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**Samantha Thompson:**

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 Samantha Thompson and I am the Associate Director for Student Engagement and Activities. I am very excited to be here this evening to celebrate your many accomplishments. I would like to welcome our Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students Dr. Rick Gatteau to start off tonight's event.

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**Dr. Rick Gatteau:**

Thank you, Sam. Hi everybody! It is so great to see everyone here. I know this is not how you expected your end of year celebration to be but I am so grateful that the team put this plan together so that we could all gather and honor you and celebrate your accomplishments. You know it's obvious that our world has been upended and I think there is a lot of change that we are all experiencing but I think that the resilience that you all have shown in not only supporting each other but coming together as Seawolves during this difficult time has really meant a lot, I am sure to each other, and to our entire community. When I look back over the last few weeks in relation to everything you do as members and leaders in our fraternities and sororities on campus I think that there are three kind of pillars about what you all represent that I think are evident in our world today.

First, I always think about academics and the value that you all take in doing well in school and I think this rings true in the world we live in around COVID-19 and wanting to find a cure and all the education that goes into scientific research and so many of you are following in that kind of footsteps doing great work and I just think that the academic work you all continue to do is what drives and is what fraternity and sorority life is all about.

Second, I want to just share how much I know with the fraternity and sorority community how much community matters. I was thinking today that oftentimes in life we take a lot of things for granted. I know that as a kid when you wanted something, you would ask your parents, "Can I have this?" and they'd say "no," and you would want it even more, and I think this is so true of us being together. I think sometimes we take our time for granted like where we are physically near each other and when we can not have it, that is when we want it more. I think this is an important indication for us to not take anything for granted in life and that we all have to stick together.

The last thing that I wanted to mention which I think really speaks directly to the great work that you all have all done over the last year is your commitment to leadership and to serving others. I know that is such an important core value of being a member of a fraternity and a sorority here at Stony Brook and nationally. And you know, a little birdie named Samantha told me all of the amazing and I was really shocked and thrilled that you all volunteered over 10,000 hours for hands-on community service over the last year, and that you have donated over \$37,000 to charitable causes and that you have hosted over 700 programs. Give yourselves a round of applause. I think that is incredible. What a great job! That just speaks volumes to who you are as Seawolves, and as people who care about the community. I applaud you for that. Just by show of hands, I'm curious how many of you are graduating this May or August? Do I see any hands up? I see a bunch of hands up! I wanted to wish you an incredible congratulations and give you thanks for everything you have done during your time at Stony Brook. You are also the leadership fabric of

this university and I know this was probably not the graduation you ever expected but I will tell you this much, it is one that no one will ever forget, and you will forever be known as the class of 2020 in our eyes. You will go out there and conquer the world and do great things. Even though we are in a time of some uncertainty now, I am certain that you are just going to tackle every challenge in front of you and do great things. I hope you will spread the word about Stony Brook to all family and friends, and people that you come into contact with. Tell the Stony Brook story. Find the next generation of Seawolves and get them the same experience that you did. Be proud alums and continue to support Stony Brook because we will always be here for you. Thank you so much for the invitation and I look forward to seeing all of the award winners with us tonight! Thank you! \*Applause is heard\*

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**Samantha Thompson:**

Thank you Rick for those 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!

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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 especially the need to celebrate and recognize one another is paramount. Please utilize the chat feature on this Zoom call to share congratulatory comments and the “reaction” buttons to show your support and recognize the contributions of our award recipients. We begin our Awards Ceremony with our Chapter Awards:

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**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 management, teamwork, and communication. They have increased communication with each executive board officer, their advisor, and the Department of Student Engagement and Activities. This chapter has made it a priority for each executive board position to set and achieve intended goals. Additionally, this year’s recipient has been able to increase communication and provide opportunities for chapter members to provide feedback and get engaged in chapter operations.

