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FRATERNITY & SORORITY COMMUNITY CELEBRATES SUCCESS

Richmond, Kentucky – The Eastern Kentucky University fraternity and sorority community held its annual Awards Ceremony on Sunday, March 23, 2014 to conclude the Greek Weekend festivities.

Awards are presented for Greek Weekend activities as well as work completed in 2013. Individual and chapter awards are presented.

The highlight event of Greek Weekend is Greek Sing, a choreographed musical performance. Chapters are paired and work for months to put together the unique displays of creativity and attitude. The purpose of Greek Sing is to provide students an avenue to practice their values of unity, brotherhood and sisterhood as well as sportsmanship. This year's competition was close with the women of Alpha Kappa Alpha and Delta Zeta paired with the men of Lambda Chi Alpha and Theta Chi taking home the top honor.

Individual awards are presented to current students, advisors and alumni. The top individual student awards are Interfraternity Man, National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) Member and Panhellenic Woman of the Year. Students are nominated by chapters for exemplary representation of fraternal values. This year's winners are: Interfraternity Man, Bailey Cox of Tau Kappa Epsilon; NPHC Member, Janessa Harrell of Alpha Kappa Alpha; and, Panhellenic Woman, Taylor Goodlett of Pi Beta Phi. They were joined on stage by family and friends as they accepted their awards.

Advisor and alumni awards were presented to long-time supporters of the community. Rena Murphy Keith of Pi Beta Phi has served the chapter as an advisor for 13 years and was honored with the Outstanding Advisor Award. Stefanie Ashley of Alpha Omicron Pi and Michael Hay of Beta Theta Pi are both outstanding alumni of the Eastern Kentucky University community. They were honored with the Outstanding Alumnus/Alumna Awards for their service to the fraternal movement and to the EKU community.

Chapter awards are presented based on the Fraternity & Sorority Life Standards of Excellence. The purpose of the program is to encourage the chapters to improve themselves and the fraternity and sorority experience. The Standards of Excellence were implemented to provide a framework by which chapters can quantify and document their activities and successes. The Standards categories are:

Academic/Scholastic Achievement, Chapter Management, Community Service & Philanthropy, Leadership/Involvement, Membership Development/Education,

Membership Recruitment/Intake, and Risk Management/Harm Reduction. Chapters can fail to be recognized in a category or earn a single, double, or triple star standard in each category. The submissions received are based on work completed in 2013. The Distinguished Chapter Awards are elected based on the Standards. This year's distinguished chapters are: Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Alpha Kappa Alpha, and Alpha Omicron Pi.

A full list of awards and award winners accompany this release.

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