

## NATIONAL AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

### **FRANK J. RUCK INTERFRATERNITY LEADERSHIP AWARD**

For individuals who show outstanding campus leadership and make significant positive changes on the campus as a whole.

**Nominated By:** The Headquarters staff, District Governors, and other volunteers.

**When:** Nominations are reviewed at the end of the fall academic term.

**Award:** A plaque presented at the Carlson Leadership Academy each spring.

### **J. EDWARD ZOLLINGER OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARD**

Awarded annually to the outstanding senior in each district of the Fraternity. The award is based on outstanding scholastic achievement, fraternity and campus leadership, and community involvement.

**Nominated By:** Each chapter nominates a senior and submits his name to Headquarters. The District Governor selects the Zollinger Senior, one from each district.

**When:** Each fall, nomination forms are distributed to chapters. Nominations are due by December 1st.

**Award:** A certificate presented at the Carlson Leadership Academy each spring.

### **BUCHANAN OUTSTANDING CHAPTER AWARD**

For excellence in all areas of chapter operations over the two-year period between Conclaves.

**Nominated By:** Chapter through the application process with verification from school officials.

**When:** Applications are due April 1 prior to conclave.

**Award:** An engraved silver bowl is presented. Chapters winning 5 consecutive Buchanan Outstanding Chapter Awards receive an engraved gold bowl, symbolizing a Decade of Excellence.

### **GRAND CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP CUP**

Presented to chapters ranking first in academic standings among fraternities on campus for an entire academic year.

**Nominated By:** Chapter with verification from school officials.

**When:** Nominations are taken each fall for the previous academic year.

**Award:** Spring at the Carlson Leadership Academy a gold cup on a wooden base by the Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation.

### **MANPOWER EXCELLENCE AWARD**

For chapters ranking first in manpower among fraternities on campus for an academic term. A chapter must be above the all-campus grade point average to receive the award.

**Nominated By:** Chapter with verification from school officials.

**When:** Nominations are taken each fall for the previous academic year.

**Award:** Spring at the Carlson Leadership Academy a plaque.

### **PHI BETA KAPPA WHEELHOUSE CHAPTER**

For chapters ranking first in manpower among fraternities on campus for an academic term. A chapter must be above the all-campus grade point average to receive the award.

**Nominated By:** Chapter with verification from school officials.

**When:** Nominations are taken each fall for the previous academic year.

**Awarded:** Spring at the Carlson Leadership Academy a plaque.

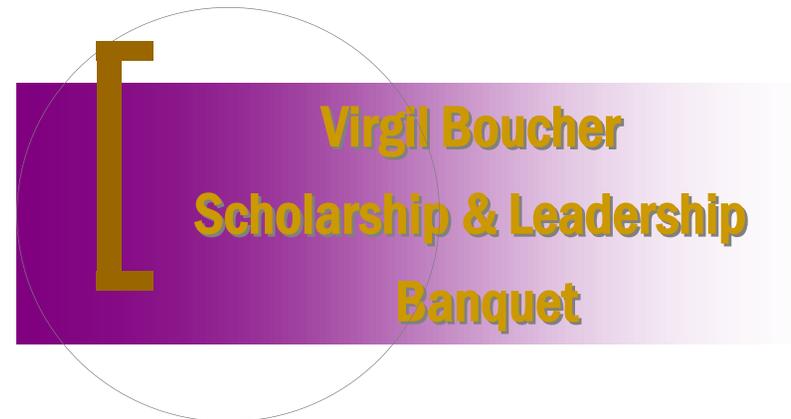
### **RESIDENTIAL LEARNING COMMUNITY**

For chapters ranking first in manpower among fraternities on campus for an academic term. A chapter must be above the all-campus grade point average to receive the award.