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Scholarship is the cornerstone of both Stony Brook University and the fraternal community. The **Excellence in Academic Achievement Award** recognizes a chapter for their outstanding commitment to scholarship and is awarded to the chapter with the highest overall GPA. This year's recipient has an overall GPA of 3.59, which is well above the all-men's, all-women's, and all campus GPA.

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The **Excellence in Managing Risk Award** recognizes a fraternity or sorority that has made a concerted effort to increase their chapter's preparedness in the area of risk management. This year's recipient hosted 5 risk management workshops for chapter members covering an array of topics such as: alcohol and substance abuse, fire safety, sexual violence, and more. The chapter partnered with appropriate campus departments to ensure their chapter members received the most accurate information possible and were connected to on-campus resources.

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For their successes in risk reduction and prevention throughout the year, we award the Excellence in Managing Risk Award to **alpha Kappa Delta Phi International Sorority, Inc.**

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The **Excellence in Online Engagement Award** is provided to a chapter who has utilized social media & virtual programming as a tool for interconnectedness. This is the first year we have introduced this award in recognition of the importance of social media engagement during times of hardship, in an effort to foster community connection and create, express, and share. This year's award recipient has utilized social media to promote new events, recognize and support chapter members and other organizations, and to provide education around philanthropy. In response to recent events surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, the chapter has engaged alumni working in healthcare to provide words of comfort and advice regarding personal hygiene and social distancing guidelines.

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The **Excellence in Campus Involvement Award** is given to an organization who has members heavily involved in campus life. This chapter has members who are actively engaged in a variety of other clubs and organizations on campus as well as members who are conducting scholarly research, and serving in teaching assistant roles within a variety of majors.

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This year's Excellence in Campus Involvement Award goes to **Sigma Delta Tau.**

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The **Most Spirited Chapter Award** recognizes a chapter that embodies pride in Stony Brook University, the fraternal community, and their chapter. This year's recipient was nominated by another organization for their ability to use social media to engage with other organizations and alumni, as well as show great spirit and pride during fraternity and sorority life events. They truly represent what it means to have fraternal and campus spirit and we are glad to recognize them for their efforts.

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The **Excellence in Philanthropy Award** is given to a chapter to recognize outstanding efforts in the area of charitable fundraising and donations. This year's recipient hosted multiple events to raise awareness for domestic violence and provided assistance to the Long Island community. Their week of programs included discussions surrounding healthy and unhealthy relationships with the Center for Prevention and Outreach, taking a stand in solidarity with survivors of domestic abuse, and their 20th Annual Domestic Violence Banquet. Their efforts through their Week of Illumination serve as an example of the truly profound impact philanthropic work can have in our community.

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**The Outstanding Service Award** is given to a chapter that has demonstrated their commitment to serving our community. This year’s winner has made it a priority and pride point within the organization to support and serve others. This organization planned and executed four events in a six week period that increased collaboration with other organizations on campus and helped provide financial support to Stony Brook Children’s Hospital. Additionally, this organization has been actively involved in raising funds during the year for the upcoming B+ Foundation Wolfie Dance Marathon. This organization has truly lived the value of serving others and are well-deserving of this award

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**Gillian Farnan**

Good Evening everyone. It is my pleasure to help acknowledge the hard work and accomplishments of our chapters.

At this time, we will be announcing the results of this year’s 5 star accreditation program. First we will acknowledge our **4 Star Chapters**. Organizations who receive 4-Star recognition have surpassed expectations of the fraternal community. Within the program a 4-Star Organization is seen as an one of distinction. They have excelled in the areas of scholarship, friendship, leadership, philanthropy, risk management, and internal operations.

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**Omega Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.**  
**Phi Chi Epsilon**  
**Sigma Iota Sigma, Inc.**

Congratulations to all of our **4 Star Chapters**

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A **5 Star Organization** is an organization of excellence. These organizations have reached the highest standards set for the fraternity & sorority community and have excelled at promoting the important values of community, friendship, leadership, scholarship, and service coupled with outstanding chapter management and campus relations.

