2020 Student Life Awards
Nomination Categories & Criteria

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Advisor of the Year Award

Award Criteria & Nomination Instructions: Nominees for this award must serve as an advisor for a recognized organization registered with the Department of Student Engagement & Activities. Nominations should demonstrate how the advisor met/exceeded the following criteria in 500 words or less:
➢ Commitment to going beyond the call to mentor students
➢ Offers knowledge and experience to the organization
➢ Provides ongoing active involvement and support
➢ Significant impact on individuals and organization as a whole that stands out above others
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Student Organization Program Awards

Social Program Award

Award Criteria & Nomination Instructions: Nominees for this award must be sponsored by a recognized organization registered with the Department of Student Engagement & Activities OR supported by a campus department. Nominations should demonstrate how the program met/exceeded the following criteria in 500 words or less:
➢ Successful and organized planning and implementation
➢ Outcomes that promoted a sense of community and engagement across a broad subset of campus population
➢ Significant impact on campus community that stands out above others
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Service Program Award

Award Criteria & Nomination Instructions: Nominees for this award must be sponsored by a recognized organization registered with the Department of Student Engagement & Activities OR supported by a campus department. Nominations should demonstrate how the program met/exceeded the following criteria in 500 words or less:
➢ Successful and organized planning and implementation
➢ Outcomes that promoted tenets of selfless acts of service and civic engagement
➢ Significant impact on campus community and beyond that stands out above others
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Educational Program Award

Award Criteria & Nomination Instructions: Nominees for this award must be sponsored by a recognized organization registered with the Department of Student Engagement & Activities OR supported by a campus department. Nominations should demonstrate how the program met/exceeded the following criteria in 500 words or less:
➢ Successful and organized planning and implementation
➢ Outcomes that promoted greater awareness of an existing academic, political, or social issue; enhanced student learning; provided a meaningful exchange of ideas; and encouraged an action-based response
➢ Significant impact on campus community that stands out above others
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Diversity & Inclusion Program Award

Award Criteria & Nomination Instructions: Nominees for this award must be sponsored by a recognized organization registered with the Department of Student Engagement & Activities OR supported by a campus department. Nominations should demonstrate how the program met/exceeded the following criteria in 500 words or less:
➢ Successful and organized planning and implementation
➢ Outcomes that promoted cross-cultural learning and interaction; appealed to a broad audience; and provided a meaningful exchange of ideas
➢ Significant impact on campus community that stands out above others
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Program of the Year

Award Criteria & Nomination Instructions: Nominees for this award must be sponsored by a recognized organization that is registered with the Department of Student Engagement & Activities. Nominations should demonstrate how the program met/exceeded the following criteria in 500 words or less:

➢ Successful and organized planning and implementation
➢ Outcome that embodied the SBU spirit of pride, inclusivity, and community
➢ Most significant impact on campus community that stands out above others

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Student Leader Awards

Advocacy Leadership Award

Award Criteria & Nomination Instructions: Nominees for this award must be undergraduate or graduate student leaders in good standing with the University, with a cumulative G.P.A. of 2.75 or higher. Nominations should demonstrate how the individual met/exceeded the following criteria in 500 words or less:

➢ Unwavering dedication to serving as a change agent
➢ Commitment to generating awareness of diverse/social justice issues
➢ Devoted significant time and effort toward making our campus community and beyond a more equitable and just environment
➢ Significant impact on campus community and beyond that stands out above others

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Peter Baigent Recreational & Leisure Activities Leadership Award

Award Criteria & Nomination Instructions: Nominees for this award must be undergraduate or graduate student leaders in good standing with the University, with a cumulative G.P.A. of 2.75 or higher. Nominations should demonstrate how the individual met/exceeded the following criteria in 500 words or less:

➢ Commitment to providing outstanding leadership in sports, recreation, or performance
➢ Significant impact on campus community that stands out above others

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Emerging Leadership Award

Award Criteria & Nomination Instructions: Nominees for this award must be undergraduate student leaders with an admit term between Fall 2018–Fall 2019, cumulative G.P.A. of 2.75 or higher, and be in good standing with the University. Nominations should demonstrate how the individual met/exceeded the following criteria in 500 words or less:

