________________

Number of Total Membership: _____ Frequency of Organization’s Meetings: ____________________

What campus populations does this organization serve: ________________________________

Advisor’s Name: _____________________________________________________________

Nominator’s Name: ___________________________________________________________

Nominator’s Phone: __________________ Nominator’s Campus Address: ______________________

Guidelines:

1. All student organizations registered for the first time within the 2014-2015 academic year with Student Activities & Greek Life shall be eligible for nomination.

2. Nominations may be submitted by an individual (faculty, staff or student) or by a registered student group.

3. Nomination letters must be typed and no longer than four (4) pages in length.

4. Nominations may also be accompanied by supporting materials for selection committee to use to better understand organization’s purpose and activities.

5. All nomination materials must be bound together by a paperclip. This includes nomination application, nomination letter and any supporting materials.

6. One (1) copy of the nomination application, nomination letter and any supporting materials must be submitted to Student Activities & Greek Life by 5:00pm on Monday, March 9, 2015.

7. Nomination letter should address the following judging criteria:
   a. Contributions to the Washburn community
   b. Describe the organization’s mission/purpose statement
   c. Congruence between organization’s mission and purpose with the organization’s activities
   d. Describe the effect the organization has had on the Washburn community and the greatest campus contribution during the past year.
   e. Describe the organization’s method of training officers/members.
   f. Describe organization’s plan for recruitment and retention of members and specify membership requirements.
   g. Describe organization’s goals for 2014-2015 and how you reached those goals.
   h. Why is this organization qualified to receive this award and what sets it apart from other organizations?

This nomination application must be completed and returned with the nomination letter as stated in the guidelines by 5:00pm on Monday, March 9, 2015. Please submit one (1) copy.
Student Organization of the Year
Nomination Application

The Student Organization of the Year Award recognizes the student organization that has made exceptional contributions to their members and the greater Washburn University community.

Name of Organization for Nomination: ________________________________

Number of Total Membership: _____ Frequency of Organization’s Meetings: ______________________

What campus populations does this organization serve: ________________________________

Advisor’s Name: ________________________________

Nominator’s Name: ________________________________

Nominator’s Phone: __________ Nominator’s Campus Address: ________________________________

Guidelines:

1. All student organizations registered with Student Activities & Greek Life shall be eligible for nomination.

2. Nominations may be submitted by an individual (faculty, staff or student) or by a registered student organization.

3. Nomination letters must be typed and no longer than four (4) pages in length.

4. Nominations may also be accompanied by supporting materials for selection committee to use to better understand organization’s purpose and activities.

5. All nomination materials must be bound together by a paperclip. This includes nomination application, nomination letter and any supporting materials.

6. One (1) copy of the nomination application, nomination letter and any supporting materials must be submitted to Student Activities & Greek Life by 5:00pm on Monday, March 9, 2015.

7. Nomination letter should address the following judging criteria:
   a. Contributions to the Washburn community
   b. Describe the organization’s mission/purpose statement
   c. Congruence between organization’s mission and purpose with the organization’s activities
   d. Describe how the organization is involved on campus by participating in campus-wide events or hosting one’s own events and how these activities/services help support the organization’s mission/purpose.
   e. Describe the effect the organization has had on the Washburn community and the greatest campus contribution during the past year.
   f. Describe the organization’s method of training officers/members.
   g. Describe organization’s plan for recruitment and retention of members and specify membership requirements.
   h. Describe organization’s goals for 2014-2015 and how you reached those goals.
   i. Why is this organization qualified to receive this award and what sets it apart from other organizations?

This nomination application must be completed and returned with the nomination letter as stated in the guidelines by 5:00pm on Monday, March 9, 2015. Please submit one (1) copy.
True Blue Bod Spirit Award
Nomination Application

The True Blue Bod Spirit Award will be presented to the student who has contributed a great deal of time, energy, support and spirit to the organization, its members and Washburn University.

Name of Student Nominee:_____________________________________________________
WU ID: _____________________________ Campus Address: ___________________________
Phone: ___________________________ E-mail: _____________________________________
Major: _____________________________ Cumulative GPA is a 2.5 or Higher: ______________
Nominee’s Class: (circle one) Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Graduate
Number of Hours Completed: ______ Hometown: _________________________________
Name of Nominator: ___________________________________________________________
Nominator’s Campus Address: ___________________________________________________
Nominator’s Phone: __________________________ E-mail: ___________________________

Guidelines:
1. All full-time undergraduate students (enrolled in 12 or more hours) and graduate students (enrolled in 9 or more hours) who hold membership in at least one Student Activities & Greek Life registered student organization shall be eligible for nomination.
2. Nominations may be submitted by an individual (faculty, staff or student) or by a registered student organization. Self-nomination is encouraged.
3. Nomination letter must be typed and be no longer than three (3) pages in length.
4. Nominations may also be accompanied by supporting materials (e.g., resume, letters of recommendation, etc.) for selection committee to gain better insight into the individual’s contributions and qualifications.
5. All nomination materials must be bound together by a paperclip. This includes nomination application, nomination letter and any supporting materials.
6. One (1) copy of the nomination application, nomination form and any supporting materials must be submitted to Student Activities & Greek Life by 5:00pm on Monday, March 9, 2015.
7. Nomination letter should address the following judging criteria:
   a. List the student’s involvement in campus activities/community service.
   b. List any honors the student may have received.
   c. What impact has the nominee had on Washburn and the community?
   d. What has the nominee specifically contributed to the organization and its members?
   e. What sets this member apart from other members of the organization?