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**Sigma Delta Tau**  
**Sigma Psi Zeta Sorority, Inc.**  
**Theta Phi Alpha**  
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Congratulations for all of your hard work!

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**Gillian Farnan:** Our fraternity & sorority community contributes 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 700 programs.

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The **Innovative Program for Professional Development Award** recognizes one 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. This year's award recipient created a workshop series in partnership with the Career Center to educate others about managing finances to raise awareness about the importance of financial literacy. Programs offered throughout this series included a presentation on marketing their skills, practicing salary negotiations, smart budgeting, and preparing for emergencies.

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The **Innovative Program for Helping Others Award** recognizes one community service or philanthropic program held by a fraternity or sorority that promotes civic engagement and encourages selfless acts of service. This year's award recipient organized a banquet in commemoration of a chapter brother who passed away from throat cancer. The event celebrated life and had chapter alumni speak on the importance of community and cherishing those around us. Additionally, the event spread awareness and education to attendees about throat cancer and raised funds for the Oral Cancer Foundation.

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The **Innovative Program for Diversity & Multicultural Awareness Award** recognizes one creative program held by a fraternity or sorority that promotes diversity and multicultural awareness for all of its members and attendees. The goal of this year's awarded program was to show the Stony Brook University community the variety of cultures that are present on campus. This festival had participation from many clubs and organizations at Stony Brook and groups were able to host their own tables throughout the event to share and speak to their own culture. Their nominator stated: "This program made it feel as though we were one big community of people that came from different backgrounds but were still all in this together."

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**The Innovative Program for Health and Wellness Award** recognizes one creative program held by a fraternity or sorority that promotes overall positive wellness for all of its members. As a result of this program, students are more aware of their personal wellbeing and are ready to take an active role to enhance it. This year's award recipient hosted an educational and interactive trivia program during Diabetes Awareness Month to increase awareness and education on what diabetes is and to inform attendees on its prevalence within Latin communities. The program was hosted prior to Thanksgiving Break and provided attendees with education on how to make healthier choices and encouraged them to continue the conversation at home to share with their families.

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Please join me in congratulating the **Latino Greek Council** for their **Don't Sugar Coat It** program.

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The **Program of the Year Award** celebrates a program hosted by a recognized organization that was the most impactful. This year's recipient was able to add new features and increase campus involvement and engagement to a traditional philanthropic event. The goal of this program was to focus on educating attendees about the chapter's philanthropy of breast cancer awareness. This program was able to gain more participation from additional clubs and organizations, added new ways to fundraise, and incorporated a trivia section to increase knowledge and awareness around their philanthropic cause.

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Please join me in congratulating **alpha Kappa Delta Phi International Sorority, Inc.** for their **Mr. BCA Pageant**

At this time I would like to invite Kevin Grunder, Program Coordinator for Student Engagement and Activities to announce our next group of awards.

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**Kevin Grunder:** Hello everyone! 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.

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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.

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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. Please feel free to extend a “thank you” in the comment section to an advisor.

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**The Advisor of the Year** award is given to a faculty/staff or national advisor who goes above and beyond in their role. This year’s recipient is being recognized for their leadership, care and overall commitment to the organization’s growth and success. This individual has served in their role for many years and has been noted as an advisor who is always willing to support programs and fundraisers put on by the chapter. This advisor works hard to ensure that all executive board members are performing to the best of their ability and provides opportunities to support all chapter members by making themselves accessible. This year’s recipient is currently serving as a healthcare hero during the COVID-19 pandemic and continues to make herself available to the chapter.

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Our community is lucky to have her supporting us. It is my pleasure to announce that this year’s Advisor of the Year is **Jodi Romano**, advisor to Sigma Delta Tau.

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**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. The recipient of the 2020 Friend of Fraternity & Sorority Life award is an outstanding administrator who is constantly supporting the risk management and prevention education efforts for our students through Red Watch Band training, Know Before You Go, and more. They are always willing to provide support and promote new programming opportunities to create space for risk management and safety conversations with our chapter members. She is also a key partner in nearly all of our community programs.

