Greeks continue reign at university’s Sammy Awards

Not only was recognition brought to the Greek community at the Pantheon this semester, but Greek students took home several awards at the Sammy’s. Two organizations, Alpha Chi Omega and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., took home the title of Outstanding Social Sorority and Fraternity, respectively. Several of SHSU Greek students also earned the honor of individual leadership awards. Ramiro Jaime, Phi Delta, was named Outstanding Non-Traditional Student Leader, and the Excellence in Service: College of Fine Arts & Mass Communication award was given to Manuel Martinez, FIFI. Two of the highest honors given out at the Sammy’s were earned by Meagan Morrison, Alpha Delta Pi, who was awarded the McDermett Memorial Award and Sarah Hammonds, Alpha Delta Pi, given The Student Sammy Award. Several organizations taking home other awards at the banquet have Greek organizations represented in their membership.
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Award Winners

**Outstanding Lifetime Achievement:**
- Madelyn Clarke, Alpha Delta Pi
- Katie Lorton, Sigma Kappa Omega
- Cory Johnson, Sigma Chi

**Outstanding Chapter Advisor:**
- Eric Hill, Phi Beta Sigma

**Most Talented:**
- Nicholas Szoeke, FIJI

**Outstanding New Member:**
- Christa-Maria Lumsden, AKA
- Ethan Huckaby, Sigma Chi

**Outstanding Active Member:**
- Wayne Kincheon, Phi Beta Sigma
- Meagan Morrison, Alpha Delta Pi

**Outstanding Chapter President:**
- Jessica Gomez, ΣΚΩ
- Alejandro Perales, FIJI

**Service Leader Award:**
- Emilie Harris, Zeta Tau Alpha
- Cameron Robinson, Sigma Chi

**Most Athletic:**
- Scotty Seiber, Delta Tau Delta
- Olivia Keys, Alpha Kappa Alpha

**Most Intelligent:**
- Katelyn Burrell, Alpha Omicron Pi
- Aria Shirani, Phi Delta Theta

**Advisor Choice Award:**
- PHA- Shannon Lowry, ZTA
- MGC– Dakotah Epple, ΣΑΓ
- NPHC– Justin Sparrow, AΦΑ
- IFC- Hunter McKee– ΔΔΔ

**Highest GPA:**
- PHA-Alpha Delta Pi
- NPHC- Delta Sigma Theta
- MGC– Lambda Theta Alpha
- IFC– FIJI

**Most Community Service Hours:**
- Alpha Chi Omega

**Most Involved Chapter:**
- Zeta Tau Alpha

**Most Philanthropic Chapter:**
- Zeta Tau Alpha

**Most Improved Chapter:**
- Sigma Lambda Beta

**5 Star Chapters:**
- Lambda Theta Alpha
- Alpha Delta Pi
- Alpha Chi Omega
- Sigma Kappa Omega

**4 Star Chapters:**
- Zeta Tau Alpha
- Delta Tau Delta
- Sigma Sigma Sigma
- Delta Xi Nu
- Sigma Lambda Gamma

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SHSU Greek Life’s 3rd Annual S.A.F.E. Week will take place September 2nd – September 4th, the Greek Life office will collaborate with the university’s Alcohol and Drug Abuse Initiative in sponsoring the risk management week which will address by-stander invention, underage drinking, safe driving practices, general campus safety practices, and education of resources the campus and university police department provide for students. The week will feature guest speakers from the University Police Department, the university’s Health Center, the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Initiative, and the Dean of Students’ Office. Proactive education on risk management issues that all college students face throughout the country is a priority the Greek Life staff will continue to implement and carry out to make sure the Greek community at Sam Houston State University is very knowledgeable of the dangers exists on and off campus. S.A.F.E. Week is a staple of the Greek community that has help with reductions of risk management violations with SHSU Greek Life.
Greek Student and Advisor Spotlight

Gloria Goodwin Buchanan is Chapter Advisor and on-campus advisor for the Delta Kappa Chapter of Alpha Chi Omega. She has previously served as Co-Chapter Advisor and Membership Programming Advisor for the sorority. Gloria is currently the Assistant to the Dean for Budget and Adjunct Faculty in the College of Business Administration. In addition, Gloria is a proud AXO Alumna from Sam Houston State University. During her time as a member of Alpha Chi Omega, Gloria has served as VP Finance, Warden, Secretary, and Assistant Treasurer. She graduated from SHSU with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting in 1990 and Master of Business Administration with a concentration in Finance in 2006. This past year, Gloria created the Carol Shaw AXO Scholarship where one Delta Kappa member will be awarded the scholarship each year. In fall 2014, two AXO members will be receiving the academic scholarship. In addition to serving as an advisor and working at SHSU, Gloria is a member of the Annual Fund Committee, Sammy Awards Committee and lifetime member of Sam Houston State University Alumni Association. Gloria is married to Steve Buchanan and has three children: Jessica-first year medical student at UT Houston, James-junior at Texas A&M University, and Garrett-soon to be first grader. In her free time, Gloria enjoys spending time with her family, attending SHSU athletic/alumni events, and promoting Domestic Violence Awareness.

Luis Castillo was born and raised in Laredo, Texas. He is a junior majoring in Criminal Justice at Sam Houston State University with plans to pursue a federal career or work in the Gang Division in Houston, Texas. Luis became a member of Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity Inc. in Fall of 2012 at Texas A&M International University and later transferred to the best university in Texas for Criminal Justice, SHSU, where he is a proud Bearkat. Since enrolling at SHSU he is dedicated to helping his organization become one of the best on campus. He currently serves as the President of his chapter and as the Vice President for Multicultural Greek Council (MGC). In his spare time, he visits home in Laredo to spend as much time as possible with his family. He can also be seen donating volunteer time at a physician private practice.

Important Dates:
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