



# Award Descriptions and Procedures

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# Theta Chi Fraternity Award Descriptions and Procedures

## **Introduction**

Article VIII, Section 2 of *The Constitution & Bylaws of Theta Chi Fraternity* states:

*“The rules and procedures for the Fraternity’s awards are set forth in a document entitled “Theta Chi Fraternity Award Descriptions and Procedures” which may not be modified or amended except by resolution adopted by the vote of at least six members of the Grand Chapter.”*

Most of the awards require completion of a nomination or application form. The forms have instructions and more useful information about the award. These forms are available at [www.thetachi.org](http://www.thetachi.org) or by contacting the International Headquarters.

Chapters are not restricted from creating their own awards for internal chapter use. Likewise, house corporations, alumni associations, and other recognized bodies of Theta Chi Fraternity may honor, recognize, and reward individuals or chapters with their own awards. However, any such award must be consistent with the ideals and highest standards of Theta Chi Fraternity.

# AWARDS FOR COLLEGIATE CHAPTERS

## *The Howard R. Alter, Jr. Award for Chapter Excellence*

**Purpose:** The most prestigious award presented to a chapter, The Howard R. Alter, Jr. Award for Chapter Excellence may be awarded annually to recognize overall excellence in chapter organization and operations for the most recent academic year. The award is not intended to honor a single best chapter, but rather those chapters in Theta Chi Fraternity that exemplify excellence across a broad spectrum.

**Background:** Howard Alter Jr., Omega/Pennsylvania State University 1941 served two terms on the Grand Chapter (1958-62, 1962-66), including two terms as National President (1962-64, 1964-66); he served as Executive Director of the Fraternity from 1968 to 1984. Brother Alter also served on the Foundation Chapter (1968-84), two terms on the National Board of Trustees (now the Norwich Housing Corporation) (1984-89, 1989-94), including one term as President (1992-93). He was the third Theta Chi to receive the Gold Medal from the North-American Interfraternity Conference, the highest award given by the NIC.

The Grand Chapter created the Howard R. Alter, Jr. Award for Chapter Excellence in 1984, upon the petition by several former field men (now called Field Executives) who worked for Brother Alter during his tenure as Executive Director.

**Description of the Award:** Chapters receiving the Howard R. Alter, Jr. Award for Chapter Excellence are given a large framed certificate bearing the image of Brother Alter. Additionally, a large plaque also bearing the image of Brother Alter is on permanent display at the International Headquarters; upon this plaque are engraved the names of those chapters that receive the award, along with the year of receipt.

**Eligibility and Application Process:** Chapters must submit an application to be considered for the award. The required application form with instructions and additional details is available at the Resource Center on myOX or by calling the International Headquarters. Applications are reviewed by current and former field men, who select which chapters will receive the award. Any number of chapters may receive the award in a given year.

**Presentation:** The Howard R. Alter, Jr. Award for Chapter Excellence is presented at a time and in a manner directed by the Grand Chapter.

## *The Grand Chapter Scholarship Award*

**Purpose:** The Grand Chapter Scholarship Award shall be presented annually to the active chapter of the Fraternity having the best scholastic record for the prior calendar year. The Grand Chapter Scholarship Award shall be represented by the Stanford Scholarship Trophy to honor those brothers from our Alpha Epsilon Chapter that generously donated this trophy to the Fraternity.

**Background:** In 1928 the Grand Chapter approved an annual award to recognize the chapter with the most outstanding academic record. The Alpha Epsilon Chapter at Stanford University presented the Grand Chapter with a large silver loving cup trophy to be used as the actual award; the chapter winning the award kept the trophy for one year. The original trophy has been retired and is on permanent display at the International Headquarters.

**Description of the Award:** The winning chapter symbolically is presented with the original Stanford Trophy as well as a framed certificate to be kept by the chapter.

**Eligibility and Application Process:** The International Headquarters collects chapter academic records directly from colleges and universities. A formula is utilized to calculate a score that normalizes the data and compares the chapter grade point average to the campus all men's grade point average. Chapters must be in good standing to be eligible to receive the award. The chapter with the best academic score for the prior calendar year will be presented with the award.

**Presentation:** The Grand Chapter Scholarship Award is presented at a time and in a manner directed by the Grand Chapter.

## **The Sidney Ann Gilpin Lewis Memorial Trophy**

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**Purpose:** The Sidney Ann Gilpin Lewis Memorial Trophy is presented annually to recognize excellence by chapters and individual members in exemplifying our motto by assisting others in need.

**Background:** James G. Lewis (Alpha Xi/Delaware 1912) served three terms on the Grand Chapter. During that time, his 10-year old daughter Sidney Ann contracted spinal meningitis. Desperate measures were deemed necessary to fight the disease, and Lewis twice gave blood for transfusions. When doctors refused to use his blood again, it was essential that others be found whose blood would match Sidney Ann's. Fellow Grand Chapter officer Dr. Robert L. Irish (Alpha/Norwich 1889) was in constant contact with the situation and informed the officers of Upsilon Chapter at New York University. The next day several of Upsilon's members arrived at the hospital offering to donate their blood. Two more transfusions were made, but tragically, despite their selfless efforts, Sidney Ann passed away.

In memory of his daughter, and to express his gratefulness to the Fraternity, Brother Lewis presented the Sidney Ann Gilpin Lewis Memorial Trophy to the Grand Chapter. While Lewis left it to the Grand Chapter to determine how the trophy would be used, it had traditionally been awarded to the chapter that had made the most progress during the previous year.

In June 23, 2008, the International Advisory Committee recommended that the Grand Chapter use the award for a purpose more fitting to the memory of Sidney Ann and Brother Lewis by recognizing chapters and/or individual brothers that/who exemplify our motto of An Assisting Hand, as demonstrated by Dr. Irish and Upsilon Chapter's desire to help Brother Lewis in his time of need.