➢ Displayed great potential during their tenure at the University thus far, as evidenced in ways including but not limited to: leadership, involvement, work ethic, desire and ability to contribute positively to the campus
➢ Significant impact on campus community that stands out above others

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Organizational Leadership Award

Award Criteria & Nomination Instructions: Nominees for this award must be undergraduate or graduate student leaders affiliated with a recognized organization registered with the Department of Student Engagement & Activities, in good standing with the University, with a cumulative G.P.A. of 2.75 or higher. Nominees who hold top 4 executive board roles (i.e. President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer) are not eligible for this award, & should be nominated for Executive Board Member of the year. Nominations should demonstrate how the individual met/exceeded the following criteria in 500 words or less:

➢ Gone above and beyond the call of duty to advance the mission of their organization, as evidenced in ways including but not limited to: acquiring new skills; membership engagement; innovation; leadership development; and cross-campus collaboration and relationship building
➢ Significant impact on organization’s success, and campus community as a whole that stands out above others

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Executive Board Member of the Year

Award Criteria & Nomination Instructions: Nominees for this award must be undergraduate or graduate student leaders who serve in top 4 executive board roles (i.e. President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer) for a recognized organization registered with the Department of Student Engagement & Activities, in good standing with the University, with a cumulative G.P.A. of 2.75 or higher. Nominations should demonstrate how the individual met/exceeded the
following criteria in 500 words or less:
➢ Gone above and beyond the call of duty to advance the mission of their organization, as evidenced in ways including but not limited to: acquiring new skills; executive board and general membership engagement; innovation; leadership development; and cross-campus collaboration and relationship building
➢ Significant impact on organization's success, and campus community as a whole that stands out above others

Commuter Student Leader of the Year
Award Criteria & Nomination Instructions: Nominees for this award must be undergraduate or graduate commuter student leaders in good standing with the University, with a cumulative G.P.A. of 2.75 or higher. Nominations should demonstrate how the individual met/exceeded the following criteria in 500 words or less:
➢ Outstanding involvement on campus
➢ Commitment to providing outstanding and inspiring leadership and advocacy for commuter students and beyond
➢ Significant impact on commuter population, and campus community as a whole that stands out above others

Residential Student Leader of the Year
Award Criteria & Nomination Instructions: Nominees for this award must be undergraduate or graduate residential student leaders in good standing with the University, with a cumulative G.P.A. of 2.75 or higher. Nominations should demonstrate how the individual met/exceeded the following criteria in 500 words or less:
➢ Outstanding involvement on campus
➢ Commitment to providing outstanding and inspiring leadership and advocacy for residential students and beyond
➢ Significant impact on residential population, and campus community as a whole that stands out above others

Seawolf Spirit Award
Award Criteria & Nomination Instructions: Nominees for this award must be undergraduate or graduate student leaders in good standing with the University, with a cumulative G.P.A. of 2.75 or higher. Nominations should demonstrate how the individual met/exceeded the following criteria in 500 words or less:
➢ Unwavering commitment to promoting and generating a sense of community, pride, inclusivity, and engagement across a broad subset of the campus population
➢ Significant impact on campus community that stands out above others

Theresa Montenaro 200% Student Leadership Award
Award Criteria & Nomination Instructions: Throughout her 20 years as a custodian in the Stony Brook Union, Theresa Montenaro was committed to providing a caring and safe environment for all students, faculty, and staff. Nominees for this award must be undergraduate student leaders of junior or senior standing, with a cumulative G.P.A. of 2.75 or higher, in good standing with the University. Nominations should demonstrate how the individual met/exceeded the following criteria in 500 words or less:
➢ Goes beyond the call of duty and regularly gives 200%
➢ Exemplifies Theresa Montenaro’s unique qualities, which include the ability to listen with understanding, guide without boundaries, give and take with love, and grow with each passing day
➢ Outstanding leadership, involvement, and impact on campus that stands out above others