**Nominated By:** Chapter with verification from school officials.

**When:** Nominations are taken each fall for the previous academic year.

**Awarded:** Spring at the Carlson Leadership Academy a plaque.



**April 21, 2009**



Virgil Boucher knew a life spent learning was a life worth living, and devoted his days to making a difference to others. He was a remarkable man, intelligent and inspired, and so full of character and compassion. Virgil was a loving husband, brother, cousin and friend, but more than anything, he was a dedicated teacher, coach, and advocate, who made a difference to the lives he touched along the way.

After surviving a devastating tornado as a young boy that destroyed his school and nearly killed him, Virgil Boucher, born October 25, 1909, went on to graduate from Murphysboro High School in 1928. Virgil then boarded a train for Monmouth College, where he excelled as a student athlete. The Hall-of-Famer was at home on the football field, helping the Fighting Scots to an undefeated season in 1931. Monmouth was heralded as the only undefeated team in the state and was the champion of the Little 19 and Midwest conferences. From

Monmouth, he earned Master of Arts degrees from both the University of Iowa and Bradley University.

Virgil had a long and distinguished coaching career. He taught and coached high school football in Seaton, Media and Sparta, Illinois, before heading to Peoria in March of 1942. After four years as an assistant at Woodruff High School, he coached the varsity football team from 1946 to 1965. By the mid 1950's he had built a football powerhouse, which included undefeated teams in both 1955 and 1957.

In addition to his commitment to Woodruff High School, Virgil has been a valued contributor to the Monmouth College community since graduating in 1932. "Monmouth College is behind many of the blessings in his life," said Bob Sulaski, one of his former players at Peoria's Woodruff High.

Off the field, Boucher was a member of the Theta Upsilon Omega fraternity (ΘΥΩ), which later merged with Sigma Phi Epsilon. He remained active with the Sig Eps until the time of his death, serving on their alumni board where he endowed two scholarships to promote the Balanced Man Ideal of Sigma Phi Epsilon for Monmouth freshmen and funding attendance for leadership and development through Sigma Phi Epsilon National Headquarters for this chapter. Virgil further assisted the chapter each spring by funding a recognition dinner for Sig Eps recognizing their academic excellence and fraternal accomplishments.

*"I grew up knowing Mr. Boucher as members of the same church in Peoria," said Bill Turner '93. "Our relationship magnified quickly once he learned that not only was I attending Monmouth, but I had also joined Sig Ep. Over the years, I have witnessed Virgil acquire and embrace an extended family both through the fraternity and the college community. He found particular enjoyment following the lives of his fellow Sig Eps, the accomplishments of the many Woodruff High School graduates he ushered to campus and the victories of the Scots football team. Virgil especially enjoyed the victories over Knox."*

Space prevents our listing his many civic and professional accomplishments. Virgil contributions weren't always made up of grand gestures. He made a difference in the daily lives of countless young people over the years, through his long and dedicated teaching career. He also made a difference at his church, always praising what he enjoyed, and offering suggestions on what could be improved, and until his death in August of 2007, Virgil Boucher could be seen Friday nights in the stands of Woodruff's home football games, and on Saturday afternoons, he could be spotted on the North hill at the base of Sig Ep House overlooking Bobby Woll Memorial Field watching his Monmouth College Fighting Scots.

Virgil was a remarkable man, who lived a remarkable life, a life devoted to learning, to teaching, and to helping. Today his lessons, and his life, lives on in all who knew him. He left a legacy to many. Virgil will be greatly missed. He is with us today, along the sidelines, giving cheers and encouragement to Virtue, Diligence, and Brotherly Love.

#### **EPSILON CHALLENGE**

Awarded annually to a returning Brother Mentor who demonstrated exceptional personal, academic, and community characteristics during the completion of the Epsilon Challenge.

**Minimum Criteria:** 2.75 cumulative Monmouth College GPA, 15 hours of documented community service, active involvement in at least two ASMC organizations outside Sig-Ep, executive leadership position in at least one ASMC organization (including Sig-Ep), full attendance at Carlson Leadership Academy or Conclave, current with financial obligations to chapter, and no violations of Monmouth College student conduct policies (i.e., academic dishonesty, alcohol, hazing, etc.) for the academic year.