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This year's recipient is a true and valued friend to the fraternity and sorority community. Please join me in congratulating our recipient of this year's Award to **Kerri Mahoney**, Assistant Director for the **Center for Prevention and Outreach**.

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**The Outstanding Scholarship Award** is presented to one member who excels academically and serves as a role model for their organization through their academic involvement while maintaining at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA. This year's award recipient has been described by their nominator as extremely hardworking and a valued active role model within their organization. Now as a senior they have earned the Dean's list every semester, shadowed at three different clinics, served as a biology lab teacher's assistant, conducted research, and been published in over five healthcare publications. Their nominator noted this individual "deeply motivates everyone around her and helps others realize their potential."

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Please join me in congratulating **Jessica Lau** from **Sigma Psi Zeta Sorority, Inc.** for her Outstanding Scholarship.

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As members of values-based organizations, the **Fraternal Values Award** seeks to recognize a sorority or fraternity member who exhibits and upholds their organizational values, purpose, ritual, and mission through their everyday actions. This member is an individual that everyone is proud to consider a member of their organization and challenges other chapter members to uphold the organization's values. This year's award recipient has been noted as someone who truly embodies their organizational principles of Unity, Love, and Respect and contributes to and builds upon their chapter operations while also serving as a mentor to sisters. Their nominator said this individual "has been able to uphold our organizational values through her personality, ability to lead, compassion, and willingness to lend a helping hand."

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It brings me great pleasure to present the Fraternal Values Award to **Melanie Taveras** of **Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Inc.**

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**The Outstanding Executive Board Member** award recognizes chapter leaders who have gone above and beyond the call of duty to help better their organizations. This year's recipient serves as their organization's Vice President of Finance and has been instrumental in creating a plan and budget which has allowed the organization to support national and local fees. Due to this leader's forward-thinking and planning, the organization has made great strides in amending prior organizational hardship to now being in good financial standing. A nominator stated this year's award

recipient “is a leader that has truly gone above and beyond his position and is passionate about what he does for his fraternity and his brothers.” This evening’s Outstanding Executive Board Member is:

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**Declan Graham**

Pi Lambda Phi

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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 4 individuals. Please join us in recognizing the following Emerging Leader Award recipients:

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Sigma Delta Tau & Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity  
International

**Melanie Intriago**

Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Inc.

**Michelle Cina**

Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity International

**Tiffany Tu**

Sigma Psi Zeta Sorority, Inc.

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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:

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<b>Kunika Chahal</b>	Phi Delta Epsilon International Medical Fraternity
<b>Ahmed Shata</b>	Pi Lambda Phi
<b>Megan Schiesser</b>	Sigma Iota Sigma, Sorority Inc.
<b>Raven Costa</b>	Delta Sigma Pi

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The **Outstanding Leadership Development Award** is presented to members of our fraternity and sorority community that are committed to leadership development and the enhancement of themselves and their organization.

Our next recipient’s nominator said: “I have come to see that leadership does not happen by holding a title or being given a role. A leader is someone who steps up and inspires us to uphold our values, our pillars, and our organizational vision, in our time of need.” This student serves on his chapter’s Program Committee and has helped develop a variety of social, professional, and service related events. He transitioned the chapter’s programming to completely virtual and created weekly bonding sessions for chapter members to stay connected. This individual planned a virtual Q&A with the Port Jefferson EMS Chief to discuss the current pandemic and clear any misconceptions chapter members may have had. He has also planned to bring in additional guest speakers to continue chapter members’ academic and personal development throughout the semester.

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Please join me in congratulating **Christopher Lau of Phi Delta Epsilon International Medical Fraternity** for their Outstanding Leadership Development.

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At this time I would like to invite Christine Marullo, Director of Student Engagement & Activities to announce our distinguished leadership awards and remaining chapter awards.

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**Christine Marullo:**

Good Evening. I am honored to be here with you all tonight and I will be presenting the remainder of this evening’s awards.