Elizabeth D. Couey Award
Award Criteria & Nomination Instructions: This award was established in 1974 in memory of the first Director of the Stony Brook Union and is awarded for outstanding contributions towards the improvement and growth of student life at Stony Brook. Nominees for this award must be undergraduate student leaders of senior standing (expected graduation date of May, August, or December 2020), with a cumulative G.P.A. of 2.75 or higher, in good standing with the University. Nominations should demonstrate how the individual met/exceeded the following criteria in 500 words or less:
➢ Exemplifies Elizabeth Couey’s unique qualities of exemplary service, visionary leadership, and an unceasing dedication to enhancing campus life
➢ Outstanding leadership and involvement on campus
Contributed significantly toward the improvement and growth of student life and campus community that stands out above others

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**Student Organization Awards**

**Best New Organization Award**

**Award Criteria & Nomination Instructions:** Nominees for this award must be a recognized and newly registered organization with the Department of Student Engagement & Activities (i.e. completed the new club process in the 18–19 academic year), and in good standing with the University. Nominations should demonstrate how the organization met/exceeded the following criteria in 500 words or less:

- Fulfill the mission of their organization
- Shown great potential thus far in contributing to the growth and success of their organization, and its impact on enhancing the campus community and student life. This can be evidenced in many ways including but not limited to: providing a strong sense of community for its members; planning relevant programs or services; proudly representing the University; displaying great initiative to be visible on campus; and growth in membership since its recognition, all of which stand out above others

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**Professional Development Award**

**Award Criteria & Nomination Instructions:** Nominees for this award must be a recognized organization registered with the Department of Student Engagement & Activities OR supported by a campus department, and in good standing with the University. Nominations should demonstrate how the organization met/exceeded the following criteria in 500 words or less:

- Fulfill the mission of their organization
- Commitment to the betterment and education of its members and beyond by providing relevant speakers, workshops, retreats, and other initiatives. This education in turn, should lead and reflect a a benefit for the University community.
- Contributed significantly toward the improvement and growth of individuals within their organization, their organization as a whole, and student life and the campus community at large that stands out above others

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**Distinguished Service Award**

**Award Criteria & Nomination Instructions:** Nominees for this award must be a recognized organization registered with the Department of Student Engagement & Activities OR supported by a campus department, and in good standing with the University. Nominations should demonstrate how the organization met/exceeded the following criteria in 500 words or less:

- Fulfill the mission of their organization
- Unwavering commitment to serving our community and beyond through continuous acts of service, education, and civic engagement that are meaningful, make a lasting impact, and foster positive relationships
- Significant impact on campus community and beyond that stands out above others

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**Most Improved Organization Award**

**Award Criteria & Nomination Instructions:** Nominees for this award must be a recognized organization registered with the Department of Student Engagement & Activities, and in good standing with the University. Nominations should demonstrate how the organization met/exceeded the following criteria in 500 words or less:

- Fulfill the mission of their organization
- Demonstrated significant, meaningful, and lasting growth and development for their organization in areas including, but not limited to: programming; leadership; and organizational management.
- Significant impact on campus community that stands out above others

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**Campus Community Impact Award**

**Award Criteria & Nomination Instructions:** Nominees for this award must be a recognized organization registered with the Department of Student Engagement & Activities, and in good standing with the University. Nominations should demonstrate how the organization met/exceeded the following criteria in 500 words or less:
➢ Fulfill the mission of their organization
➢ Commitment to engaging a broad subset of the campus population in programming and initiatives that are impactful, lasting, and generate a sense of community, pride, inclusivity, and engagement
➢ Consistently collaborated with a variety of student groups and university departments throughout to produce quality activities and services to benefit the campus and beyond with tangible outcomes
➢ Significant impact on campus community and beyond that stands out above others

Organization of the Year Award

Award Criteria & Nomination Instructions: Nominees for this award must be a recognized organization registered with the Department of Student Engagement & Activities, and in good standing with the University. Nominations should demonstrate how the organization met/exceeded the following criteria in 500 words or less:
➢ Demonstrated significant effort to fulfill and further its purpose and mission through its contribution to Stony Brook and/or the community at large (local, state, national, or international)
➢ Unwavering commitment to their organization and the campus community as demonstrated in many ways including: consistent flexibility; initiative; creativity; perseverance; leadership development; cross-campus collaboration; leadership role and advocacy on campus; and programmatic efforts
➢ Most significant impact on campus community that stands out above others and serves as a role model for other organizations on campus