**Description of the Award:** The original Sidney Ann Gilpin Lewis Memorial Trophy is an impressive silver trophy that remains on permanent display at the International Headquarters. It is symbolically presented each year when the award is given. The recipient of the award is also presented with an engraved plaque bearing their name, chapter, and year the award is presented.

***Eligibility and Application Process:*** Chapters and collegiate or alumnus members of the Fraternity may be nominated by anyone for this award. A nomination form with instructions and additional details is available at the Resource Center on myOX or by calling the International Headquarters. Any number of chapters or members may receive the award in a given year. The Lewis Award Committee may also make nominations at their discretion and will determine which chapter(s) or member(s) will receive the award each year. There is no minimum or maximum number of Lewis Awards given each year, but it should be noted that the intent of this award is to recognize only those chapters and members who have truly and selflessly exemplified our motto of An Assisting Hand.

***Presentation:*** Sidney Ann Gilpin Lewis Memorial Trophy is presented at a time and in a manner directed by the Grand Chapter.

## ***The Chapter Achievement Award***

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***Purpose:*** Chapter Achievement Award shall be awarded annually to recognize those chapters that demonstrate distinction in chapter organization and operations for the most recent academic year. It is the second highest award that may be given to a chapter on an annual basis and any number of chapters may receive the award in a given year.

***Background:*** The Chapter Achievement Award was created by the Grand Chapter in 1991 to recognize and encourage those chapters that do not receive the Howard R. Alter Jr. Award for Chapter Excellence, but nonetheless demonstrate substantial success, progress, and improvement in chapter organization and operations during the preceding academic year.

***Description of the Award:*** The Chapter Achievement Award is a framed certificate bearing the chapter name and the date that the award is presented.

***Eligibility and Application Process:*** Any chapter applying for the Howard R. Alter Jr. Award for Chapter Excellence is automatically considered for this award. A committee decides upon the recipient chapter(s). Any number of chapters may receive the award in a given year.

***Presentation:*** The Chapter Achievement Award is presented at a time and in a manner directed by the Grand Chapter.

## ***The Chapter Excellence Award***

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***Purpose:*** The Chapter Excellence Award is presented annually to recognize demonstrated excellence in specific areas of chapter operations and programming for the most recent academic year. The areas are: Scholarship Programming, Recruitment Programming, Pledge and Member Education, Community Service and Philanthropy Programming, Sacred Purpose, Alumni Programming, Chapter Finances, The Ritual, Chapter Operations, Internal Cooperation, Campus Involvement, Risk Management Practices, and Social Programming.

***Background:*** The Chapter Excellence Award was created by the Grand Chapter in 1991.

**Description of the Award:** The Chapter Excellence Award consists of a certificate bearing the chapter name and the date that the award is presented.

**Eligibility and Application Process:** Chapters must submit applications to be considered for the awards. Each area requires a separate form and chapters are not required to apply for all areas. The required application with instructions and additional details is available at the Resource Center on myOX or by calling the International Headquarters. The Chief Executive Officer and other Directors of the International Headquarters will determine which applicants merit the award.

**Presentation:** The Chapter Excellence Award is presented at a time and in a manner directed by the Grand Chapter.

## ***The Fleetham Convention Attendance Trophy***

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**Purpose:** The Fleetham Convention Attendance Trophy recognizes the chapter, colony or interest group that has the best attendance at the International Convention.

**Background:** The Fleetham Convention Attendance Trophy, commonly referred to as the “Man-Mile Trophy” was first awarded on August 29, 1931, at the 75th Anniversary Convention held at Norwich University. The trophy that was originally used for the award was held by the winning chapter until the next National Convention. The trophy was renamed to the Fleetham Convention Attendance Trophy by the Grand Chapter on December 10, 2016.

**Description of the Award:** The original Convention Attendance Trophy is symbolically presented to the chapter receiving the award. A framed certificate is also presented to the winning chapter.

**Eligibility and Application Process:** The winner of the award is determined by multiplying the number of attendees officially registered for the International Convention by the number of miles from the chapter to the event site. The International Headquarters staff computes the score after the close of official on-site registration at the event.

**Presentation:** The award will be presented during the International Convention.

## ***The James M. Holland Award***

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**Purpose:** The James M. Holland Award is presented to the chapter that initiates the most men in the previous academic year.

**Background:** James M. Holland, Alpha/Norwich University 1883 was one of only fifteen students and the sole collegiate member of Theta Chi Fraternity returning to the University in the fall of 1881. With the assistance of six local alumni, he initiated Henry B. Hersey and Philip S. Randall, thus preserving the continuity of the Fraternity.

The James M. Holland Award was created by the Grand Chapter March 20, 1993, to honor Brother Holland's accomplishments.

**Description of the Award:** The James M. Holland Award is a framed certificate bearing the portrait of Brother Holland as well as the name of the winning chapter.

**Eligibility and Application Process:** All chapters are eligible to receive this award and automatically qualify when they submit membership applications and payments to the International Headquarters during the course of each academic year. The winning chapter is determined by the International Headquarters staff.

**Presentation:** The James M. Holland Award is presented at a time and in a manner determined by the Grand Chapter.

### **The Henry B. Hersey Significant Increase in Membership Award**

**Purpose:** The Henry B. Hersey Significant Increase in Membership Award is presented to the chapter that has the most significant percentage increase in membership in an academic year.

**Background:** Henry Blanchard Hersey, Alpha/Norwich University 1885 helped to preserve the Fraternity when he and Philip S. Randall were initiated by James M. Holland and local alumnus members in 1881. Hersey is credited with helping to rebuild membership in the Alpha Chapter over the next four years through aggressive recruitment.

The Significant Increase in Membership Award was created by the Grand Chapter March 20, 1993, and was renamed the Henry B. Hersey Significant Increase in Membership Award on June 23, 2008, to honor Brother Hersey's accomplishments.

