Award Descriptions: 2016-2017 Muskies

Group Awards (8)

Outstanding Organization (Navy or White)
This award is given to recognized organizations that have demonstrated an on-going commitment to excellence in all programming and development areas. The award is broken down into the Navy and White categories. Organizations with an annual allocation of at least $3,500 and at least 25 members are eligible to win in the Navy category. Organizations with less than $3,500 or less than 25 members are eligible to win in the White category.

Educational Program of the Year
This award is given for an educational program is presented to a recognized organization that provided an opportunity for academic growth and positive impact on the organization’s members, campus, and/or community.

Cultural Program of the Year
This award is given for a cultural program is presented to a recognized organization that exposed the members of the organization, campus, or community to a new perspective on diversity while encouraging dialogue on the intersection of identities for students.

Innovative Program Award
This award is presented to a recognized organization that created a new, unique, and successful program during the 2016-2017 academic year that engaged members of the organization, students, and community members alike.

All for One and One for All - Best Collaboration Award
This award is presented to a recognized organization that took advantage of opportunities and proactively outreached to collaborate with other organizations and/or offices on campus on programs and events. This organization impacted the Xavier campus as well as the community and encouraged students to get involved.

Campus Engagement Award
This award is presented to a recognized organization that is well-known and respected on campus and in the community through the organization’s consistent participation in campus events and distinctive promotions. This organization continually provides new ideas and successful, engaging opportunities for the students, members, and community throughout the entire year.

Embracing Diversity Award
This award is presented to a recognized organization that has achieved a diverse membership through active planning and goal setting. The organization actively seeks to diversify its membership, recognizing that a variety of perspectives contribute to preparation for the responsibilities of participating in a global community.

Positive Change Award
This award is presented to an organization that commits to fighting against social injustice and striving to bring about positive change on campus and/or in the surrounding community. This organization will have had at least two significant programs that helped to bring awareness to a current social justice issue and sought to educate and engage students, members, and/or the community.

Individual Awards (8)

Advisor of the Year
This award is given to an advisor who creates a supportive environment for the students within the organization. This person embodies the ideals of our Jesuit heritage by encouraging the organization’s members to grow, learn, develop, mature, and think critically.

First Year Member of the Year
This award is presented to a first year member of an organization who demonstrates initiative, motivation, and potential for continued growth and involvement within the university.

Sophomore Member of the Year
This award is presented to a sophomore member of an organization who has positively influenced the organization, has developed effective skills in inclusive leadership and teamwork, and participates fully in campus life.
Junior Member of the Year
This award is presented to a junior member of an organization who has shown strong commitment and dedication throughout his/her time at Xavier. This student has been instrumental in building community and helping an organization to achieve its goals.

Senior Member of the Year
This award is presented to a senior member of an organization who has demonstrated a deep level of commitment to an organization throughout his/her time at Xavier. This student exemplifies positive leadership and passion for campus involvement.

Look At Me Now Award
This award is presented to a senior who has shown significant growth and transformation rooted in the Jesuit ideals and has improved XU during his/her time through active involvement and is viewed by peers as an outstanding leader on campus.

 Unsung Hero Award
This award is presented to a student who is always hard at work for his/her organization. This student may not be the most vocal or visible member, and may not hold a leadership position, but he/she is deeply dedicated and embodies the core values of the University through assistance in programming that will leave a lasting legacy.