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Students, organizations honored at award ceremony

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Oakland University students, advisers, faculty, staff and parents gathered April 18 in the Oakland Center Banquet Rooms to recognize the Student and Greek Organizations Award winners for the 2003-2004 academic year.

"It's important to recognize excellent work throughout the academic year," said Jean Ann Miller, director of the Center for Student Activities. "The students did an outstanding job this past year, and we don't want them to go unnoticed. Plus, it's a great way to motivate other students and organizations to be nominated or nominate themselves for next year's awards and accolades."

Award winners are self-nominated or nominated by organizations, advisers and fellow students. Certificates, pins, and in some cases, financial awards were distributed to the winners.

In addition to the Student Organization Awards, the Volunteer Service Award, Commuter Involvement Award and Sidney Fink Memorial Award winners also were announced.

"This is the first time the **Center for Student Activities** has handled the nomination and selection process for these awards and publicly announced the recipients at the Student and Greek Organizations Recognition Night," Miller said. "This is the start of a new tradition at this annual event."

About 200 people attended the 26th annual awards reception, featuring the theme "An Affair to Remember." The semi-formal evening featured appetizers, desserts, a jazz ensemble and ended with a hypnotist working his magic onstage with students.

"We received a lot of positive feedback from the students," said Christina Tierman, coordinator of student organizations and Greek life. "This was the first time it was semi-formal, and they really enjoyed the opportunity to get dressed up for the celebration."

2003-2004 STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS AWARD WINNERS

SAFB Superb Organization Award

Women's Issues Forum

Outstanding Program/Academic Educational

American Marketing Association "Speakers Series"

Outstanding Program Diversity/Multicultural

Gay/Straight Alliance "Drag Show"

Outstanding Program Religious

Gospel Choir "2004 College Night Concert"

Outstanding Program Political/Social Awareness

Women's Issues Forum "Women's Fair"

Outstanding Program Recreational/Club Sport

Student Program Board and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity "Lock In"

Outstanding Program Co-Sponsored

Student Program Board and Association of Black Students "Talent Show"

Outstanding Program Traditional

Phi Sigma Sigma "Mr. Phi Significant"

Outstanding Program Community Service

Beta Alpha Psi "Tax Preparation for Low Income Families"

Honorable Mention: American Marketing Association "Save a Life" Bone Marrow Drive

Outstanding Program Fund-raiser

Golden Key International Honour Society "Trick-or-Treat" for UNICEF

Outstanding Program Social

Intrigue Hip Hop Dance Team "Hip Hop Phenomenon"

Student Organization President of the Year – Female

Gena Hintz, Future Alumni Network

Student Organization President of the Year – Male

Brett Preston, American Marketing Association

Gregory Marrs Greek of the Year – Female

Lucy VandePutte, Phi Sigma Sigma

Gregory Marrs Greek of the Year – Male

O'Neil Franso, Sigma Alpha Epsilon

Overall Highest GPA – Greek

Alpha Delta Pi-CPH

Sigma Alpha Epsilon-IFC

Alpha Kappa Alpha-NPHC

Student Leader of the Year – Female

Lucy VandePutte, Wellness, Health and Promotion Society; Future Alumni Network; College Panhellenic; and Phi Sigma Sigma

Student Leader of the Year – Male

Stefen Welch, Association of Black Students and Future Alumni Network

Honorable Mention: Jim Gammicchia, OUSC

Student Organization of the Year

Gay/Straight Alliance

New Student Organization of the Year

College Republicans

Club Sport of the Year

Men's Ice Hockey and Women's Ice Hockey

Greek Organization of the Year

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority,

Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity

Phi Sigma Sigma Sorority

Adviser of the Year – Student Organization

Jamie Simek, Future Alumni Network

Adviser of the Year – Greek Organization

Cheryl McPherson, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority

Link Awards

David Dulio
Dave Lewis
Monica Long
Laurel McDaniel
Paul Merideth
Eric Nelson
Sandy Nieman
OUPD
Melissa Pope
John Savio
Chaunda Scott
Gloria Sosa
Michelle Southward
Patrick Strzyinski
Dessie Welker

Volunteer Service Award – Individuals

Rannette Gillette
Sanjay Guha
Joi Olden
Charles Shock
Crystal Wilkerson
Janet Zabik

Volunteer Service Award – Organization or Group

Golden Key International Honour Society
OU Women's Volleyball Team
Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority

Commuter Involvement Award

Nicole Brown
Peter Coyl
James Ellout
Jeff Galecki
Jim Gammicchia
Sanjay Guha
Ronisha Harvey
Stefanie Marshall
Michael McGuinness
Jeffrey Owens
Monica Sroka
Brandon Svenson
Crystal Wilkerson
Julie Wojciechowski

Sidney Fink Memorial Awards

LaToya Hearn
Jonathan Parks

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