**Description of the Award:** The Henry B. Hersey Significant Increase in Membership Award is a framed certificate,

**Eligibility and Application Process:** All chapters are eligible to receive this award and automatically qualify when they submit the membership application and payments to the International Headquarters during the course of academic year. The winning chapter is determined by the International Headquarters staff.

**Presentation:** The Henry B. Hersey Significant Increase in Membership Award is presented at a time and in a manner determined by the Grand Chapter.

### **The Phil S. Randall Success in Recruitment Award**

**Purpose:** The Phil S. Randall Success in Recruitment Award is presented to all chapters that initiate more than 25 men in an academic year.



**Background:** Phil Sheridan Randall, Alpha/Norwich University 1885 helped to preserve the Fraternity when he and Henry B. Hersey were initiated by James M. Holland and local alumnus members in 1881. Brother Randall later collected and preserved many Alpha Chapter artifacts and served as a historical consultant to the Grand Chapter until his death in 1960. The Success in Rush Award was created by the Grand Chapter March 20, 1993, and was renamed the Phil S. Randall Success in Recruitment Award on June 23, 2008 to honor Brother Randall's accomplishments.

**Description of the Award:** The Phil S. Randall Success in Recruitment Award is a framed certificate that is presented to all winners.

**Eligibility and Application Process:** All chapters are eligible to receive this award and automatically qualify when they submit the membership application and payments to the International Headquarters during the course of academic year.

**Presentation:** The Phil S. Randall Success in Recruitment Award is presented at a time and in a manner determined by the Grand Chapter.

## **The David L. Westol Sacred Purpose Award**

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**Purpose:** Presented annually, this award goes to the chapter that most exemplifies the spirit of our Sacred Purpose movement. A first runner-up will be considered based on merit.

**Background:** Launched in the fall of 2013, the Sacred Purpose movement is the modern expression of our motto— the Assisting Hand. The Sacred Purpose movement offers programmatic support at the chapter and international levels that concentrates specifically on any health and safety related topics. The movement called for the creation of new leadership positions that help us better care for and understand one another.

The award is named in honor of David L. Westol, Beta Zeta/Michigan State 1973, whose volunteer and professional career have been devoted to the health, safety, and protection of fraternity and sorority members. After graduating from Michigan State in 1973, Dave worked for his alma mater as Assistant Director of Student Activities and Advisor to Fraternities. He was admitted to the Michigan Bar in November 1979 and became an assistant prosecutor for the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney in Kalamazoo County, MI.

From 1975-1980, Westol served as a Regional Counselor for Theta Chi before being elected to the Grand Chapter as International Vice President in 1980. He remained in that role until completing his maximum second term in 1988. In December of that year, he was named the Fraternity's Executive Director and held that position for 18 years. Today, he is the founder, owner and CEO of Limberlost Consulting.

Westol's interfraternal career is equally impressive. He was elected to the board of directors of the Fraternal Information and Programming Group (FIPG) in 1993 and has served continuously on the board since that time. He has also served FIPG in the roles of Director of Policy Interpretation and administrator since 1996. In July 1998, he was elected to the Fraternity Executives Association (FEA)

board of directors and served as president from 2002-2003. He has also served on the board of directors for HazingPrevention.org and on the Association of Fraternal Leadership and Values (AFLV).

Dave has become a ubiquitous figure at fraternity and sorority leadership development events. He has performed his signature anti-hazing presentation "Hazing on Trial" over 1,800 times since 1981 and has spoken on more than 350 campuses and at over 200 Greek leadership events. Dave has served as a faculty member for AFLV, the Northeast Greek Leadership Association, the Southeast Interfraternity Conference and the Fraternal Risk Management Trust, (FRMT) Inc. From its first session in the early 1990s through 2010, he was a faculty member for "Risk Management on the Road," an annual traveling consultants' workshop for women's national fraternities and sororities.

In 2012, Dave was named a recipient of the North-American Interfraternity Conference's Gold Medal, the most prestigious honor in the interfraternal world. Brother Westol is one of only four Theta Chi members to have received the Gold Medal.

***Description of the Award:*** The David L. Westol Sacred Purpose Award consists of an engraved crystal trophy bearing the chapter designation, university or college name, and the date of presentation. The award will handsomely display the Sacred Purpose logo as its primary visual element.

***Eligibility and Application Process:*** All active chapters and colonies are eligible to apply for the David L. Westol Sacred Purpose Award on a form specified by the Chief Executive Officer.

Important categories for consideration:

- List of health and safety related guest speakers and program topics
- List and description of campus-wide events/programs, including outcomes
- List of local health and safety partners
- Testimonials from students and partners
- Letters of recommendation from campus health and safety professionals
- Letter of recommendation from Health and Safety Adviser
- Photos and/or video

Applicants for the award are nominated by the International Headquarters staff. Final approval of the award winner(s) will be confirmed by the Sacred Purpose Committee or the Grand Chapter.

**Presentation:** The award(s) will be presented at a time and manner determined by the Grand Chapter. Whenever possible, the award shall be presented in the presence of the International President, Chief Executive Officer, appropriate staff members involved in the Sacred Purpose movement, and/or David L. Westol.

# AWARDS FOR COLLEGIATE MEMBERS

## *The Reginald E.F. Colley Memorial Trophy*

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**Purpose:** The Reginald E.F. Colley Memorial Trophy is the highest honor bestowed upon a collegiate member of Theta Chi Fraternity. The award is presented annually by the Grand Chapter to one collegiate member who best demonstrates distinguished service to *alma mater*, Fraternity, and chapter.

**Background:** Captain Reginald E. F. Colley, Phi/North Dakota State University 1915 was leader in his chapter and on his campus as a collegian, a leader in local civic and community organizations as an alumnus, and a respected army veteran of the First World War. He was elected to the Grand Chapter in 1925, serving as National Chaplain, but resigned for health reasons the following year. Brother Colley's premature death has been attributed to wounds received during his military service; he served on the Western Front in the chemical weapons division, both instigating and receiving mustard gas attacks. He was the first Grand Chapter member to pass to the Chapter Eternal; he was only 39 years old when he died in 1927.

