

Alumni, Advisor, and Volunteer Awards Information

The Fraternity salutes those individuals who exemplify excellence in their daily lives as expressed by our Creed, who demonstrate a genuine commitment to the ideals of the Legion of Honor, and whose pattern of performance on behalf of the chapter and General Fraternity are a worthy example or model for others to follow. These individuals will have exhibited personal traits and demonstrated leadership, involvement, and overall achievement as contributions to the excellence of Sigma Nu Fraternity.

INSTRUCTIONS ON PREPARING NOMINATION MATERIALS

Each nomination must include a packet of materials containing:

- **Completed Nomination Form**
- **Recommendation Letters – 2 or more are required** – from individuals who can speak to the nominee’s experience, accomplishments, and qualifications for this recognition (e.g., Chapter officers, general members, Alumni Advisory Board Members, College/University officials).
- **Additional Supporting Materials** – as appropriate, nominators are encouraged to provide additional materials to display the work and service of the nominee (e.g., biography/resume, images, publications, program samples). *Additional supporting materials are not a required portion of the nomination and may be included at the discretion of the nominator.*

All materials must be received by April 30.

Digital (preferred): headquarters@sigmanu.org

Hard Copy (materials will not be returned to the nominator):

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Awards Timing

Sigma Nu Fraternity recognizes volunteer and professional advisors and alumni officers each year across several categories.

Awards are announced each summer for the previous academic year and presented at conclaves – Grand Chapter or College of Chapters – to recognize an individual's service and dedication to The Legion of Honor.

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Award Categories and Descriptions

Descriptions and eligibility information for each award category are below.

Campus Advisor of the Year

This award recognizes the college/university administrator who, through years of service, has demonstrated exceptional service and performance in the areas of fraternity advisement and related responsibilities, including advisement, innovative programming, professional contributions, collegiate leadership development, and research or publication in fraternity/sorority life.

The nominee for the **Campus Advisor of the Year Award**:

- Must be a formally recognized college/university administrator who has demonstrated exceptional service and performance in the areas of fraternity advisement and related responsibilities.
- Have a minimum of two years full-time professional service as a college/university professional.
- Be employed on a campus with an active Sigma Nu collegiate chapter at the time of nomination and selection.
- Have demonstrated performance in any combination of the following areas: advisement, innovative programming, professional contributions, collegiate leadership development, and research or publication in fraternity/sorority life.
- May or may not be an initiated member of Sigma Nu Fraternity.

Chapter Advisor of the Year

This award recognizes a Chapter Advisor (includes any member of an Alumni Advisory Board) who through their years of service has been noted for their outstanding work and achievement offered to a collegiate chapter during the previous year. The Chapter Advisor of the Year is one who demonstrates a genuine commitment to the ideals of Sigma Nu and has modeled them through attendance at officer and chapter meetings, support for chapter goal setting and achievement, assistance in the development of special chapter events and programs, and support for *The Ritual* and its values.

The nominee for the **Chapter Advisor of the Year Award**:

- Must be a formally recognized advisor (i.e., alumni advisory board member) for a Sigma Nu collegiate chapter, who through their years of service to a collegiate chapter has been noted for their outstanding:
 - Work and achievement offered to a collegian(s) during the previous year.
 - Attendance at officer and chapter meetings.
 - Support for chapter goal setting and achievement.
 - Assistance in the development of special chapter events and programs; and,
 - Support for *The Ritual* and its values.
- Has been a noteworthy example in their active participation in the affairs of the chapter and the General Fraternity.
- May or may not be an initiated member of Sigma Nu Fraternity.
- *Note that any member of an Alumni Advisory Board is eligible for this recognition.*

House Corporation Officer of the Year

This award recognizes the House Corporation Officer who, through years of service, has been noted for outstanding work in developing a plan for renovation, upkeep and maintenance of the chapter home and its property, and in collaboration with chapter officers, members, alumni, and university administration in maintaining chapter home and property.

The nominee for the **House Corporation Officer of the Year Award**:

- Must be a formally recognized house corporation member of a Sigma Nu Fraternity collegiate chapter.
- Has been noted through years of service to a collegiate chapter for outstanding work in:
 - Developing a plan of action for renovation, upkeep, and maintenance of a chapter home and its property.
 - Maintaining the chapter home and property in collaboration with chapter officers, members, alumni, and college/university administration.

Alumni Chapter Officer of the Year

This award honors a recognized officer of a chartered alumni chapter whose active participation in the affairs of the alumni chapter and the General Fraternity has been a noteworthy example and who has demonstrated leadership, involvement, and overall achievement. The Alumni Chapter Officer of the Year demonstrates a genuine commitment to the ideals of Sigma Nu and has modeled them through his efforts with the chapter's Alumni Chapter.

The nominee for the **Alumni Chapter Officer of the Year Award**:

- Must be a formally recognized officer of a chartered alumni chapter.
- Through years of service has shown:
 - Leadership contribution to the organization.
 - Development and programming by an alumni chapter.
 - Collaboration with chapter alumni and collegiate members.

Division Commander of the Year

This award recognizes the Division Commander(s) who have provided years of service to the organization and have had special achievements noted during the past twelve months.

The nominee for the **Division Commander of the Year Award**:

- Must be a formally recognized Sigma Nu Division Commander.
- Has shown development and programming within a Sigma Nu Division through their years of service to the organization.
- Has regular communications with the collegiate and alumni members within their Division.
- Has had special achievements noted during the previous twelve months.

Regent's Medallion of Merit

The Regent's Medallion of Merit Award is the only Fraternity award given by the High Council.

The Medallion is reserved for those individuals – whether they be members of Sigma Nu or not – whose work has advanced the Mission of the Fraternity in a manner reflective of our Sigma Nu's Creed and Principles of Love, Honor, and Truth.

The nominee for the **Regent's Medallion of Merit Award**:

- May be a man or woman whose uniquely exceptional effort may not qualify in any other award category.
- The person may or may not be an initiated member of Sigma Nu Fraternity.

Alumnus of the Biennium

The Alumnus of the Biennium award celebrates that one alumnus over the course of the Biennium whose singularly significant record of support, sacrifice, and selflessness for the Legion of Honor surpasses all others.

The nominee for the **Alumnus of the Biennium Award**:

- Must be a non-matriculate alumnus Brother in good standing.
- Must have contributed significantly to the benefit of the Fraternity during the current biennium.
- **This accolade is awarded only in odd numbered years and is presented at Grand Chapter or at another appropriate site.**