February 19, 2020

Dear University of Mississippi Community,

The University of Mississippi’s Associated Student Body and Ole Miss Student Union are proud to present the 2020 Leadership and Engagement Awards. The 2020 Ceremony will take place on Thursday April 30, 2020 in the Student Union Ballroom at 5:30 p.m.

Please read the guidelines carefully to ensure your nomination is completed correctly. 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. Application packets will be due via The Forum by Monday, April 6 at 5 p.m.

Nominations will be reviewed by external reviewers and the Associated Student Body’s Executive Board.

Submit your nominations here in The Forum!

Please do not hesitate to contact ASB Advisor Will Takewell wct@olemiss.edu or ASB Graduate Assistant Kendrick Wallace kdwallac@go.olemiss.edu with any questions or concerns.

ASB and the Ole Miss Student Union are excited to recognize the hard work of the phenomenal student organizations and student leaders here at The University of Mississippi. We look forward to receiving many applications!

2019 – 2020 Awards

1. Emerging Leader Award
2. Student Organization of the Year
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4. Outstanding Student Organization Advisor
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Emerging Leader Award

The Emerging Leader Award will be presented to a freshman, sophomore, or transfer student who has demonstrated knowledge, enthusiasm, and motivation for campus and community involvement and leadership at The University of Mississippi.

Guidelines:
1. All full-time undergraduate freshmen, sophomores, or transfer students who transferred for the summer or fall of the 2019-2020 academic year, who carry a minimum of 12 hours, and who hold membership in at least one registered student organization shall be eligible for nomination.
2. Nominations may be submitted by any individual (faculty, staff or student) or on behalf of a nominee.
3. Nominations should 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.
4. Nomination letter should address the following judging criteria:
   • Student involvement and leadership positions
   • Academic achievement
   • Impact on UM and the student organization involved in.
   • Future goals for furthering leadership and involvement
   • List any honors the student may have received
   • Why the nominee the most qualified to receive this award

Student Organization of the Year and Outstanding Student Organization Awards

The Outstanding Student Organization Award recognizes the student organizations that have made exceptional contributions to their members and the greater UM and Oxford community. A student organization from each of the categories of student organizations may be recognized. This includes: academic, FSL, creative, cultural/multicultural, graduate, health and wellness, honors society, religious, service/philanthropic, special interest, university sponsored, sports clubs or governance. One organization will be selected as the overall Student Organization of the Year.

Guidelines:
1. All student organizations registered with the Ole Miss Student Union shall be eligible for nomination.
2. Nominations may be submitted by any individual (faculty, staff or student) or on behalf of a registered student organization.
3. Nominations should be accompanied by supporting materials for selection committee to use to better understand organization’s purpose and activities.
4. Nomination letter should address the following judging criteria:
   • Contributions to the UM Community.
   • Describe the organization’s mission/purpose statement and how this has made the organization work toward being outstanding.
   • Congruence between organization’s mission and purpose with the organization’s activities.
• Describe how the organization is involved on campus by participating in campus-wide events or hosting events for campus.
• Events and how these activities/services help support the organization’s mission/purpose.
• Describe the effect the organization has had on the University of Mississippi community and the greatest campus contribution during the past year.
• Describe the organization’s method of training officers/members.
• Describe organization’s plan for recruitment and retention of members and specify membership requirements.
• Describe organization’s goals for the year and how you reached those goals.
• Why is this organization qualified to receive this award and what sets it apart from other organizations?

New Student Organization of the Year Award

The New Student Organization of the Year Award recognizes the new student organization that has made exceptional contributions to its members and the greater University of Mississippi community in its first year of registration. Must be an organization that was founded between 2017 – 2020.

Guidelines:
1. All student organizations registered for the first time within 2017 – 2020 (past three academic years) will be eligible for this award.
2. Nominations may be submitted by an individual (faculty, staff or student) or by a registered student group.
3. Nominations should also be accompanied by supporting materials for selection committee to use to better understand organization’s purpose and activities.
4. Nomination letter should describe the following:
   • Contributions to the University of Mississippi community
   • Describe the organization’s mission/purpose statement
   • Congruence between organization’s mission and purpose with the organization’s activities
   • Describe the effect the organization has had on the University of Mississippi community and the greatest campus contribution during the past year.
   • Describe the organization’s method of training officers/members.
   • Describe organization’s plan for recruitment and retention of members and specify membership requirements.
   • Describe organization’s goals for 2019 – 2020 and how it reached those goals.
   • Why is this organization qualified to receive this award and what sets it apart from other organizations?

Outstanding Student Organization Advisor Award

The Outstanding Student Organization Advisor Award will be presented to the faculty/staff advisor who has provided continuous support for their respective student organization.

Guidelines:
1. Any individual, including all faculty and staff, that serves as an advisor for an UM registered student organization is eligible for nomination. Nominees must be an advisor during the 2019-2020 academic year.