The Grand Chapter created The Reginald E.F. Colley Memorial Trophy in 1928.

**Description of the Award:** The Colley Memorial Trophy originally consisted of a large silver loving cup that was presented to the Grand Chapter in 1928 by Frederick W. Ladue, Iota/Colgate University 1912, following the death of Brother Colley. This trophy was retired in 1950, and remains on display at the International Headquarters in Indianapolis. The original trophy is still symbolically presented to the recipient who also receives an impressive plaque. Runners-up are presented with certificates.

**Eligibility and Application Process:** The Colley Award Committee shall establish a nomination and selection process, which shall be communicated to all chapters prior to the application deadline. An appointed committee composed almost entirely of former recipients selects the recipient and up to two runners-up.

**Presentation:** The Reginald E.F. Colley Award is presented at a time and in a manner determined by the Grand Chapter

## *The James Ralph "Shug" Jordan Award*

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**Purpose:** The James Ralph "Shug" Jordan Award is awarded annually by the Grand Chapter to a single collegiate scholar/athlete of the Fraternity who demonstrates impressive leadership, service, and scholastic accomplishments as well as athletic ability and a commitment to excellence in intercollegiate athletics.

**Background:** The Grand Chapter created The Jordan Award on May 6, 1994, in memory of Coach James Ralph "Shug" Jordan, Chi/Auburn University 1932, who was a player, assistant coach, and head coach for the Auburn University Tigers football team for 39 years. During the 25 years he served as head coach, from 1951 to 1975, his earned a record of 176-83-6, won the AP/UPI National Championship in

1957, and received four Southeastern Conference Coach of the Year awards (1953, 1957, 1963, 1972). In 1982, Brother Jordan was posthumously elected to the National Football Foundation Hall of Fame. To honor him, Auburn University renamed its football stadium, Hare Stadium, as Jordan-Hare Stadium.

**Description of the Award:** The Jordan Award consists of a large wooden plaque bearing a photograph of Brother Jordan and a plate with the recipient's name and chapter engraved upon it.

**Eligibility and Application Process:** Collegiate members may be nominated by any individual member or recognized group in the Fraternity. A chapter may only nominate one member each year. The required nomination form with instructions and additional details is available at the Resource Center on myΘX or by calling the International Headquarters. An appointed committee selects the recipient.

**Presentation:** The James Ralph "Shug" Jordan Award is presented at a time and in a manner determined by the Grand Chapter

## ***The Active Chapter Service Award***

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**Purpose:** The Active Chapter Service Award is to be presented each academic year by each chapter to the collegiate member whom it selects as "the collegiate member who has contributed most to the welfare of the chapter during the current school year."

**Background:** The Active Chapter Service Award was created by the Grand Chapter in August 7, 1943.

**Description of the Award:** The Active Chapter Service Award consists of a gold key. The first side bears the shield and helmet from the Coat of Arms while the reverse side contains the inscription: Active Chapter Service Award (with space for engraving the name of the recipient and the date of presentation). Active Chapter Service Award keys are available through the International Headquarters.

**Eligibility and Application Process:** Each chapter selects the recipient via a method of its own choosing. The required nomination form with instructions and additional details is available at the Resource Center on myΘX or by calling the International Headquarters. This form is used to order the award which will be sent directly to the chapter.

**Presentation:** It is presented by the chapter to the recipient in a manner of its choosing.

## ***The Park Valentine Perkins Award***

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**Purpose:** The Park Valentine Perkins Award may be given to collegiate member(s) who demonstrate a commitment to expansion by starting or significantly assisting a colony that becomes or is re-installed as a chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity.

**Background:** Park Valentine Perkins, Alpha, Norwich University 1905, was initiated into the Fraternity at the Alpha Chapter, and later transferred from Norwich University to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. There he recruited the founding members of Beta Chapter and enlisted the alumni support

necessary for the approval and installation of the Beta Chapter. The Grand Chapter created the Perkins Award in October 12, 1991 to recognize the member or members most responsible for the founding, growth, and development of new chapters.

**Description of the Award:** The Perkins award is a framed certificate bearing the name and chapter of the recipient.

**Eligibility and Application Process:** Collegiate members may be nominated by any individual member or recognized group in the Fraternity. A nomination form with additional details and instructions is available at the Resource Center on myOX or by calling the International Headquarters. The Chief Executive Officer and other Directors of the International Headquarters will determine which nominees, if any, merit the award.

**Presentation:** The Park Valentine Perkins Award is presented in an appropriate manner as determined by the Chief Executive Officer.

## ***The Kenneth L. Duke Memorial Award***

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**Purpose:** The Kenneth L. Duke, Sr. Memorial Award may be presented to one collegiate member each year to recognize an exceptional commitment to risk management practices.

**Background:** The award is named in memory of Kenneth L. Duke, Sr. The Grand Chapter created the Duke Scholarship Award in 2004, upon the recommendation of the Risk Management Committee to recognize the single most outstanding risk manager among collegiate members. Like the recipients of the Colley and Jordan Awards, the recipient of the Duke Scholarship Award must demonstrate impressive leadership, service, and scholastic accomplishments, but unlike the recipients of those two awards, the recipient of the Duke Scholarship Award must have made contributions in the field of risk management. Nominees must be current or former chapter officers who chaired the risk management committee, current or former campus Interfraternity Conference (IFC) officers who addressed risk management issues, or students studying in academic fields that include risk management, insurance, or safety.

**Description of the Award:** The Duke Scholarship Award consists of two aspects. The first is a framed certificate bearing the name and chapter of the recipient. The second is an academic scholarship, payable to the current institution of higher education the recipient attends, if he is still a collegiate student, or to the next institution of higher education the recipient attends, if he is a graduating senior.