**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. This year’s recipient takes their organization’s principles to heart and strives to achieve them with a smile on their face everyday. This individual is a legacy for their organization and grew up learning the values of their organization from their mother. Joining her chapter in Spring 2019, this individual quickly got involved in learning more about their organization and creating connections with new and active members. She served as the Vice President of Recruitment this past year and

worked extremely hard to reach out and recruit new women into her organization. This year's recipient is passionate about embodying and living her organizations' mission and being there for their chapter members.

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Please join me in Congratulating **Shayna Gruder of Sigma Delta Tau** on your award.

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Our next awards recognize two exemplary chapter presidents for their commitment in their role. This year's recipients have proven to be an inspiration for their chapters and for the Fraternity & Sorority Community.

This year's **Sorority President of the Year** has demonstrated commitment to her sisters, including a dedication to mentoring chapter members for their success, modeling respect and kindness for all members, creating a close sisterhood, as well as maintaining open communication for the chapter. The recipient understands the importance of delegation and member buy-in and has worked hard to encourage members to positively and actively contribute to the chapter. This recipient helps facilitate the onboarding of newly elected officers inspiring them to be confident in their roles and makes herself available to check-in on their progress. A nominator referenced the award recipient as someone who: "truly possesses the admirable qualities every leader should wish to have -- organizational commitment, passion, dependability, and resilience.

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For these accomplishments we are proud to award this year's Sorority President of the Year to **Amy Jeon (John)**, President of Sigma Psi Zeta Sorority, Inc.

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This year's **Fraternity President of the Year** has been noted as an individual who truly embodies their organization's pillars and has a vision to create and inspire a united brotherhood that is represented by all members' ideas. This recipient has made it a commitment to create and build upon better communication and relationships amongst chapter members in an effort to ensure all members thoughts are represented and included in the chapters' forward direction. This fraternity president created a more open, active and collective membership by creating a program at the beginning and end of each semester for chapter members to discuss and improve upon chapter culture, set and reassess chapter goals, and share member perspectives.

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**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 Stony Brook University Fraternity & Sorority community during this year and their overall time at Stony Brook. The fraternity and sorority leader of the year demonstrate teamwork, and the ability to inspire and encourage their peers. Candidates show exemplary leadership, organization, character, and distinction and continually represent the pillars of friendship, scholarship, leadership and service.

This year's **Sorority Leader of the Year** is someone who has been referenced by their nominator as extremely dedicated and proactive to the success of their chapter. This year's recipient currently serves as the Vice President Internal of their chapter. They have had the opportunity to represent their organization at their national convention to learn and bring back leadership and professional skills for the betterment of the chapter. This individual is open to feedback and is proactive in resolving any potential issues which may arise in chapter operations. Additionally, this year's recipient clearly communicates so all chapter members are focused, up to date, and doing the best they can within the organization. They have been recognized as someone who voluntarily extends a helping hand to a sister or assists with chapter program planning without needing to be asked. Her nominator shared "Regardless of her rigorous classes in the science field, she has put 101% into our chapter and will continuously do so."

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It is my pleasure to present this year's Sorority Leader of the Year... **Kalina Nhieu** of **alpha Kappa Delta Phi International Sorority, Inc.**

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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 award recipient created culture change and a structure of new policies and procedures for members to be retained and more actively engaged within the organization. This year's Fraternity leader strived to cultivate relationships with other organizations, using IFSC meetings as a platform for collaboration with others. He helped focus his organization on giving back to the community through his efforts in introducing new service events. Due to this leader's drive and passion for the organization, he helped with marketing and recruitment efforts to acquire the largest new member class the organization has seen to date.

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The **Most Improved Chapter** is awarded to an organization that has made significant strides in all areas of their development. The recipient of the Most Improved Chapter Award goes to an organization who has made significant strides in their leadership and overall chapter operations. During the Fall 2019 semester with new leadership the organization revamped their marketing and recruitment strategies to increase the organization's visibility on campus and membership numbers significantly. The award recipient has developed new programming and service efforts within the campus and local community, as well as fostered new collaborations with a variety of clubs/organizations.

