UCM Holds Annual Campus Greek Community Recognition

The University of Central Missouri – The Greek community recently celebrated their accomplishments and the 2007 academic year by hosting the Greek Awards. A number of students, alumni, staff members and Greek chapters were recognized for their contributions to the Greek community and to the University of Central Missouri. “The awards are an annual event to recognize and support the outstanding work of the fraternities and sororities on campus” according to Alan Nordyke, director of residence and Greek life.

Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority and Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity won the Outstanding Scholarship award. This award recognized the chapters who have excelled academically and have created programs that foster academic success for their members. This award is the foundation of the Greek Community Academic Success.

The Greek chapters who received the Outstanding Campus Involvement award are Delta Chi fraternity and Delta Zeta sorority. This award recognizes the chapters who have encouraged its members to become involved in other clubs and organizations in order to foster connections at UCM. This award demonstrates Greek leadership and campus impact.

Alpha Sigma Alpha, along with Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, also received the Chapter Programming award. This award was created to recognize the outstanding programming effort of the Greek chapters and their efforts to enhance student learning and understanding on a number of topics and issues. Additionally, these two Greek chapters received the Outstanding Philanthropy and Community Service award which is given to a sorority and fraternity which has demonstrated an important foundation of the Greek community, excellence in service, fundraising and helping others.

Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity and Alpha Phi sorority was awarded the Outstanding New Member/Member Educator. The chapters received the award because they have an exceptional new member program that develops the newest members of the Greek community into the future leaders. Alpha Phi, along with Delta Zeta sorority and Sigma Pi fraternity, won the Outstanding Public Relations award. This award recognizes the chapters who have demonstrated exemplary work in spreading the Greek community’s accomplishments in order to help others see the Greek community in a positive light. The chapters have used various modes of communicating their accomplishments and events to the UCM and Warrensburg community.

Beth Rand of Alpha Sigma Alpha and Justin Schaefer of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity received the Emerging Leader Award. This is given to recognize a male and female who have demonstrated up-and-coming leadership and involvement with the Greek community. Walt Moser, Lambda Chi Alpha alumnus, and Sherry Wilcher, alumna of Alpha Phi, was awarded the Advisor of the Year. The award recognizes the outstanding Greek alumni volunteers who give their time and themselves in order to assist their respective Greek chapters to be the best they can be.

The Greek Woman & Man of the Year award went to Michele Meloy of Alpha Sigma Alpha and Aaron Kempker of Lambda Chi Alpha. This award recognizes a Greek man and woman who exceeds the expectations of what a successful Greek should strive to be. Meloy and Kempker not only contribute to their respective chapters but also for the entire Greek community. They exemplify good scholarship, leadership and service. This is the highest honor the Greek Community gives to a sorority and fraternity member.

Kelly Waldram Cramer, manager of marketing for university housing & Greek life, received the Dr. Stephen H. Petersen Award. The award goes to a member of the UCM community who goes above and beyond in supporting the Greek students and has demonstrated service and commitment to the Central Greek community. Waldram has assisted the Greek students by doing countless publicity and promotions for the Greek life office. She has also created a new Greek Life logo, keeping a consistent look in the Greek publications, developed a marketing plan, and has sent numerous pictures and articles to the Warrensburg paper.

Theta Chi fraternity and Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority each received the highest achievement for a Greek chapter at UCM, the Five Star Award. The award is given to the fraternity and sorority who have accomplished the best overall achievements for the past year, “The Five Star Award is the highest award given and represents the best overall performance of all chapter operations of the Greek community” according to Nordyke.

Above: The men of Theta Chi fraternity pose with the Five Star Award after the Annual Campus Greek Community Recognition ceremony.

Left: The women of Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority pose with the Five Star Award after the Annual Campus Greek Community Recognition ceremony.