**Selection:** The Alumni Volunteer Corporation will distribute an electronic ballot each spring with the names of all eligible Brothers, who applied for the scholarship, to active members of the undergraduate chapter. Active members of the undergraduate chapter will be provided with the opportunity to vote for one of the eligible Brothers. The eligible Brother who receives the greatest number of votes from the active members will be the scholarship recipient.

#### **MINI-GRANTS**

##### **VIRGIL BOUCHER LEADERSHIP TRAINING PRIZES**

Awarded annually to assist undergraduate Brothers of Illinois Gamma in attending leadership and career enhancement opportunities directed to the development of the individual. These opportunities shall include Sigma Phi Epsilon's EDGE, Carlson Leadership Academy, Grand Chapter Conclave, as well as leadership training and career enhancement.

**Minimum Criteria:** Expressed interest in developing leadership and career skills within and outside the fraternity. Prioritization will be given to applicants who have or will be accepting leadership positions within the undergraduate chapter. Must be current with financial obligations to chapter, and no violations of Monmouth College student conduct policies (i.e., academic dishonesty, alcohol, hazing, etc.) for the academic year.

**Selection:** Successful recipients will be determined by joint AVC & Chapter Scholarship Committee from completed applications that outline personal and professional goals for participating in the professional development activity and how this will make a positive contribution to the chapter, campus and/or the community.

##### **GREEK LIFE LEADERSHIP & DEVELOPMENT PRIZES**

Awarded annually (for up to 3 years on a decreasing funding scale) to returning members of the Monmouth College Greek Community to assist with the enhancement of campus Greek life and leadership.

**Minimum Criteria:** Completion of request for funding application submitted to the Sigma Phi Epsilon Illinois Gamma Alumni Volunteer Corporation President. Application will require, in part, a detailed description of the proposed activity, goals of the activity, how the activity will lead to the enhancement of the Monmouth College Greek Community, budget that documents all funding sources and potential expenditures. Letter of support from at least two other Greek organizations if the application is being submitted by a single representative organization. It is the intention of the AVC to see matching funds being acquired for these activities.

**Selection:** Successful recipients will be determined by a committee (composed of equal representation from the AVC, Undergraduate Chapter, and Monmouth College Student Affairs) from completed applications that outline detailed goals for the activity and how this will make a positive contribution to the Monmouth College Greek Community.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

### **E. PAUL SUHS ACADEMIC LEADER**

Awarded annually to a returning upper-class Brother who has excelled in scholarship, leadership and lived up to the Cardinal Principles.

**Minimum Criteria:** At the time of selection: 1) is a Sophomore/Junior standing Brother who will be returning to Monmouth College for the following full academic year, 2) has successfully completed the Phi challenge and rite of passage, 3) has a 2.75 or higher Monmouth College cumulative GPA, 4) has held and will hold a leadership position within the chapter and on campus.

**Selection:** The Alumni Volunteer Corporation will distribute an electronic ballot each spring with the names of all eligible Brothers, who applied for the scholarship, to active members of the undergraduate chapter. Active members of the undergraduate chapter will be provided with the opportunity to vote for one of the eligible Brothers. The eligible Brother who receives the greatest number of votes from the active members will be the scholarship recipient.

### **VIRGIL BOUCHER BALANCED MAN**

Awarded annually to incoming first-time freshman male Monmouth College student(s) who demonstrates both sound mind and sound body principles, as well as leadership skills and some form of charitable contribution to community.

**Minimum Criteria:** At the time of selection: 1) is a male student enrolled as a first-time freshman at Monmouth College, 2) has a cumulative high school GPA of 3.0 or higher, 3) has participated in at least one extra-curricular activity, 4) has done some form of volunteer or charitable work.

