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Sixto Announcement: Thank you for joining us tonight. Please feel free to grab some refreshments. We will get started with our program in about 15- minutes as we wait for our guests to arrive. All items should be labeled with allergens. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

<Main F&S Award Slide>

Sixto Arias:

Good Evening, everyone! It is my pleasure to welcome each of you here to celebrate the accomplishments of Stony Brook University's fraternities and sororities. My name is Sixto Ivan Arias and I am the Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life. I am very excited to be here this evening to celebrate your many accomplishments this past academic year. This year's award ceremony included 162 individual award nominations and 71 chapter and programming award nominations. This alone is something to celebrate and acknowledge for our community this evening. Congratulations to all our nominees for your outstanding contributions to the Fraternity and Sorority Life community. There is much to celebrate this evening so I would like to welcome our Assistant Vice President and Dean of Students Dr. Ric McClendon to start off tonight's awards ceremony.

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Ric:

Good evening everyone, and welcome to the 2023 Fraternity and Sorority Life Awards. It is truly wonderful to see so many members of the community join us tonight, as well as members of the staff, faculty, and administration as we come together to commend your efforts over the last year. It fills us with a deep sense of pride to consider all that our organizations have contributed to our community, particularly in the areas of friendship, scholarship, leadership, and service. As we look back at this past year I would like to acknowledge just a few of your many accomplishments.

The fraternity & sorority community volunteered over 7,800 hours to service initiatives, donated over \$57,000 to charitable causes, surpassed the all-campus undergraduate term GPA for the Fifth semester in a row, and hosted over 1,000 activities and programs for its members and the larger Stony Brook Community. We are so proud of all you have accomplished and the resilience we have seen in the community, including welcoming over 300 new members this year alone.

I leave you with this inspiring charge by English Theologian John Wesley "Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can." I look forward to the continued positive impacts our Fraternities and Sororities will have on the Stony Brook community.

<SLIDE CHANGE to F&S Judge Names>

Sixto Arias:

Thank you Dean McClendon for your welcoming remarks. To begin our program this evening, I would like to thank our **Fraternity & Sorority Awards Judges**. These individuals spent countless hours reading through all of your outstanding awards applications and selecting winners for each of our organizational, programming, and individual awards. Thank you so much for your time and commitment to recognizing our fraternity and sorority life community!

(Pause for Applause)

Sixto Arias: At this time I would like to welcome Michelle Ayala, Undergraduate Coordinator of Fraternity and Sorority Life to the podium to announce the winners of our Chapter Awards.

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The Fraternity and Sorority Life Awards is a time to celebrate the achievements of our fraternity and sorority leaders, advisors, and campus partners who are committed to contributing to the progress, importance, and relevancy of our organizations. This year as we come back together in person the need to celebrate and recognize one another is paramount. We begin our Awards Ceremony with our Chapter Awards:

<**SLIDE CHANGE to Outstanding Chapter Management Award**>

The Outstanding Chapter Management Award recognizes a chapter that has excelled in balancing the many facets that go into a fraternal organization. This chapter exemplifies the highest standards of organizational management, teamwork, and communication and has made it a priority to focus on their values of sisterhood, service, and cultural diversity at the chapter and community levels. There are many moving parts to this group's executive board. This organization worked very hard to balance priorities of organizational management, cultivating membership involvement by developing their active membership and new members, and working collectively to attain their goals internally as a chapter and as a member of the Fraternity and Sorority Life Community.

<**SLIDE CHANGE to Winner**>

Please join me in congratulating **Kappa Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.** for their outstanding chapter management.

<**SLIDE CHANGE to Excellence in Academic Achievement**>

Scholarship is the cornerstone of both Stony Brook University and the fraternal community. The **Excellence in Academic Achievement Award** recognizes a chapter for its outstanding commitment to scholarship and is awarded to the chapter with the highest overall GPA. This year's recipient has an overall GPA of **3.7**, which is well above the all men's, all women's, and all-campus GPA.

<**SLIDE CHANGE to Winner**>

Please join me in congratulating **Phi Delta Epsilon International Medical Fraternity** for its outstanding academic achievement.

<**SLIDE CHANGE to Excellence in Philanthropy/Service Award**>

The Excellence in Philanthropy and Service Award is given to a chapter to recognize outstanding efforts in its service-related and/or philanthropic endeavors. This year's recipient truly embodied their service pillar by participating in several service events with various internal and external organizations. Many of these organizations included the Helpline Center, UNICEF, Be the Match, the Smithtown Animal Shelter, SBU Hacks, and Women in Computer Science. On the local chapter level, this organization supports the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (ASFP) and Reach Out and Read, two non-profit organizations that promote mental health and childhood literacy. Together, with the collaboration of different organizations and the community, this organization encompasses its service pillar by educating its members and the community on these important causes and sharing the importance of giving back and paying it forward.