This form must be completed and returned with the nomination as stated in the guidelines by 5:00pm on Monday, March 9, 2015. Please submit one (1) copy.
The Commitment to Diversity Award is presented to one faculty, staff, or community member as well as, one Washburn Student who has shown commitment and support toward developing a culturally diverse, compassionate, and educated university community reflective of inclusive excellence.

Name of (Student, Faculty, Staff, or Community Member) Nominee: ________________________________
WU ID (If Applicable): ______________________ Campus Address: ________________________________
Phone: ___________________________ E-mail: ________________________________
Major (If Applicable): ______________________ Cumulative GPA is 2.5 or Higher: ______________________
Nominee’s Classification: Student Faculty Staff Community Member
Number of Hours Completed (If Applicable): _____________ Hometown: ______________________________
Name of Nominator: _______________________________________________________________________
Nominator’s Campus Address: __________________________________________________________________
Nominator’s Phone: _____________________ E-mail: _____________________________________________

Guidelines:
1. All faculty, staff, student, and community members that are supportive of diversity at Washburn University are eligible for nomination. Students must be a member of at least one Student Activities & Greek Life registered student organization.

2. Nominations may be submitted by an individual (faculty, staff or student) or by a registered student organization. Self-nomination is encouraged.

3. Nomination letter must be typed and be no longer than three (3) pages in length.

4. Nominations may also be accompanied by supporting materials (e.g., resume, letters of recommendation, etc.) for selection committee to gain better insight into the individual’s contributions and qualifications.

5. All nomination materials must be bound together by a paperclip. This includes nomination application, nomination letter and any supporting materials.

6. One (1) copy of the nomination application, nomination letter and any supporting materials must be submitted to Student Activities & Greek Life by 5:00pm on Monday, March 9, 2015.

7. Nomination letter should address how the candidate supports the following judging criteria:
   a. Incorporates diverse values in the office, classroom and/or program areas
   b. Develops campus initiatives and/or programs to support diversity and inclusivity
   c. Makes the classroom or programs accessible for and supportive of diverse learning styles
   d. Displays a commitment to diverse cultures, religions, and abilities
   e. Contributes to creating an open and accepting cross-cultural environment
   f. Is a mentor and/or role model for underrepresented students
   g. Why is the nominee most qualified to receive this award

This form must be completed and returned with the nomination as stated in the guidelines by 5:00pm on Monday, March 9, 2015. Please submit one (1) copy.
The Random Acts of Kindness Community Service Award is presented to the student who has made purposeful and outstanding contributions in community service/philanthropy.

Name of Student Nominee:________________________________________________________
WU ID: ______________________ Campus Address: __________________________________
Phone: ______________________ E-mail: ___________________________________________
Major: ______________________ Cumulative GPA is a 2.5 or Higher: ____________________
Nominee’s Class: (circle one) Freshman  Sophomore  Junior  Senior  Graduate
Number of Hours Completed: _______ Hometown: _____________________________________
Name of Nominator: ______________________________________________________________
Nominator’s Campus Address: _______________________________________________________
Nominator’s Phone: _______________ E-mail: _________________________________________

Guidelines:
1. All full-time undergraduate students (enrolled in 12 hours or more) and graduate students (enrolled in 9 hours or more) who hold membership in at least one Student Activities & Greek Life registered student organization shall be eligible for nomination.

2. Nominations may be submitted by an individual (faculty, staff or student) or by a registered student organization. Self-nomination is encouraged.

2. Nomination letter must be typed and be no longer than three (3) pages in length.

4. Nominations may also be accompanied by supporting materials (e.g., resume, letters of recommendation, etc.) for selection committee to gain better insight into the individual’s contributions and qualifications.

5. All nomination materials must be bound together by a paperclip. This includes nomination application, nomination letter and any supporting materials.

6. One (1) copy of the nomination application, nomination letter and any supporting materials must be submitted to Student Activities & Greek Life by **5:00pm on Monday, March 9, 2015**.

7. Nomination letter should address the following judging criteria:
   a. Community service and volunteer contributions (personal, campus and community level) including a list of community service/philanthropy activities and their impact
   b. Current and on-going campus involvement
   c. Current and past involvement in non-campus related organizations that stress charity, philanthropy, service and giving in the community
   d. Leadership positions held (current and past)
   e. List any honors the student may have received
   f. Why is the nominee the most qualified to receive this award

This form must be completed and returned with the nomination as stated in the guidelines by **5:00pm on Monday, March 9, 2015**. Please submit one (1) copy.
President’s Outstanding Leader Award
Nomination Application

The President’s Outstanding Leader Award will be presented to a student that shows exceptional commitment to academic achievement, community service, campus involvement and leadership.