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It is for these efforts we award The Most Improved Chapter to **Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity International**

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The **Chapter of the Year** is selected among the Five Star organizations who have been named an organization of excellence. This organization must have consistently demonstrated excellence in all areas of fraternity and sorority life. This year's award recipient's leadership has made it a team effort to inspire all members within the organization to reach their maximum potential. This organization provides opportunities for chapter members to provide feedback and suggestions from the membership to help improve the quality of the chapter experience. The organization provides members with tools to succeed academically utilizing campus resources to ensure the chapter surpasses a 3.0 cumulative GPA. The organization has also put an increased focus on philanthropic initiatives such as the development of their first Kardio for Kids 5K Run & Walk on Stony Brook's campus which raised over \$1,000 for their philanthropy, Prevent Child Abuse America. Additionally, the organization has members actively involved in campus and collaborating with other organizations. Given recent circumstances, the organization has continued to prioritize sisterhood and the importance of connection by continuing conversation in group messages and holding biweekly themed chapter meetings on Zoom.

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At this time I would like to introduce Jeff Barnett, Interim Associate Dean of Students to close out tonight's awards.

**Jeff Barnett:** Hi everybody! Thank you. I'm going to try to give a straight face because my older daughter is trying to make a Tik Tok in front of me. You know, the one where they try to distract you when you are being focused. Anyway, I want to congratulate all of our winners and all of our nominees, our advisors, and our friends who support the fraternity and sorority community here at Stony Brook. Such an important community, especially now more than ever that groups of brotherhood, sisterhood, and small gatherings of community are things that have really held us together in such strange times. If you will join me and even though we can not hear you virtually, let's give our nominees and winners a round of applause. Congratulations to all of you and well-deserved. You have done a tremendous job this year and we are looking forward to seeing you continue your admirable, positive impacts on our community in the future. Particularly excited about our future because hopefully over the summer, the Union will open and for those of you who are returning students, when we come back there will be a new space just for the F&S community as we have talked about before in the garden level of the Union. We are very much still working on that and looking forward to it. On behalf of the Office of Student Life and the Division of Student Affairs I would like to thank you all for joining us this evening.

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We would also like to give special thanks to our graduate staff, Gillian and Mike, we could not do this without you. You have worked tirelessly to support the efforts of the F&S community this year and helped make tonight so special. Thank you all so much and congratulations! Sam, over to you.

**Samantha Thompson:** Jeff, thank you so much for your closing remarks. Just one final thank you to Gillian. For those of you who do not know, Gillian is graduating and she has been with us for two years. We are very sad to see her go. I know she works with a lot of you on a regular basis so if you have time, please send her a shout out and wish her well in her job search. I know she is hoping to work in fraternity and sorority life so hopefully she can continue to do all of the work she has been doing. Thank you to both Kevin and Mike for helping with this year's awards. We really appreciate all of the work that you have done as well for all of our students.

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It really has been an amazing year and I'm just going to close out with some final reminders. We will be sharing this evening's live recording of the Fraternity and Sorority Life Awards and will display our award recipients' names on our Department of Student Engagement and Activities' fraternity and sorority life awards' website. We will also be sharing information on our website so if you do not follow @sbengaged on Instagram, please do that. We will be tagging our award winners if you provided us with your handles. Share it big and loud. We are really excited for all of your accomplishments. Particularly for our seniors that are graduating, we wanted to take this time to celebrate you. We really are hopeful for all you have accomplished as well as what you will be contributing to the world, as well as Stony Brook University. Thank you all so much for logging on. This was a really successful virtual program and we hope you all have a wonderful summer and we work all summer so if you need something, please feel free to reach out to us. Most of you have my cell phone number so. We will miss you! Congrats on an amazing year and we look forward to all that you are going to accomplish moving forward. Have a wonderful night everyone!

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