**Eligibility and Application Process:** Collegiate members may be nominated by any individual member or recognized group in the Fraternity. The required nomination form with instructions and additional details is available at the Resource Center on myOX or by calling the International Headquarters. The International Standards Committee determines the recipient of the award.

**Presentation:** The Kenneth L. Duke, Sr. Memorial Award is presented at a time and in a manner determined by the Grand Chapter

# AWARDS FOR ALUMNUS MEMBERS

## *Distinguished Service Award of Theta Chi Fraternity*

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**Purpose:** By means of this award the Fraternity is able to show its official appreciation and to publicly recognize and properly honor those alumni members of the Fraternity who by reason of outstanding international service, personal effort and unselfish interest have made distinguished contributions to the lasting good and general welfare of Theta Chi Fraternity.

**Background:** Authorized and established by the Grand Chapter on December 17, 1938, this is the highest award in the Fraternity, presented to members for outstanding service to the Fraternity. The first Distinguished Service Award was presented to Frederick Norton Freeman, Alpha/Norwich University 1857 and the second to Arthur Chase, Alpha/Norwich University 1856.

The number of awards is limited to not more than one a year unless the Grand Chapter authorizes a greater number of awards for the given year. Special arrangements were made at the time the award was authorized to permit the recognition of service performed prior to the establishment of the award. At no time can the total number of awards made exceed the number of years in the age of the Fraternity. The award can be presented posthumously, in which case the certificate only is sent to the nearest of kin.

The Distinguished Service Award of Theta Chi Fraternity may be presented only by the Grand Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity.

**Description of the Award:** The Distinguished Service Award consists of two physical items. The first is a gold rectangular key with black enamel face. On the front is mounted a small reproduction of the Founders' Badge while the reverse bears the inscription: Theta Chi Fraternity Distinguished Service Award #\_, presented to (name of member). The second is an engraved certificate bearing a hand engrossed citation describing the service for which the award is presented.

**Eligibility and Application Process:** Nominations for the Distinguished Service Award may be made by any member of the Fraternity, or by any group in the Fraternity. Such nominations should be submitted to the Chief Executive Officer on a special form that will be furnished upon request. Nominations are presented to a secret committee of five members who consider nominations and select recipients of the award. The members of the secret committee are appointed by the International President. Each member of the committee serves for a 5 year term with the term of one member expiring each year on December 31st. The members of the committee are known only to themselves, the International President and the Chief Executive Officer.

**Presentation:** When the Distinguished Service Award Committee approves a member for the Distinguished Service Award, the name of the recipient and award citation is forwarded to the Grand Chapter for presentation in whatever manner it chooses.

## **The Distinguished Achievement Award of Theta Chi Fraternity**

**Purpose:** The Distinguished Achievement Award of Theta Chi Fraternity recognizes alumnus members for exceptional professional accomplishments, career achievements, and community or public service.

**Background:** The Grand Chapter created The Distinguished Achievement Award on October 13, 2007, upon recommendation by the 148th International Convention in 2004 to create an award which shall serve to recognize alumnus members of the Fraternity for outstanding accomplishments not related to service to the Fraternity.

**Description of the Award:** The Distinguished Achievement Award consists of a framed certificate bearing a hand-embossed citation describing the achievements for which the award is presented. The bottom of the certificate bears the inscription: Theta Chi Fraternity Distinguished Achievement Award #\_, presented to (name of member).

An appropriate acknowledgement of the award recipient will be prominently displayed in the Hall of Honor at the Theta Chi Museum.

**Eligibility and Application Process:** Nominations for the Distinguished Achievement Award may be made by any member of the Fraternity, or by any recognized group in the Fraternity. A nomination must consist of a completed application and a resume or summary of the nominee's past and present occupations and positions, professional and/or civic activities, and honors or awards received. Service to Theta Chi as a collegian or alumnus is NOT a criterion for this award and need not be listed. Nominations will be forwarded to the Grand Chapter who will consider nominations and select recipients of the award. There is no minimum or maximum number of brothers honored each year but it should be noted that the intent of this award is to recognize only those members who have reached the upper echelon of their professions.

**Presentation:** When the Grand Chapter approves a member for the Distinguished Achievement Award, the name of the recipient and award citation is forwarded to the Chief Executive Officer for presentation in whatever manner he chooses.

## **Earl D. Rhodes Theta Chi for Life Award**

**Purpose:** The Earl D. Rhodes Theta Chi for Life Award may be awarded to members who have demonstrated a lifetime of dedicated and outstanding service to Theta Chi Fraternity. It is the second highest honor bestowed upon an individual member of the Fraternity.

**Background:** The Theta Chi for Life Award was established and authorized by the Grand Chapter in 1975. The award is named in honor of Earl D. "Dusty" Rhodes, Delta/ Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute 1921.

The first Theta Chi for Life Award was presented to Earl D. “Dusty” Rhodes on the Fraternity’s 120th Anniversary, April 10, 1976, who through his service earned the nickname Mr. Theta Chi and was considered The Grand Old Man of the Fraternity at the time of his passing to The Chapter Eternal. He served five terms on the Grand Chapter (1934-37, 1937-39, 1939-41, 1946-50, 1952-56), four terms as National President (1937-39, 1939-41, 1946-48, 1954-56), twice on the National Board of Trustees (1941-46, 1960-70), as President of the National Interfraternity Council, and received the NIC Gold Medal, the highest award in the interfraternal community, the second Theta Chi so honored.

***Description of the Award:*** The award consists of a framed certificate bearing the name and chapter of the recipient. Unlike the Distinguished Service Award, the Rhodes Theta Chi for Life Award is not a singular award; the Grand Chapter may present this award as many times as is warranted in a given year.