<**SLIDE CHANGE to Winner**>

Please join me in congratulating **Kappa Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc** for their Excellence in Philanthropy & Service Award.

<**SLIDE CHANGE to Programming Awards**>

Michelle Ayala: Our fraternity & sorority community contributes to many programs which raise awareness about important issues, fundraise for their respective philanthropies and engage the community as a whole. This year alone our fraternities and sororities have held approximately over 1,000 activities and programs.

<**SLIDE CHANGE to Program for Diversity & Multicultural Awareness Award**>

The Innovative Program for Diversity & Multicultural Awareness Award recognizes a creative program held by a fraternity or sorority that promotes diversity and multicultural awareness. This organization brought a tradition of many Multicultural/Latinx fraternities and sororities wearing their nationalities on their arm to represent their pride for their motherland and extended it to the Stony Brook community to participate in the same tradition. The program helped spread cultural awareness within the Stony Brook community and provided a safe space for people of diverse backgrounds to find pride in their roots and communities which they came from.

<**SLIDE CHANGE to Winner**>

Please join me in congratulating **Omega Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated** for their “**Rep Your Raices**” collaborative program.

<**SLIDE CHANGE to Innovative Program for Professional Development Award**>

The Innovative Program for Professional Development Award recognizes a creative program held by a fraternity or sorority that promotes professional development for all of its members. As a result of this program, students are better prepared for their careers and life after Stony Brook. During this week the chapter hosted a series of events that connect students with employers in various industries such as accounting, consulting, marketing, finance, and more. The goal of this program was not only to help students learn more about the industry they are interested in and connect with employers professionally but also to gain hands-on experience and further their understanding of professional day-to-day responsibilities.

<**SLIDE CHANGE to Winner**>

Please join me in congratulating **Delta Sigma Pi** for its **Business Career Week** program.

<**SLIDE CHANGE to Program of the Year**>

The **Program of the Year Award** celebrates a program hosted by a recognized organization that was the most impactful. This program is an annual event that raises awareness and resources for Prevent Child Abuse America (PCAA), which is the nation’s oldest and largest organization committed to preventing child abuse and neglect before it happens. After a culmination of fundraising efforts involving donors, multiple local business sponsors, supportive campus partners, and student participants this program was able to raise \$2,333 for this worthy cause.

<**SLIDE CHANGE to Winner**>

We are so proud to present the **Program of the Year Award** to the **Sigma Delta Tau** for their **Kardio for Kidz!** Congratulations!

Michelle Ayala: At this time I would like to welcome Abdul-Malik Abubakar (Ahh-Boo-Ba-Car), Graduate Coordinator of Fraternity and Sorority Life to the podium to announce the winners of our individual awards.

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<SLIDE CHANGE to Individual Awards>

Abdul: At this time, we are going to begin recognizing individual awards.

The accomplishments of the members of our community have been remarkable this year. We would like to take this time to recognize all of our individual nominees.

<SLIDE CHANGE to Tonight's Nominees Slide>

Our fraternity and sorority leaders have worked incredibly hard to innovate and add to the success of our communities. Please feel empowered to share a thank you to any nominated individuals this evening who have made a difference within your chapter or our community. **<Pause - Applause>**

<SLIDE CHANGE to THANK YOU, ADVISORS>

Additionally, we would like to take a moment to recognize our organization advisors. The role of an advisor is integral to the success of our organizations. They provide support and expertise that challenge our organizations to think critically, consider both their values as well as the values of the community at large, and reach their full potential. At this time, we would like to wish all of our faculty, staff, and alumni advisors a "Thank You" for your commitment to our fraternity and sorority community.

<SLIDE CHANGE to Advisor of the Year>

This award is given to a faculty or staff member who goes above and beyond in their role of campus advisor to a fraternity or sorority. Campus advisors play an integral role in the success of our organizations. This year's recipient was nominated by the organization they advised for their continued support of the chapter.

This year's recipient received a heartfelt nomination from the chapter they advise. The chapter noted that their advisor goes about and beyond in supporting their chapter by making lasting and meaningful relationships with each of their sisters. This individual is more than an advisor - her students describe her as someone who truly cares about the values of their organization and takes much pride in the work done by the chapter. It is my pleasure to announce that this year's Outstanding Campus Advisor Award goes to **Jodi Romano**, advisor to **Sigma Delta Tau**.