2. Nomination must be included on The Forum and may not be longer than 1000 words.

3. Nomination 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.

4. Nominees will be judged on the following criteria:
   - Availability to students
   - Commitment to organization/institution
   - Methods of leadership development/training
   - Resource & support skills
   - Support of student endeavors
   - Membership recruitment
   - Program Development

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

Outstanding Student Organization Event Award

Outstanding Student Organization Event will recognize outstanding events hosted and sponsored by student organizations that focus on member development, education, service, philanthropy or general entertainment. There will be consideration given to events from all of the above categories.

1. All registered student organization events are eligible to be considered for this award.

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

3. Nominations should also be accompanied by supporting materials for selection committee to use to better understand organization’s purpose and activities—pictures from the event, member descriptions of the event, etc.

4. Nomination letter should describe the following:
   - Contributions the event made to the University of Mississippi community
   - Describe the organization’s mission/purpose statement and how this event aligned.
   - Describe the effect the event has had on the University of Mississippi community or the student organization.
   - Describe the organization’s method of planning and developing the event.
   - Why is this event qualified to receive this award and what sets it apart from other events?
Outstanding Student Organization Member Award

The Outstanding Student Organization Member Award will be presented to a student member (other than the organization’s president or officer) who shows exceptional commitment to academic achievement, community service, campus involvement and leadership.

Guidelines:
1. All full-time undergraduate students (enrolled in 12 hours or more) and graduate students enrolled in 6 hours or more who hold membership in at least one 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.

3. Nominations should 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.

4. Nomination letter should address the following judging criteria:
   - Describe the way the member has stood out in the organization.
   - Describe how the nominee’s participation in campus activities has impacted the UM community
   - Describe the ways in which the nominee’s involvement has contributed to their personal growth and collegiate experience.
   - Identify the nominee’s collegiate scholastic honors and achievements (include honor rolls, honor societies, scholarships and awards) past and current, this can be done through their resume.
   - Why is the nominee the most qualified to receive this award?

Outstanding Student Organization Officer Award

The Outstanding Student Organization Officer Award will be presented to a student organization leader (other than the organization’s president) that shows exceptional commitment to academic achievement, community service, campus involvement and leadership.

Guidelines:
1. All full-time undergraduate students (enrolled in 12 hours or more) and graduate students enrolled in 6 hours or more who hold membership in at least one 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.

3. Nominations should 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.

4. Nomination letter should address the following judging criteria:
   - Describe the way the officer has stood out in the organization.
   - Describe how the nominee’s participation in campus activities has impacted the UM community
   - Describe the ways in which the nominee’s involvement has contributed to their personal growth and collegiate experience.
• Identify the nominee’s collegiate scholastic honors and achievements (include honor rolls, honor societies, scholarships and awards) past and current, this can be done through a resume.
• Why is the nominee the most qualified to receive this award?

**Outstanding Student Organization President Award**

The Outstanding Student Organization President Award will be presented to a student organization president who has shown exceptional commitment to academic achievement, community service, campus involvement and leadership.

**Guidelines:**

1. All full-time undergraduate students (enrolled in 12 hours or more) and graduate students enrolled in 6 hours or more) who hold membership in at least one 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.

3. Nominations should 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.

4. Nomination letter should address the following judging criteria:
   • Describe the way the nominee has stood out as the president of the organization.
   • Describe how the nominee’s participation in campus activities has impacted the UM community and the organization.
   • Describe the ways in which the nominee’s involvement has contributed to their personal growth and collegiate leadership experience
   • Identify the nominee’s collegiate scholastic honors and achievements (include honor rolls, honor societies, scholarships and awards) past and current, this can be done through a resume.
   • Why is the nominee the most qualified to receive this award?

**Live the Creed Awards**

The Live the Creed Award is presented to up to two faculty, staff, or community member as well as, up to five UM Students who have shown commitment and support for the University of Mississippi Creed. Nominees should be dedicated to the University of Mississippi’s commitment to being a community of learning dedicated to nurturing excellence in intellectual inquiry and personal character in and open and diverse environment.

**Guidelines:**

1. All faculty, staff, students, and community members who uphold The Creed of The University of Mississippi are eligible for nomination. Students must be a member of at least one registered student organization.

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

4. Nomination should address how the candidate supports the following judging criteria:
   - Incorporates diverse values in the office, classroom and/or program areas.
   - Develops campus initiatives and/or programs to support community, diversity and inclusivity on campus.
   - Makes the classroom or programs accessible for and supportive of diverse learning styles.
   - Displays a commitment to diverse identities, perspectives, cultures, religions, abilities, etc.
   - Contributes to creating an open and accepting environment.
   - Is a mentor and/or role model for students from all backgrounds.
   - Why is the nominee most qualified to receive this award?