**Selection:** Applications for the Balanced Man Scholarship are sent to all incoming male students the Spring prior to their arrival at Monmouth College. Those interested in applying for the scholarship fill out the application and send it Illinois Gamma's current Vice President of Recruitment, who, after the scholarship deadline, selects the exemplary candidates as finalists based upon the criteria stated. The finalists are interviewed by the Vice President of Recruitment and other members of the chapter for leadership potential and dedication to sound mind/sound body principles. After all interviews have taken place, the Vice President of Recruitment and the Balanced Man Chair determine the recipient that best exemplifies a Balanced Man.

### **SIGMA CHALLENGE**

Awarded annually to a returning Phi level Brother who demonstrated exceptional personal, academic, and community characteristics during the completion of the Sigma Challenge.

**Minimum Criteria:** 2.50 cumulative Monmouth College GPA, 10 hours of documented community service, active involvement in at least two ASMC organizations outside Sig-Ep, full attendance at EDGE, current with financial obligations to chapter, and no violations of Monmouth College student conduct policies (i.e., academic dishonesty, alcohol, hazing, etc.) for the academic year.

**Selection:** The Alumni Volunteer Corporation will distribute an electronic ballot each spring with the names of all eligible Brothers, who applied for the scholarship, to active members of the undergraduate chapter. Active members of the undergraduate chapter will be provided with the opportunity to vote for one of the eligible Brothers. The eligible Brother who receives the greatest number of votes from the active members will be the scholarship recipient.

### **PHI CHALLENGE**

Awarded annually to a returning Epsilon level Brother who demonstrated exceptional personal, academic, and community characteristics during the completion of the Phi Challenge.

**Minimum Criteria:** 2.75 cumulative Monmouth College GPA, 15 hours of documented community service, active involvement in at least two ASMC organizations outside Sig-Ep, executive leadership position in at least one ASMC organization (including Sig-Ep), full attendance at Carlson Leadership Academy or Conclave, current with financial obligations to chapter, and no violations of Monmouth College student conduct policies (i.e., academic dishonesty, alcohol, hazing, etc.) for the academic year.

**Selection:** The Alumni Volunteer Corporation will distribute an electronic ballot each spring with the names of all eligible Brothers, who applied for the scholarship, to active members of the undergraduate chapter. Active members of the undergraduate chapter will be provided with the opportunity to vote for one of the eligible Brothers. The eligible Brother who receives the greatest number of votes from the active members will be the scholarship recipient.

## WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

### INVOCATION

### LUNCH

### BOUCHER RECOGNITION

### PRIZES

Wheelhouse  
Ulysses Grant Dubach Scroll  
Virgil Boucher Brother Mentor

### SCHOLARSHIPS

Sigma Challenge  
Phi Challenge  
Epsilon Challenge

### MINI-GRANTS

Greek Life Leadership

### CONCLUDING REMARKS

**Fall 2008 Wheelhouse Prize Recipients:** Awarded to returning Brothers with GPA's of 3.15 or higher earned at Monmouth College for the previous semester .

Mr. Jared Braun  
Mr. John Clifford  
Mr. Jason DeFord  
Mr. Alexander Holt  
Mr. Christopher Fort  
Mr. John Kaiser  
Mr. Daniel Krueger  
Mr. Brian Miller  
Mr. Tyler Morrow  
Mr. Michael Olson  
Mr. Kevin Satler  
Mr. Brent Sherman  
Mr. Steven Underwood  
Mr. Andrew Weidner

**Sigma Challenge Scholarship Candidates:** Awarded annually to a returning Phi level Brother who demonstrated exceptional personal, academic, and community characteristics during the completion of the Sigma Challenge.

Mr. Brian Miller  
Mr. Phillip Scott  
Mr. Alexander Woods

**Phi Challenge Scholarship Candidates:** Awarded annually to a returning Epsilon level Brother who demonstrated exceptional personal, academic, and community characteristics during the completion of the Phi Challenge.

