



2021 Collegiate Merit Award Winners

Man of the Year

Justin S. Jacobs (Southeast Missouri State)

Mu Kappa #407 / Alpha #674

- 3.79 GPA in Business Administration: Accounting
- Commander, 2019-2020
- LEAD Chairman, 2018-2019
- Alumni Relations Chairman, 2020
- NIC Undergraduate Award of Distinction Winner, 2020
- IFC President of the Year, 2019
- IFC Vice President of Risk Management, 2020
- Greek Week Steering Committee, 2020
- Treasurer & Secretary, Order of Omega
- Southeast Missouri State Man of the Year, 2019
- Presidential Ambassador, 2018-2020
- Collegiate Grand Councilman, 2020
- College of Chapters Ritual Team
- Treasurer, Student Government Association
- "Working with Brother Jacobs in my role as President of our alumni corporation, I have had the honor of watching the evolution of one of Sigma Nu's greatest leaders emerge." – Paul Dobbins, Sigma Nu of Southeast Missouri, Inc.



Scholar of the Year

Maximum V. P. Waller (Oklahoma State)

Epsilon Epsilon #2632

- 3.98 GPA in Finance and Accounting
- Oklahoma State University Outstanding Senior & Senior of Significance Awards
- President's and Dean's Honor Roll
- President's Leadership Council member
- Student Analyst, OSU Student Managed Investment Fund
- Head Content Creator and Marketing Chairman, OSU Speakers Board (3 years)
- Business Scholar Leaders Club
- Beta Gamma Sigma, recognizing the top business students across the globe
- Co-founded a software company: Tinstar Foundation
- "This semester alone, Maximum is interning for AlixPartners (a highly coveted management consulting firm), traveling to Tulsa every week to manage and operate his own home appraisal software company alongside his brother (Tinstar Solutions), and operating his own video production company (MOAB Video). Maximum has managed all of these obligations while also maintaining a very high GPA. He is also very involved on campus with organizations such as Business Student Council, OSU Speakers Board and with Sigma Nu." – Dr. Eric Sisneros, Assistant Professor of Professional Practice

Athlete of the Year

Jerrion Z. Ealy (Mississippi)

Epsilon Xi #3274

- 3.21 GPA in Criminal Justice
- Epsilon Xi Charity Bowl Committee
- 2020 All-American Third Team: Running Back (Pro Football Focus)
- 2020 All-SEC Second Team: All-Purpose (Coaches, AP)
- 2020 All-SEC Second Team: Running Back (Pro Football Focus)
- 2019 SEC All-Freshman Team
- 2019 True Freshman All-American (247Sports and Athletic)
- 2019 Freshman All-American Honorable Mention (Pro Football Focus)
- 2019 MLB Draft, selected by the Arizona Diamondbacks
- "He is known for carrying himself in a gentlemanly manner and his devotion to building his skills. While even the most peripheral of fans know of his athletic ability, those that have been around him speak of his humility, his character, and how fond they are of Jerrion." – Hamp Dye, Division Commander



Talent of the Year

Cody Maggiore (Butler)

Epsilon Mu #1601

- 3.88 GPA in Dance Pedagogy
- Housing, Philanthropy, and Sorority Relations committees, 2018-2020
- Vice President of Movement Exchange, 2020
- Education and Reflection Co-Chairman with Butler Alternative Breaks, 2020
- Sigma Rho Delta (Honorary Dance Fraternity), 2017-2020
- Dance Performance Award, 2020 & 2021
- Jordan College of the Arts Dean's List, 2018, 2020
- "A highly gifted dancer; a person of high moral and ethical standards; an activist for change in the areas of social justice, equality, and inclusiveness; Cody Maggiore appears to be the epitome of the Creed of Sigma Nu. In my opinion, he definitely believes in the Life of Love, walks in the Way of Honors, and serves in the Light of Truth." - Larry Attaway, Professor and Chair of the Department of Dance, Butler University.



Alpha Alumni Chapter Affiliates

Brandon S. Avers (Colorado State)

Delta Rho #1819 / Alpha #670

- 3.59 in Mechanical Engineering
- Commander
- Lt. Commander
- Sigma Nu Educational Foundation Collegiate Board Member
- 2021 College of Chapters Commanders Panel
- Collegiate Board Member, Rocky Mountain Student Media Company
- Order of Omega
- Colorado State University Student Government Deputy Chief Justice 2020
- "Of all the collegians that I have worked with in my 20+ years as a volunteer for Sigma Nu and almost three years as a staff member, he is one of the top three in terms of leadership ability, focus, and character. Simply put, he is a superstar of a human being." – David Mainella, Chief Development Officer, Sigma Nu Educational Foundation

Cole M. Barnhill (Mississippi)