***Eligibility and Application Process:*** Nominations for this award can be made by any past or current member of the Grand Chapter, Norwich Housing Corporation, The Foundation Chapter, or the Chief Executive Officer. Nominations are submitted to the Chief Executive Officer and forwarded to the International Advisory Committee, which decides if the nominee(s) warrants the award.

***Presentation:*** If and when the International Advisory Committee approves a member for the Earl D. Rhodes Theta Chi for Life Award, the name of the recipient and award citation is forwarded to the Grand Chapter for presentation in whatever manner it chooses.

## ***The George T. Kilavos Alumni Award***

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***Purpose:*** The George T. Kilavos Alumni Award permits the Grand Chapter, collegiate chapters, alumni chapters, house corporations, alumni associations, and other organized groups in the Fraternity to officially show their appreciation of and to publicly recognize and properly honor those alumnus members of the Fraternity who by reason of exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest have made meritorious contributions to the local, regional or international general welfare of Theta Chi Fraternity.

***Background:*** Authorized and established by the Grand Chapter on January 20, 1946, the Alumni Award was renamed the George T. Kilavos Alumni Award on June 23, 2008, in memory of George T. Kilavos, Delta Xi/Valparaiso University 1955. Brother Kilavos served four terms on the Grand Chapter (1970-74, 1974-78, 1980-84, 1984-88) and seven terms as International President (1972-74, 1974-76, 1976-78, 1980-82, 1982-84, 1984-86, 1986-88.)

***Description of the Award:*** The award consists of two physical items: a key and a certificate. The first is a silver key with a chased border and a red enamel background, on which is mounted the coat of arms of the Fraternity. The second is a certificate, suitable for framing, bearing the name of the recipient, the name of the presenting party, and the presentation date. If the Grand Chapter presents the award, then the key will contain a small ruby at the bottom center of the border.



***Eligibility and Application Process:*** Any individual member or recognized group in the Fraternity may nominate qualified members for the award. Each chapter or house corporation may give up to 10 George T. Kilavos Alumni Awards each year. The required nomination form with instructions and additional details is available at the Resource Center on myΘX or by calling the International Headquarters. Nominations are reviewed and approved by the Grand Chapter.

***Presentation:*** The presentation of the George T. Kilavos Alumni Award is usually presented in a manner requested in the nomination.

## ***The David E. DeVol Award***

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***Purpose:*** The David E. DeVol Award recognizes volunteers at the local, regional, or international level for outstanding volunteer service above and beyond for Theta Chi Fraternity.

***Background:*** The award is named in honor of David E. DeVol, Gamma Theta/San Diego State University 1956, who served two terms on the Grand Chapter (1972-76, 1976-80), including one term as International President (1978-80), and on the National Board of Trustees (now the Norwich Housing Corporation) from 1985 to 1995, and on the board of directors of The Foundation Chapter. Brother DeVol is known for always giving far more than what was required for any position he held within the Fraternity. The DeVol Award was created in 2003 by David L. Westol, Beta Zeta/Michigan State University 1973, who served as the Executive Director at that time.

***Description of the Award:*** The award consists of a certificate bearing the name and chapter of the recipient. The award is presented by the Chief Executive Officer to members he believes, over the previous academic year, provided the Fraternity with extraordinary effort and dedication. There is no minimum or maximum number of awards that may be presented; this is solely at the discretion of the Chief Executive Officer based upon the reports he receives and the observations he makes.

***Eligibility and Application Process:*** The Chief Executive Officer selects the recipients of this award and there is no limit to the number that may be presented in a given year.

***Presentation:*** The Chief Executive Officer may present the award in any manner deemed appropriate.

## ***The Ross A. Nash Spirit of Theta Chi Award***

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***Purpose:*** The Ross A. Nash Spirit of Theta Chi Award recognizes alumnus members who have contributed to the Fraternity despite tremendous personal hardship and adversity.

***Background:*** Ross A. Nash, Zeta Epsilon/California State University, Long Beach 1980 was a longtime alumnus adviser to his chapter and alumnus delegate at many International Conventions. He remained an active and committed member of the Fraternity despite the numerous challenges of Adult/Late Onset of Tay-Sachs Disease, a degenerative neuromuscular disorder. Rather than ask for assistance, Brother Nash continued to offer it to the Zeta Epsilon Alumni Association and the San Diego Alumni Chapter and the Muscular Dystrophy Association to his community. The Ross A. Nash Spirit of Theta

Chi Award was created by the Grand Chapter November 18, 2006. Brother Nash passed on to the Chapter Eternal on April 26, 2018.

***Description of the Award:*** The award consists of a framed certificate bearing the name and chapter of the recipient. Like the Rhodes Theta Chi for Life Award, the Grand Chapter may present this award as many times as is warranted in a given year.

***Eligibility and Application Process:*** Any alumnus member is eligible for the award. The required nomination form with instructions and additional details is available at the Resource Center on myΘX or by calling the International Headquarters. The Grand Chapter determines the recipients of the award.

***Presentation:*** The presentation of the Ross A. Nash Spirit of Theta Chi Award is usually made in a manner requested within the nomination itself.

# AWARDS FOR MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS

## *The Chapman-Alter Award for Interfraternal Excellence*

**Purpose:** The Chapman-Alter Award for Interfraternal Excellence is presented to individuals who through distinguished service have made significant and lasting contributions to the development and advancement of the North American Fraternity System.

**Background:** George W. Chapman, Omega/Pennsylvania State University 1920, was the first Regional Counselor in Theta Chi Fraternity. He also served three terms on the Grand Chapter (1937-39, 1939-41, and 1941-46) and twenty years (1948-68) as the Executive Director. He guided the Fraternity through a period of unprecedented expansion and enhancement, and became the first Theta Chi to receive the North-American Interfraternity Conference's prestigious Gold Medal, the highest award for interfraternal leadership and service.