Name of Student Nominee: ____________________________

WU ID: ____________________________ Campus Address: ____________________________

Phone: ____________________________ E-mail: ____________________________

Major: ____________________________ Cumulative GPA is 3.0 or Higher ______ Fall 2014 semester GPA: __________

Nominee’s Class: (circle one) Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Graduate

Number of Hours Completed: ______ Hometown: ____________________________

Name of Nominator: ____________________________

Nominator’s Campus Address: ____________________________

Nominator’s Phone: ____________________________ E-mail: ____________________________

Guidelines:

1. All full-time undergraduate students (enrolled in 12 hours or more) and graduate students enrolled in 9 or more hours) who hold membership in at least one Student Activities & Greek Life registered student organization shall be eligible for nomination.

2. Nominations may be submitted by an individual (faculty, staff or student) or by a registered student organization. One nomination is allowed per nominator for this award. Self-nomination is encouraged.

3. Nomination letter must be typed and be no longer than three (3) pages in length.

4. Nominations may also be accompanied by supporting materials (e.g., resume, letters of recommendation, etc.) for selection committee to gain better insight into the individual’s contributions and qualifications.

5. All nomination materials must be bound together by a paperclip. This includes nomination application, nomination letter and any supporting materials.

6. One (1) copy of the nomination application, nomination letter and any supporting materials must be submitted to the Student Activities & Greek Life by 5:00pm on Monday, March 9, 2015.

7. Nomination letter should address the following judging criteria:
   a. Describe the activities and organizations (past and current) the nominee has been involved with as a Washburn student that qualifies him/her for this award. Include leadership positions
   b. Describe how the nominee’s participation in campus activities has impacted the Washburn community
   c. Describe the ways in which the nominee’s involvement has contributed to his/her personal growth and collegiate experience
   d. Identify the nominee’s collegiate scholastic honors and achievements (include honor rolls, honor societies, scholarships and awards) past and current
   e. Why is the nominee the most qualified to receive this award

This form must be completed and returned with the nomination as stated in the guidelines by 5:00pm, Monday, March 9, 2015. Please submit one (1) copy.
Outstanding Program(s) of the Year
Nomination Application (page 1)

Name of Program for Nomination: _____________________________________________________

Category (Please check one):

______ Community Service  ______ Diversity
______ Education            ______ Campus Enhancement

Name of Sponsoring Organization(s) for Nomination: ______________________________________

Student(s) Coordinating Program: Name                              Position (if applicable)                 Email
_________________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________________

# of People Served by the Program:_______ Populations Served by the Program:________________

Nominator’s Name: __________________________________________________________________________________________________

Nominator’s Phone: _______________Nominator’s Campus Address: ________________________________

Guidelines:
1. Programs presented by any Student Activities & Greek Life registered student organization shall be eligible for nomination. Registered student organizations can nominate programs in the four separate categories as follows:

   Community Service – organizing, participating in, or developing a program to perform volunteer work for your community that improves the quality of life

   Campus Enhancement – a program designed to improve students’ WU experience, raise school spirit, or promote the image and assets of Washburn

   Diversity – a program designed to promote awareness or understanding of race, ethnicity, gender, economic status, language, religion, ability, age, or sexual orientation

   Education – a program tending or intending to educate, instruct, or inform

   Co-sponsored events shall be eligible for consideration as long as all sponsoring parties are registered student organizations.

2. Nominations may be submitted by an individual (faculty, staff or student) or by a registered student organization.

3. Nominations must be typed and be no longer than four (4) pages in length.

4. Nomination letter may also be accompanied by supporting materials (promotion, goals, attendance/service reports, etc.) for selection committee to use to better understand program’s purpose and scope.

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5. **All nomination materials must be bound together by a paperclip.** This includes nomination application, nomination letter and supporting materials.

6. **One (1) copy** of the nomination application, nomination letter and any supporting materials must be submitted to Student Activities & Greek Life by **5:00pm on Monday, March 9, 2015.**

7. Selection committee will judge nominations using the following criteria:
   a. Appeal to the Washburn community
   b. Contributions to the Washburn community
   c. Contribution to the intended audience (i.e. community service, was it an effective contribution?)
   d. Program creativity
   e. Program goals
   f. Promotion of program
   g. Student involvement in program planning

8. Each organization may nominate up to two (2) programs per category. Programs must have taken place since April, 2014.

9. Nomination letter should address the following:
   a. Describe the program's purpose and goals as well as whether or not the goals were met
   b. Describe method of planning and implementing the program as well as identify what resources were used
   c. Describe the format of the program/service
   d. What factors contributed to the organization pursuing this program
   e. What factors made this program successful
   f. Describe method of promoting the program/service to the campus community
   g. Assess the impact and contributions the program/service had on the Washburn community
   h. Why is the program/service deserving of this award

This form must be completed and returned with the nomination as stated in the guidelines by **5:00pm on Monday, March 9, 2015.** Please submit one (1) copy.