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THE INVOLVEMENT AWARDS NOMINATION INFORMATION

Student Involvement is pleased to host the annual Involvement Awards on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, in the Student Activities Center! The Involvement Awards will recognize and celebrate student organizations and individuals for their accomplishments during the 2023-2024 academic year!

The pages below provide the list of awards available and descriptions for each! Any Auburn University student, faculty, or staff member is eligible to submit nominations. To complete a nomination, individuals may access the nomination form on AUinvolve from the Involvement Awards website at aub.ie/involvementawards or by going directly to the form at aub.ie/iawards.

Nominations are due by Thursday, February 8, 2024, at 4:45 PM.

Award finalists and winners will be determined by a selection committee consisting of Auburn University administration, faculty, and staff.

Award finalists will receive an invite to the Involvement Awards for up to four seats. To ensure as many organizations as possible are able to attend the awards, a single organization may receive up to a max of eight seats, regardless of how many awards the organization is a finalist for.

Winners will be announced at The Involvement Awards on April 9!

For any questions, please contact Director of Student Involvement Brad Smith at 334-844-3277 or smithbk@auburn.edu.



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/// The Involvement Awards

Some awards are divided into the following two categories of organization types...

- *One award for Student Activity Organizations (SAO's) – SAO's are the 15 large organizations housed directly in the Student Involvement office. These include: Auburn University Dance Marathon, Beat Bama Food Drive, Black Student Union, The Circle, Eagle Eye TV, Emerge, The Glomerata, IMPACT, International Student Organization, Involvement Ambassadors, Organizations Board, The Auburn Plainsman, Student Government Association, University Program Council, and WEGL 91.1. Additionally, for the purpose of the Involvement Awards, Aubie and Greek Councils will also be considered for SAO-category awards.*
- *One award for Registered Student Organizations (RSO's) / Sponsored Student Organizations (SSO's). RSO's and SSO's are the ~500 organizations that represent a wide variety of academic colleges, university departments, and specific interests.*

/// The List of Awards

1. Most Exceptional Campus Organization Award (one for SAO's / one for RSO's/SSO's)
2. Student Leader of the Year Award (multiple student recipients)
3. The Corey M. Edwards Organization Advisor of the Year Award
4. Student Organization Supporter of the Year Award
5. Outstanding New Organization Award
6. Most Excellent Campus Event Award (two for SAO's / two for RSO's/SSO's)
7. Excellence in Career Readiness Award (one for SAO's / one for RSO's/SSO's)
8. The Fred & Charlene Kam Human Touch Service Award
9. Outstanding Cultural Impact Award
10. Outstanding Incorporation of Diversity & Inclusion Award
11. Excellence in Communications & Marketing Award (one for SAO's / one for RSO's/SSO's)
12. Be The Creed Award



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/// The Award Descriptions

Refer to the note above about awards being divided into two categories of organization types.

Most Exceptional Campus Organization Award (SAO Category)

Given to an SAO that most exemplified the traits of an excellent Auburn student organization and that best empowered its members to be impactful Auburn students as a group. Nominations will be evaluated on how the organization enhanced the student experience and how it was innovative in fulfilling its mission for the student body. Must be an SAO to be eligible.

Most Exceptional Campus Organization Award (RSO/SSO Category)

Given to an RSO/SSO that most exemplified the traits of an excellent Auburn student organization and that best empowered its members to be impactful Auburn students as a group. Nominations will be evaluated on how the organization enhanced the student experience and how it was innovative in fulfilling its mission. Must be an RSO/SSO to be eligible.

Student Leader of the Year Award

Given to multiple students who best demonstrated exceptional leadership abilities and the principles of the Auburn Creed through their student organization involvement. Nominations will be evaluated on how the student leader enhanced the student experience for others and for how they set an example for their peers. Must be a student in a student organization to be eligible.

The Corey M. Edwards Organization Advisor of the Year Award

Given to an RSO/SSO organization advisor who exceeded their obligations in supporting a student organization and its students. Nominations will be evaluated on how the advisor enhanced the student experience, demonstrated dedication to the student organization's success, and helped the students fulfill their mission. Must be an Advisor to a Registered Student Org (RSO) or Sponsored Student Org (SSO) to be eligible.