Jodi is unable to attend but she wanted us to share her deepest gratitude to her nominators and the community.

<SLIDE CHANGE to Friend of Fraternity & Sorority Life>

The Friend of Fraternity & Sorority Life award is given to individuals or offices at the University who go above and beyond to support our fraternities and sororities. This year we are excited to recognize two individuals who have significantly contributed to our fraternal organizations this year.

This year's recipient is a true and valued friend to the fraternity and sorority community. She is always willing to lend a helping hand to support our students. A nominator shared that she has "gone above and beyond for all organizations and has always been a second ear to listen to any concerns or issues that arise". Another nominator also shared that this recipient is "not only a friend of F&S Life but is an inspiration that the community is so lucky to have". We are grateful to have her support and appreciate the lasting impact she has created for our community.

<**SLIDE CHANGE to Friend of Fraternity and Sorority Life Winner**>

Please join me in congratulating our first recipient of this year's Award to **Sydney Damiani (Syd-nee Da-me-a-nee)**, **Residence Hall Director, Greely Hall in Residential Education!**

<**SLIDE CHANGE to Outstanding Scholarship Award**>

The Outstanding Scholarship Award is presented to members who excel academically and serve as role models for their organization through their academic involvement while maintaining at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA. This year's recipients have been described by their nominators as invested in many different facets of campus life. Throughout this past year, these individuals have gone above and beyond to promote the academic success of themselves and their sisters. We were so impressed with the nominees we decided to award two awards this year.

The first recipient accomplishes academic success while excelling through her academics as a biochemistry and psychology double major where she has achieved dean's list the last 4 semesters. This recipient also has an impressive 3.9 cumulative GPA while maintaining leadership positions in her sorority. Their involvement in Stony Brook extends way beyond Fraternity and Sorority Life as this recipient is also in the pre-nursing society, secretary of the Vietnamese Student Association, and serves as a teaching assistant for several courses in general chemistry. This recipient's sisters express their admiration for the care and attention they provide to the community.

<**SLIDE CHANGE to Winner**>

Please join me in congratulating **Evelyn Le** (eh-vuh-lin leh) *from Kappa Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc!*

<**SLIDE CHANGE to Outstanding Scholarship Award**>

The second recipient accomplishes this by combining her passion for civic justice and her leadership experiences through the National Panhellenic Council and her chapter's executive board as Treasurer. This recipient has also excelled in her academics where she achieved a 4.0 last semester and has exemplified time management to the members of her organization. Through her work with the Center of Civic Justice, this recipient has been able to provide service opportunities to the larger F&S community and opportunities to be more civically engaged during her time at Stony Brook and beyond.

<**SLIDE CHANGE to Winner**>

Please join me in congratulating **Anastasia Poulos** (a-nuh-stay-zhuh poo-los) *from Theta Phi Lambda* for their Outstanding Scholarship.

<**SLIDE CHANGE to Executive Board Member of the Year**>

The Executive Board Member of the Year award recognizes chapter leaders who have gone above and beyond the call of duty to help better their organizations. This year's recipient has been an active member in keeping the

organization running and goes above and beyond to ensure they leave the organization in the best position it has ever been. This member stepped into their role during a time when the organization was re-establishing itself on campus but persisted and as a result, the chapter has over 40 members and a full executive board and committee chairs. This member has created opportunities for its organization to co-sponsor programs with other professional fraternal organizations as well as the Pre-Law Society and Political Science Society.

<**SLIDE CHANGE to Winner**>

Congratulations to this year's Executive Board Member of the Year **Ani Jvania (Ah-nee Jvania), President of Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Fraternity International.**

<**SLIDE CHANGE to Outstanding Council Leader Award**>

The **Outstanding Council Leader Award** honors an individual who serves on a council executive board that has gone above and beyond their role. This year's recipient is described by one of her nominators as someone who is not afraid to try new things, go beyond what is expected, and make positive changes for the betterment of the whole. Therefore, it's no surprise they have excelled in their council leadership position. Their experiences this past year and their impact on the council have been nothing short of transformative. This year's recipient has been able to revamp many of the IFSC organizational structure by recreating Google forms, minutes documents, and google drive itself making it easier by streamlining the process for the officers to find what they need. This recipient also created the IFSC website which is exclusive to the members of the F&S Community where they can find more information on chapters and updates of the the IFSC is doing. Her leadership this year will leave a long-lasting impact on the Inter-Fraternity and Sorority Council.

