2020 Aggie Greek Award Recipients Announced
*TAMU honors its Greek chapters and members annually*

COLLEGE STATION, March 25, 2020 – Due to university directives in response to COVID-19, we were unable to host the eighth annual Aggie Greek Awards Ceremony scheduled for Thursday, March 19. Together, the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life, The Greek Former Student Network, and The Association of Former Students want to continue the celebration by recognizing this year’s award recipients. This recognition highlights the accomplishments of the Texas A&M University fraternity and sorority community by awarding individuals, volunteers, alumni, and organizations for exemplifying the university’s six core values: Respect, Excellence, Leadership, Loyalty, Integrity, and Selfless Service.

The 2020 award recipients are:

**CHAPTER AWARDS**

**Integrity Award**
*The Integrity Award honors a chapter who did not stray, even if the path they chose instead was more difficult—this group of Aggies could have taken the easy path but instead upheld the Aggie Code of Honor with respect. This chapter is honored as a role model for upholding the high ethical standard which Texas A&M expects of all its students.*

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

**Leadership Award**
*The Leadership Award recognizes a chapter whose leadership has impacted, transformed and improved fraternity and sorority life at Texas A&M University. This chapter embodies the Aggie core value of leadership and uses their ability to empower and inspire others.*

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

**Loyalty Award**
*The Loyalty Award is presented to a chapter that bears a moral character that aligns with its fraternal values and empowers its members to be ambassadors of the Aggie Network—true to each other as Aggies can be.*

Delta Gamma

**Respect Award**
*The Respect Award is presented to a chapter that demonstrates unwavering regard and support for Texas A&M University, its mission and values. This group has earned respect by their appropriate use of powers and privileges, thereby promoting the merits and accomplishments of the fraternity and sorority community. The organization is highly regarded by other chapters for demonstrating a friendly and caring attitude towards others.*

Delta Zeta
Selfless Service Award

The Selfless Service Award is presented to a chapter that has demonstrated selfless service above and beyond the expected chapter philanthropies. This group has shown dedication to the betterment of others to have a significant impact on the community.

Kappa Kappa Gamma

Excellence Awards

The Excellence Award is given to those organizations that show outstanding merit—it is presented to one sorority and one fraternity. Winners show a commitment to upholding superior standards by maintaining a high chapter GPR, recruiting outstanding new members, or making a tangible difference in the community. The awarded chapters show that their organization upholds the values of excellence upon which Texas A&M was founded and makes them stand out above the rest.

Excellence Award (Sorority) – Delta Delta Delta
Excellence Award (Fraternity) – No Applications

Outstanding Community Relations Award

The Outstanding Community Relations Award is presented to a chapter that achieves excellence in the areas of public relations, campus organization involvement, campus leadership, considerable involvement off campus and innovative outreach to former students.

Pi Beta Phi

Chapters of the Year

Awarded to the Chapter of the Year in each council: IFC, CPC, NPHC, and MGC. Applications are reviewed by the executive board of each council.

- CPC – Kappa Delta
- IFC – Pi Kappa Alpha
- MGC – Gamma Phi Omega International Sorority, Inc.
- NPHC – Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Rising Star Awards

Rising Star Awards are intended to recognize an emerging leader from each of the four councils in the Aggie Greek community whose record reflects ongoing and exceptional growth in contribution to their chapter and their council, and increased levels of leadership and responsibility.

- CPC Rising Star – Virginia Krog ‘22, Kappa Alpha Theta
- IFC Rising Star – Josh Feldman ‘22, Sigma Alpha Mu
- MGC Rising Star – Rebekah Perez ‘21, Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority, Inc.
Aggie Greek Unsung Hero
The Aggie Greek Unsung Hero is an award that recognizes a faculty or staff member, affiliated or not, who has support the Aggie Greek community in an extraordinary way. This individual is not a chapter advisor, yet has demonstrated a commitment to supporting and/or enhancing the fraternal experience at Texas A&M University.

Dr. Chanda Elbert, Associate Professor
Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communications
Member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Advisors of the Year
The Texas A&M Fraternity Advisor of the Year and Sorority Advisor of the Year Awards recognize advisors for their extraordinary commitment to mentoring and guiding members of the Aggie Greek Community. These individuals carry out the Aggie core value of selfless service so that their students can flourish and succeed. These awards honor advisors whose dedication goes beyond what is required by the university in order to better serve students.

Fraternity Advisor of the Year: Col. Mark Johnson ’79, Advisor of Pi Kappa Alpha
Sorority Advisor of the Year: Liesl Wesson ’92, Advisor of Pi Beta Phi

Fraternity Man of the Year
The Fraternity Man of the Year Award is presented to a man who has made a significant impact on his chapter, the fraternity and sorority community and Texas A&M University. The award honors a current student who is a role model within his fraternity and a respected leader in the community, has a strong academic record, and pledges to live their lives similar to their fraternal values.

Mikey Jaillet ’20, Sigma Chi

Sorority Woman of the Year
The Sorority Woman of the Year is presented to a woman who has made a significant impact on her chapter, the fraternity and sorority community and Texas A&M University. The award honors a current student who is a role model within her sorority and a respected leader in the community, has a strong academic record, and pledges to live their lives similar to their fraternal values.

Briana Fabela ’20, Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority, Inc.

President’s Award for Outstanding Greek Ambassador
The President’s Award for Outstanding Greek Ambassador is given to a fraternity or sorority man or woman who not only has maintained high academic achievement but has also served as an outstanding ambassador for the fraternity and sorority community at Texas A&M University. The individual who receives this award embodies all Aggie core values and is an excellent example of philanthropy, campus involvement, service, educational achievement, and leadership to their chapter. This award recipient will also receive a $1,000 scholarship.

Zachary Mendoza ’22, Phi Delta Theta
Texas A&M University is a community of scholars dedicated to solving diverse, real-world problems through determination, innovation, and above all, fearlessness. Texas A&M opened its doors in 1876 as the state’s first public institution of higher education and is today a tier-one research institution holding the elite triple land-, sea- and space-grant designations. Research conducted at Texas A&M represented annual expenditures of almost $1 billion in fiscal year 2018. Texas A&M’s 69,000 students and half a million former students are known for their commitment to service, as well as dedication to the university’s core values and rich traditions.

The Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life is a fundamental part of Texas A&M University. It is home to 57 inter/nationally affiliated and local Greek-lettered organizations, which collectively constitute the largest member-based and multi-faceted community on campus. Representing 10% of the undergraduate student population, fraternity and sorority members are committed to their academics, developing and strengthening their leadership skills, volunteering time in the community, and continually forming a campus and cultural support network for current and incoming Aggies. Fraternities and sororities have enhanced the lives of more than 22,500 Aggies since their inception.

The Greek Former Student Network connects Greek former students, stimulates interest in and loyalty to Texas A&M, and provides intergenerational programs that further the educational and charitable interests of the Greek letter organizations, Texas A&M and The Association. Build your Aggie Network by getting involved with the Greek Former Student Network.

The Association of Former Students, founded in 1879, is the oldest organization serving Texas A&M University. They are a service-minded organization driven by Texas A&M’s core values and is committed to the Aggie Network. They serve and support the entirety of the ever-growing Aggie Network, made up of current and former students, faculty, staff, and friends of Texas A&M. The Association provides opportunities to pay it forward both financially, as well as through programs dedicated to engagement, volunteering, and networking. Simply put, they serve the people who love and make Texas A&M a unique and special place.