Student Organization Supporter of the Year Award

Given to an individual/group of individuals/office who exceeded their obligations in supporting one or more student organizations and their students. Nominations will be evaluated on how the supporter enhanced the student experience, demonstrated



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dedication to students' success, and helped students fulfill their mission(s). Must be a university faculty/staff/office to be eligible but should not be a student organization advisor for the purpose of this award.

Outstanding New Organization Award

Given to an RSO/SSO in its first year (provisional or permanent) that most exemplified the traits of an excellent Auburn student organization and that best empowered its members to be impactful Auburn students as a group. Nominations will be evaluated on how the organization enhanced the student experience and how it was innovative in building an organizational foundation and recruiting membership. Must be a first-year RSO/SSO to be eligible.

Most Excellent Campus Event (SAO Category)

Given to an SAO host organization that enhanced the student experience by engaging students in a well-planned, well-executed, successful event. Nominations will be evaluated on how an event enhanced the student experience, used innovative practices to engage students, and fulfilled the organization's mission through a high-quality event. Must be an SAO event to be eligible. Two awards will likely be given, one for a fall semester event and one for a spring semester event. Eligible events considered are those that occurred between February 1, 2023 – February 1, 2024.

Most Excellent Campus Event (RSO/SSO Category)

Given to an RSO/SSO host organization that enhanced the student experience by engaging students in a well-planned, well-executed, successful event. Nominations will be evaluated on how an event enhanced the student experience, used innovative practices to engage students, and fulfilled the organization's mission through a high-quality event. Must be an RSO/SSO event to be eligible. Two awards will likely be given, one for a fall semester event and one for a spring semester event. Eligible events considered are those that occurred between February 1, 2023 – February 1, 2024.

Excellence in Career Readiness (SAO Category)

Given to an SAO organization that empowered its members to grow in career readiness through their engagement in the organization. Nominations will be evaluated on how an organization enhanced the student experience by providing growth opportunities for its members to build leadership skills, technical skills, and other career skills they can carry beyond Auburn. Must be an SAO to be eligible.



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The Fred & Charlene Kam Human Touch Service Award

Given to an organization whose philanthropic and/or service activities exemplified the power of the "Human Touch" as outlined in the Auburn Creed. The Auburn Creed states, "I believe in the human touch, which cultivates sympathy with my fellow men and mutual helpfulness and brings happiness for all." Nominations will be evaluated on how the organization served the campus and/or community, demonstrated innovation in their philanthropic and/or service activities, and cultivated sympathy while being helpful and bringing happiness. Must be a student organization to be eligible.

Outstanding Cultural Impact

Given to an organization that positively impacted the culture of Auburn by empowering students to gain greater insight, understanding, and appreciation of cultures. Nominations will be evaluated on how an organization planned and executed a program, event, campaign or initiative that positively displayed and impacted the culture of Auburn while providing a cultural learning opportunity for the student body. Must be a student organization to be eligible.

Outstanding Incorporation of Diversity & Inclusion

Given to an organization that incorporated a value for diversity, equity, and inclusion within their organization. Nominations will be evaluated on how an organization demonstrated a commitment to appreciating differences and including all students at Auburn in their organizational offerings and activities equitably. Must be a student organization to be eligible.

Excellence in Communications & Marketing (SAO Category)

Given to an SAO that displayed high-quality marketing & communications efforts to ensure the student body and campus community were aware of their activities and achievements. Nominations will be evaluated on how an organization strategically planned and executed their outreach efforts while utilizing creative ideas and methods to share their stories with the campus community. Must be an SAO to be eligible.



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Be the Creed

Given to a student who embodies the values set forth in the Auburn Creed. Nominations will be evaluated on whether a student should be recognized and honored for the ways in which they model outstanding hard work, desire to grow through education, honesty and truthfulness, sound mind/body/spirit, good sportsmanship, obedience to law, sympathy for others, helpfulness, belief in country, and a love for Auburn. Be the Creed Honorees are positive examples for others in the Auburn community and beyond. Must be a student to be eligible.