Mr. John Clifford  
Mr. Lucas Knox  
Mr. Chad Rowland  
Mr. Luke Thorn

**Epsilon Challenge Scholarship Candidates:** Awarded annually to a returning Brother Mentor who demonstrated exceptional personal, academic, and community characteristics during the completion of the Epsilon Challenge.

Mr. John Clifford  
Mr. Christopher Fort  
Mr. Lucas Knox  
Mr. Chad Rowland  
Mr. Luke Thorn

**Virgil Boucher Brother Mentor Prize:** Awarded annually to a graduating Brother Mentor who demonstrated exceptional personal, academic, and community characteristics

Mr. Paul Christiansen  
Mr. Jason DeFord  
Mr. Brent Sherman

## **PRIZES**

### **WHEELHOUSE PRIZE**

Awarded to returning Brothers with GPA's of 3.15 or higher earned at Monmouth College for the previous semester.

**Minimum Criteria:** 3.15 Monmouth College GPA for the previous academic year, current with financial obligations to chapter, and no violations of Monmouth College student conduct policies (i.e., academic dishonesty, alcohol, hazing, etc.) for the academic year.

**Selection:** Successful recipients will be identified by the Alumni Volunteer Corporation.

### **VIRGIL BOUCHER BROTHER MENTOR PRIZE**

Awarded annually to a graduating Brother Mentor who demonstrated exceptional personal, academic, and community characteristics.

**Minimum Criteria:** 2.75 cumulative Monmouth College GPA, 15 hours of documented community service, active involvement in at least two ASMC organizations outside Sig-Ep, executive leadership position in at least one ASMC organization (including Sig-Ep), full attendance at Carlson Leadership Academy or Conclave, current with financial obligations to chapter, and no violations of Monmouth College student conduct policies (i.e., academic dishonesty, alcohol, hazing, etc.) for the academic year.

**Selection:** The Alumni Volunteer Corporation will distribute an electronic ballot each spring with the names of all eligible Brothers, who applied for the prize, to active members of the undergraduate chapter. Active members of the undergraduate chapter will be provided with the opportunity to vote for one of the eligible Brothers. The eligible Brother who receives the greatest number of votes from the active members will be the scholarship recipient.

### **CLIFFORD B. SCOTT KEY PRIZE**

Awarded annually to the returning Brother who has the highest GPA for the previous academic year.

**Minimum Criteria:** Both the Fall and Spring semester GPA's must be earned at Monmouth College. Must be current with financial obligations to chapter, and no violations of Monmouth College student conduct policies (i.e., academic dishonesty, alcohol, hazing, etc.) for the academic year.

**Selection:** Determined by joint AVC & Chapter Scholarship Committee after posting of Spring grades.

### **ULYSSES GRANT DUBACH SCROLL**

Awarded to the Brother in each chapter who shows the greatest academic improvement between consecutive semesters.

**Minimum Criteria:** Semester GPA's must both be earned at Monmouth College and both must be above the 2.500 chapter minimum. Must be current with financial obligations to chapter, and no violations of Monmouth College student conduct policies (i.e., academic dishonesty, alcohol, hazing, etc.) for the academic year.

**Selection:** Determined by joint AVC & Chapter Scholarship Committee after posting of grades.

### **RECRUITMENT EXCELLENCE AWARD**

Awarded to the Brother who shows hard work and dedication to recruiting men who meet the high moral and academic standards worthy of being a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

**Minimum Criteria:** Must be a returning brother current with financial obligations to chapter, and no violations of Monmouth College student conduct policies (i.e., academic dishonesty, alcohol, hazing, etc.) for the academic year.

**Selection:** Nominations are taken by the Vice President of Recruitment at the end of each academic term and the brother determined by joint AVC & Chapter Scholarship Committee after posting of grades.