<**SLIDE CHANGE to Outstanding Council Leader Award Winner**>

We are very excited to present the Outstanding Council Leader Award to **Kayleigh Carmichall (Kaylee carmichael), Secretary of the Inter-Fraternity and Sorority Council,** and member of Alpha Sigma Alpha.

<**SLIDE CHANGE to Emerging Leader Award**>

The **Emerging Leader Award** recognizes students who have shown outstanding potential in the areas of leadership and inter-fraternalism. Recipients have been nominated by their chapters as possessing great drive, work ethic, and the ability to better the Stony Brook Community. This year we have chosen to recognize 6 individuals. Please join us in recognizing the following Emerging Leader Award recipients:

<**SLIDE CHANGE to Emerging Leader Award Winners**>

Suzie Hong
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Kappa Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.

Yujin Lee

Sigma Delta Tau

Selena Garcia Montano

Sigma Iota Sigma Sorority, Inc.

Ashley Chin
Ash-Lee Chin

alpha Kappa Delta Phi International Sorority, Inc.

Tahir Tuzun

Kappa Sigma

Angel Rivera Herrera

Pi Lambda Phi

Abdul: At this time I would like to invite back Sixto Arias to announce our distinguished leadership awards and remaining chapter awards.

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Sixto Arias:

Good Evening. I am honored to be presenting the remainder of this evening’s awards.

<SLIDE CHANGE to Hyperion Award>

The **Hyperion Award** is presented annually to members who have made a significant impact upon the fraternity and sorority community during their collegiate career through exhibiting excellence within their chapters and contributing to the Stony Brook community. We view this award as an excellent opportunity to recognize the students for their dedication and efforts toward incorporating positive change in their organization, the fraternity and sorority life community, and/or the campus at large. This year we have chosen to recognize 4 individuals. The Hyperion Award Recipients are:

<SLIDE CHANGE to Hyperion Award Winners>

Jie Rui Wang
Jerry Wang

Delta Sigma Pi

Aime Chau
aim-e cha-ow

Kappa Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.

Tenzin Tsetan
Ten-zin se-tan

Sigma Iota Sigma Sorority, Inc.

Xiner Jiang
Sin-ner Jang

Kappa Phi Lambda Sorority Inc.

<SLIDE CHANGE to Tasheka S. Sutton Spirit Award>

The **Tasheka S. Sutton Spirit Award** is presented to an individual who promotes fraternity and sorority life and inspires others to live their lives by the values of the fraternity and sorority community. They use their passion to exemplify their chapter's values and principles as described in their ritual while educating the campus about the fraternity and sorority community as an active advocate to the community. This student leader actively embodies the mission and values of the fraternal movement. Due to the prestige and honor of this award, a recipient can only receive this achievement once during their academic career. At this time I would like to welcome our very own Dr. Tasheka Sutton-Young, Assistant Vice President for Presidential Initiatives, to present this award to our recipient.

This year’s recipient has been described as someone who always represents the F&S community in a positive way and constantly strives to show the excellence that the fraternity and sorority life community exemplifies. They have combined their passion and knowledge of mental health and suicide prevention by incorporating small and large changes. For example, small changes include sending weekly wellness tips to the membership of the chapter or large changes by outside philanthropy work such as running in an annual “Girls on the Run” 5K that raises money for

domestic violence. This year's recipient is passionate about embodying and living her organization's values and being there for their chapter members.

<**SLIDE CHANGE to Winner**>

Please join me in Congratulating **Maura Gilmore of Alpha Sigma Alpha** on your award.

<**SLIDE CHANGE to Fraternity/Sorority Leader of the Year**>

Fraternity and Sorority Leader of the Year is the highest honor given to individuals within the fraternity and sorority community. This award is given to a student leader who has made significant contributions to the Stony Brook University Fraternity & Sorority community during this year and their overall time at Stony Brook. The fraternity and sorority leader of the year demonstrates teamwork, and the ability to inspire and encourage their peers. Candidates show exemplary leadership, organization, character, and distinction.

This year's **Sorority Leader of the Year** is someone who has not only impacted their organizations but someone who has been committed to bettering the Stony Brook Community as a whole.