Epsilon Xi #3018 / Alpha #671

- 3.93 GPA in Management
- Collegiate Grand Councilman, 2020
- Alumni Relations Chairman, 2021
- Philanthropy Chairman, 2019
- LEAD Chairman, 2019
- IFC President, 2020
- IFC Vice President of Standards, 2019
- Member of the Sigma Nu Diversity and Inclusion Task Force
- Collegiate Grand Councilman, 2020
- University of Mississippi Man of the Year Award, 2021
- Ole Miss Ambassadors, 2018-2021
- "I can say without a doubt that Cole is in the top 1% of students I have worked with." – Arthur E. Doctor, Jr., Ed.D, Director of Fraternity & Sorority Life



Brett M. Benigno (Southern Mississippi)

Theta Gamma #587 / Alpha #672

- 3.70 GPA in Business Administration
- Commander, 2019-2020
- Scholarship Chairman, 2018
- IFC Recruitment Counselor, 2018-2020
- Student Government Association Election Commission Coordinator
- Theta Gamma Brother of the Year, 2020
- University of Southern Mississippi Hall of Fame Inductee, 2021
- "Brett embodies the Sigma Nu values –Love. Truth. Honor. To know Brett is to know his heart, which is full of love for his fraternity." – Kayla L. Mitchell, M.A., Assistant Director of Orientation and Transition Programs

Dominic A. Frattura (Arizona State)

Zeta Upsilon #1522 / Alpha #673

- 3.67 GPA in Business (Global Politics)
- Philanthropy Chairman, 2019
- Professional Development Chairman, 2019
- House Manager, 2020
- Collegiate Grand Councilman, 2021
- High Council Finance Committee, 2021
- Most Involved on Campus Award, 2020
- President, Business School Senator, and Finance Chairman of the Undergraduate Student Government
- Founder, President, and Vice President, Leadership Forum at Arizona State University
- "Dom represents the Zeta Upsilon Chapter of the Sigma Nu Fraternity in a manner that would make our founders proud. He is a man that they would have recruited to be a member of the Legion of Honor. I cannot think of anyone more worthy to be accepted as an Alpha Affiliate." – Scott Rutledge, Alumni Advisor and House Corporation President



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Christopher R. McClintock (Birmingham-Southern)

Lambda Theta #420 / Alpha #675

- 3.70 GPA in Applied Computer Science
- Commander, 2019-2021
- Philanthropy Chairman, 2020
- Social Chairman, 2019
- Collegiate Grand Councilman, 2020
- IFC Vice President of Public Relations and Philanthropy, 2019
- Aquatics Director and Head Swim Coach, 2017-2021
- "Christopher truly lives out the values of Love, Honor, and Truth in everything he does. I cannot imagine a candidate more deserving of these awards than brother McClintock." – David A. Dearing, Sigma Nu Leadership Consultant 2018-2020



Robert Ortega, Jr. (Fresno State)

Zeta Kappa #897 / Alpha #676

- 3.95 GPA double major in Communication & Media and Communication & Broadcast Journalism
- Commander
- Lt. Commander
- Treasurer
- Marshal
- Honors College
- Lambda Pi Eta National Communication Honors Society
- "Robert has been a consistently determined individual whose performance and contributions in all aspects of his college life have made Sigma Nu Fraternity, and his University better." - William H. Davies, Zeta Kappa Alumni Chapter Commander

Stephen Jerod Sharp (Jacksonville State)

Iota Lambda #472 / Alpha #677

- 4.00 GPA Biology
- Philanthropy Chairman, 2018
- Treasurer and Finance Chairman, 2019-2021
- LEAD Chairman, 2021
- Iota Lambda Alumni GPA Scholarship for Outstanding Academics, 2019
- Vice President of Student Senate, 2020
- Student Government President, 2021
- "Jerod has been instrumental in developing processes and procedures to ensure effective and efficient chapter operations. He is an ideal member of our fraternity and sorority community and Sigma Nu is lucky to have him as a member." - Joshua Robinson, Associate Dean of Students.



Maxwell L. Smith (Stetson)

Delta Mu #1462 / Alpha #678

- 3.47 GPA in Political Science
- Delta Mu Chapter Scholarship Chairman, 2018
- Delta Mu Chapter Recorder, 2019
- Sigma Nu Educational Foundation Collegiate Member, 2021
- Fraternity President of the Year, 2020
- Director of Student Engagement, Student Government Association
- Executive Director of Greenfeather
- "Maxwell is a such an amazing student leader who not only inspires his brothers but other members of the Greek community." - Renee DuBois, Associate Director of Campus Vibrancy

Jonathan M. Thomas (Missouri S&T)

Gamma Xi #1562 / Alpha #679

- 3.20 GPA in Aerospace & Mechanical Engineering
- Commander
- LEAD Chairman
- Collegiate Grand Councilman, 2019
- IFC President
- Collegiate Grand Councilman, 2019 & 2020
- Gamma Xi Chapter Man of the Year Award
- NIC Undergraduate Award of Distinction Winner, 2021
- "In my seven years in my fraternity and sorority advising role, working with Jonathan has been the most rewarding experience I have had working with a student leader. I cannot think of a student more deserving of this honor." - Alison Ayers, Assistant Director Student Involvement