Howard R. Alter Jr. served two terms on the Grand Chapter (1958-62, 1962-66), including two terms as National President (1962-64, 1964-66), as Executive Director, and on The Foundation Chapter (1968-84), two terms on the National Board of Trustees (now the Norwich Housing Corporation) (1984-89, 1989-94), including one term as President (1992-93). He was the third Theta Chi to receive the North-American Interfraternity Conference's Gold Medal.

The Grand Chapter created the Chapman-Alter Award for Interfraternal Excellence on November 9, 2001.

**Description of the Award:** The Chapman-Alter Award for Interfraternal Excellence consists of an engraved plaque bearing the name of the recipient, his or her Greek affiliation, and the date of presentation.

**Eligibility and Application Process:** Any member or chapter may nominate an individual for the Chapman-Alter Award for Interfraternal Excellence. The nomination form and instructions is available at the Resource Center on myOX or by calling the International Headquarters. The International Advisory Committee reviews any nominations and selects the recipients.

**Presentation:** The Chapman-Alter Award for Interfraternal Excellence is presented at a time and in a manner determined by the Grand Chapter.

## *The Floyd W. Field Award*

**Purpose:** The Floyd W. Field Award honors outstanding university administrators and faculty including Deans of Students, Greek advisers, and chapter advisers who have made extraordinary efforts toward the enhancement of the Greek movement.

**Background:** Floyd W. Field, Alpha Nu/Georgia Institute of Technology 1923 graduated from Harvard University in 1902 and became an alumnus initiate of Theta Chi Fraternity when the Alpha Nu Chapter was installed at the George Tech. He was a professor of mathematics and the first Dean of Students at George Tech, petitioning the board of trustees to create the position of Dean to better supervise collegiate life. Brother Field is recognized as a visionary leader among early college deans who not only challenged universities to recognize the role of student life in the collegiate environment but also challenged fraternities to pay closer attention to scholarship, recruitment, and pledge education.

**Description of the Award:** The Field Award consists of a silver bowl, engraved with the name of the recipient.

**Eligibility and Application Process:** Any outstanding university faculty or staff member who has offered extraordinary efforts toward the enhancement of the Greek movement may be nominated for the Floyd W. Field Award. Nominees may be male or female and do not need to be a member of a Greek letter organization.

The nomination form and instructions is available at the Resource Center on myΘX or by calling the International Headquarters. The Grand Chapter reviews any nominations and selects the recipients.

**Presentation:** The Floyd W. Field Award for Outstanding Greek Professional is presented at a time and in a manner determined by the Grand Chapter.

## ***The Citation of Honor***

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**Purpose:** The Citation of Honor may be awarded to members and non-members who have assisted the Fraternity, a chapter or chapters, or any member of the Fraternity.

**Background:** The Citation of Honor was authorized by the Grand Chapter during the tenure of George Chapman as Executive Director.

**Description of the Award:** The Citation of Honor consists of a certificate, suitable for framing, bearing the recipient's name and chapter, if the recipient is a member of the Fraternity.

**Eligibility and Application Process:** Any qualified person may be nominated by any individual member or recognized group in the Fraternity. A nomination form and instructions with additional details is available at the Resource Center on myΘX or by calling the International Headquarters. The Chief Executive Officer reviews and approves all nominations.

**Presentation:** Presentation of the Citation of Honor is usually made in a manner requested on the nomination form.

## *The Mabel Oswaldt Service Award*

**Purpose:** The Mabel Oswaldt Service Award may be presented to any non-member employee of the Fraternity who by length and quality of employment has demonstrated service and support to the Fraternity that is worthy of recognition.

**Background:** Mabel M. Oswaldt (1912-2002) was the administrative assistant for six different Executive Directors, serving from 1932 to 1989, the entire 57 years the Executive Office was located in Trenton, New Jersey. For many of those years, she was the sole staff assistant.

The Appreciation Award was created by the Grand Chapter on July 15, 1946, and renamed the Mabel Oswaldt Appreciation Award on June 30, 2002. On October 3, 2012, the Mabel Oswaldt Award was amended to recognize the tenure of non-member staff of the Fraternity.



**Description of the Award:** The Oswaldt Award consists of a gold pin and a framed certificate. The gold pin bears a small replica of the Badge of Theta Chi Fraternity set above the motto and the ribbon from the coat of arms.

**Eligibility and Application Process:** Recipients of this award are selected by the Chief Executive Officer.

**Presentation:** The presentation of the Mabel Oswaldt Service Award is made as the Chief Executive Officer requests.

## *The Carnation Award of Theta Chi Fraternity*

**Purpose:** The Carnation Award of Theta Chi Fraternity may be presented as a show of appreciation to women who have rendered support or service to the Fraternity over an extended period of time.

**Background:** The Appreciation Award was created by the Grand Chapter on July 15, 1946 and renamed the Carnation Award in 2012. Any woman who was previously presented with the Appreciation Award in any of its forms is deemed to have been awarded the Carnation Award.



**Description of the Award:** The Carnation Award of Theta Chi Fraternity consists of a printed certificate, suitable for framing, and carnation pendant with cubic zirconia accents. The pendant is manufactured by the official jeweler of Theta Chi Fraternity.

**Eligibility and Application Process:** Any women who have demonstrated continued commitment to Theta Chi Fraternity through their support, involvement, actions or volunteer efforts over a significant period of time may be presented with the award by any chapter, house corporation, alumni association, the Grand Chapter, The Foundation Chapter or the Norwich Housing Corporation. The recipient must be one of the following:

1. The spouse or significant other of a member of Theta Chi Fraternity.
2. A direct female relative or guardian of a member of Theta Chi Fraternity.
3. An employee of the Fraternity.
4. A college administrator, faculty, or staff professional.
5. A volunteer who demonstrates a significant level of time and commitment to Theta Chi Fraternity.
6. A vendor to Theta Chi Fraternity, Inc.

Collegiate women are not eligible for this award.