This individual has demonstrated strong leadership qualities and a commitment to serving their community not just through their own organization but through the inter-fraternity and sorority council as well. During the 2022-2023 year served as treasurer for her organization, improved financial management, and created a system to keep track of money flow. This individual also served as Community Service Chair in the Inter-Fraternity and Sorority Council, organizing a committee of volunteers and raising money for the community's largest event, Wolfiethon, while also being a new member educator for her sorority. This individual's hard work and dedication contributed to raising over \$35,000 for Wolfiethon, surpassing last year's amount raised by \$15,000, and received funding from the Undergraduate Student Government to ensure the event's success.

<**SLIDE CHANGE to Winner**>

It is my pleasure to present this year's Sorority Leader of the Year... **Sarah Hartney of Sigma Delta Tau.**

<**SLIDE CHANGE to Fraternity/Sorority Leader of the Year**>

This year's **Fraternity Leader of the Year** has been identified as an individual who is driven and creates results with a high standard for their organization.

This year's recipient exemplifies positivity, encouragement, and dedication to their work, which have made them an exceptional leader. As IFSC Treasurer, they have created a comprehensive budget that encourages organizations to work together to fund initiatives, resulting in a stronger financial foundation for Fraternity and Sorority Life at Stony Brook University. In addition to their work with IFSC, they have also had a positive impact on their fraternity. Having aided in organizing various community service events and founded a project called the "wall of prejudice" which raised money for the Elimination of Prejudice Foundation. This individual has truly helped mold our community into what it is today.

<**SLIDE CHANGE to Winner**>

Please join me in congratulating this year's Fraternity Leader of the Year... **Christopher Battista of Pi Lambda Phi**

<**SLIDE CHANGE to Most Improved Chapter**>

The **Most Improved Chapter** is given to an organization that has made significant strides in all areas of their development. This year's award recipient has undergone an extensive transformation throughout the past year. This organization made recruitment a priority which allowed them to welcome many amazing new members. Their sisterhood has grown tremendously and has formed an inclusive culture where all members communicate and mingle regardless of when initiated, which allowed the attendance of their events to reach an all-time high. Their organization has established stronger relationships with other fraternities and sororities on campus. This led them to collaborate with other organizations during philanthropic events such as Tau Kappa Epsilon and Pi Lambda Phi.

<SLIDE CHANGE to Winner>

It is for these efforts we award The Most Improved Chapter to **Alpha Sigma Alpha**

<SLIDE CHANGE to Chapter of the Year >

The **Chapter of the Year** is selected among the Five Star organizations who have been named an organization of excellence. This year's recipient has achieved remarkable progress and accomplishments throughout the academic year, reflecting the values of sisterhood, service, and cultural diversity. The chapter has made a conscious effort to strengthen sisterhood and relationships by fostering personal development and leadership training with members taking on leadership roles within the organization. Philanthropy and service are highly valued, with their organization being dedicated to making a positive impact in the areas they live in, going beyond the required volunteer hours. The organization has worked on various projects, including The Helpline Center, UNICEF, Be The Match, Women in Computer Science, and many more all to give back to the community. Their organization is committed to supporting various causes and giving back to the community, fostering a lifelong bond among its members. This chapter is a vital force within our Fraternity and Sorority community and we are so proud of all they have accomplished this year.

<SLIDE CHANGE to Winner >

Please join me in congratulating this year's Chapter of the year: **Kappa Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.**

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Sixto Arias: Let's please give a round of applause for all of our honorees tonight. While tonight we recognized a limited few, it doesn't diminish the spirit, collaboration, & efforts put forth by so many others that work tirelessly for the betterment of the SBU experience. You should all be proud of your accomplishments and unwavering commitment to bettering our campus. You all play an invaluable role on campus and we are honored to uplift your success and resiliency. As a community, we are moving towards a fraternal community that shows up and creates the change we embody in our own organizations. Thank you for all you do for our campus and I look forward to seeing all of your accomplishments in the years to come.

<SLIDE CHANGE to Thank You, Team>

I would be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to give a final thank you to some individuals who have been instrumental in the success of the Fraternity & Sorority Community as we have transitioned to create our own department. Abdul, Michelle, Tenzin, and Bella! It has been a true pleasure to work with each of you and I thank you from the bottom of my heart for all that you have done this year. Each of you has contributed your talents, time, energy, and passion for the fraternal movement and it shows in how you have shown up for our F&S community. For my graduating seniors, you will be truly missed but please know this community and Stony Brook will always be a place you can call home. Please accept this token of my appreciation.

<**SLIDE CHANGE to Congratulations Award Winners and Nominees**>

Sixto Arias: Thank you all again for making this a great night and a wonderful year! Wishing you all a safe summer.