Anyone nominated for the award must be approved by a majority vote of the presenting group. The nomination form is available at the Resource Center on myΘX or by calling the International Headquarters. The Chief Executive Officer approves all nominations.

**Presentation:** The presentation of the Carnation Award of Theta Chi is usually made in a manner requested within the nomination itself. It is appropriate to present a bouquet of red carnations with the award.

## ***The Dream Girl of Theta Chi***

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**Purpose:** Each chapter may name one collegiate woman as “The Dream Girl of Theta Chi” on their campus each year for her support of alma mater and the chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity.

**Background:** The Song “Dream Girl of Theta Chi” was written by Sammy Kaye (Alpha Tau/Ohio 1932) and it is considered one of the best fraternity songs ever written. It has become the long-standing tradition of many chapters to name a Dream Girl each year.



**Description of the Award:** Chapters may order a printed certificate and are encouraged to present their recipient with a gift of appropriate and official Theta Chi jewelry and red carnations. Jewelry may be ordered from Theta Chi’s official jeweler, [www.hjgreek.com](http://www.hjgreek.com).

**Eligibility and Application Process:** There are no specific eligibility requirements, but chapters are encouraged to consider women who are students of the college or university where the chapter is located. The recipient should demonstrate support for alma mater, support of Theta Chi Fraternity, and academic excellence in addition to grace and poise. There is no application process and chapters may nominate and select a recipient by whatever methods they so choose but should only select one recipient per academic year. The order form is available at the Resource Center on myΘX or by calling the International Headquarters.

**Presentation:** The chapter may announce their Dream Girl in any manner it sees fit. Many chapters traditionally name their Dream Girl at a formal Red Carnation Ball and often sing the “Dream Girl of Theta Chi” song at the presentation.

# RECOGNITION

## *The Grand Chapter Service Plaque*

**Purpose:** The Grand Chapter Service Plaque is presented to members of the Grand Chapter at the expiration of their term in office as a physical expression of appreciation from the Fraternity.

**Background:** This award was established by the Grand Chapter.

**Description of the Award:** The plaque bears the Coat of Arms of the Fraternity and an engraved plate with the recipient member's name, chapter, offices, and dates of service.

**Eligibility and Application Process:** The plaque is only presented to retiring members of the Grand Chapter.

**Presentation:** The Grand Chapter Service Plaque is presented at a time and in a manner determined by the Grand Chapter.

## *The Foundation Chapter Service Plaque*

**Purpose:** The Foundation Chapter Service Plaque is presented to members of The Foundation Chapter at the expiration of their term in office as a physical expression of appreciation from the Fraternity.

**Background:** This plaque was established by The Foundation Chapter.

**Description of the Award:** The plaque bears the Coat of Arms of the Fraternity and an engraved plate with the recipient member's name, chapter, offices, and dates of service.

**Eligibility and Application Process:** The plaque is only presented to retiring members of The Foundation Chapter.

**Presentation:** The Foundation Chapter Service Plaque is presented in an appropriate manner by The Foundation Chapter.

## *The Norwich Housing Corporation Service Plaque*

**Purpose:** The Norwich Housing Corporation Service Plaque is presented to members of the Norwich Housing Corporation at the expiration of their term in office as a physical expression of appreciation from the Fraternity.

**Background:** This plaque was established by the Norwich Housing Corporation.

**Description of the Award:** The plaque bears the Coat of Arms of the Fraternity and an engraved plate with the recipient member's name, chapter, offices, and dates of service.

**Eligibility and Application Process:** The plaque is only presented to retiring members of the Norwich Housing Corporation.

**Presentation:** The Norwich Housing Corporation Service Plaque is presented in an appropriate manner by the Norwich Housing Corporation.

## ***The Silver Legion***

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**Purpose:** The Silver Legion is composed of those members of the Fraternity who have been members of Theta Chi or their preceding local fraternity for a total of 25 years or more. Membership is honorary and includes no obligations.

**Background:** The Silver Legion was established by the Grand Chapter on May 7, 1949.

**Description of the Award:** Members of the Silver Legion are presented with an engraved certificate.

**Eligibility and Application Process:** Any member who has been a member of Theta Chi Fraternity for 25 years or more may be considered for membership in the Silver Legion. An order form is available at the Resource Center on myΘX or by calling the International Headquarters.

**Presentation:** The Silver Legion Certificate may be presented in an appropriate way by any member or body of Theta Chi Fraternity.

## ***The Golden Guard***

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**Purpose:** The Golden Guard is composed of those members of the Fraternity who have been members of Theta Chi or their preceding local fraternity for a total of 50 years or more. Membership is honorary and includes no obligations.

**Background:** The Golden Guard was established by the Grand Chapter on May 7, 1949.

**Description of the Award:** Members of the Golden Guard are presented with an engraved certificate.

**Eligibility and Application Process:** Any member who has been a member of Theta Chi Fraternity for 50 years or more may be considered for membership in the Golden Guard. An order form is available at the Resource Center on myΘX or by calling the International Headquarters.

**Presentation:** The Golden Guard Certificate may be presented in an appropriate way by any member or body of Theta Chi Fraternity.



## ***The Diamond Brigade***

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***Purpose:*** The Diamond Brigade is composed of those members of the Fraternity who have been members of Theta Chi or their preceding local fraternity for a total of 75 years or more. Membership is honorary and includes no obligations.

***Background:*** The Diamond Brigade was established by the Grand Chapter on October 20, 1995.

***Description of the Award:*** Members of the Diamond Brigade are presented with an engraved certificate.

***Eligibility and Application Process:*** Any member who has been a member of Theta Chi Fraternity for 75 years or more may be considered for membership in the Diamond Brigade. An order form is available at the Resource Center on myΘX or by calling the International Headquarters.

***Presentation:*** The Diamond Brigade Certificate may be presented in an appropriate way by any member or body of Theta Chi Fraternity.