**Student Impact Awards Description & Criteria**

- **Outstanding Student Organization**

  Recognizes the student organization that demonstrates consistent flexibility, initiative, creativity, and perseverance; made a meaningful contribution to students, the University, and/or the surrounding community; and organized activities, events, and programs that have had a significant impact on the quality of campus life at UNL, while upholding its mission and purpose.

  **Criteria**
  
  1. Dedicated to the growth of individuals in the RSO.
  2. Upholds the RSO’s mission, purpose, and goals.
  3. Upholds the UNL beliefs on diversity and inclusion by demonstrating dignity, respect, and acceptance to all campus community members.
  4. Positively contributes to UNL and its students via programming, initiatives, etc.
  5. RSO is in compliance, and has had no issues on campus.

- **Outstanding New Student Organization**

  Recognizes a newly registered student organization, (less than a year old) that exhibited initiative in organizational development, and established a positive presence within the University and/or in the surrounding community. Organized activities, events, and programs, and/or collaborated with other student organizations and/or University departments.

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  4. Positively contributes to UNL and its students via programming, initiatives, etc.
  5. RSO is less than a year old, in compliance, and has had no issues on campus.
• **Outstanding President**

Recognizes a student organization president who has played a major role in the development and execution of their student organization; provides exemplary service, commitment, and strong leadership to their student organization and UNL; upholds the mission, purpose, and goals of the organization; has a meaningful relationship with members of the organization; motivates the group; exemplifies integrity in all words and actions; and demonstrates initiative by seeking ways to challenge the present and enrich the future.

Criteria

1. Holds the president position within the RSO.
2. Upholds the RSO’s mission, purpose, and goals.
3. Represents the RSO positively on the UNL campus and in the Lincoln community.
4. Created positive relationships with other RSO members and officers.
5. Demonstrates organizational leadership via collaboration projects, programming, new initiatives, etc.
6. Student is in good academic standing and has other accomplishments.

• **Outstanding Student Organization Officer**

Recognizes a student organization officer who provides exemplary service, commitment, and strong leadership to their student organization and UNL; upholds the mission, purpose, and goals of the organization; has a meaningful relationship with members of the organization; motivates the group; exemplifies integrity in all words and actions; and demonstrates initiative by seeking ways to challenge the present and enrich the future.

Criteria

1. Holds an officer or executive board position within the RSO.
2. Upholds the RSO’s mission, purpose, and goals.
3. Created positive relationships with other RSO members and officers.
4. Demonstrates organizational leadership via collaboration projects, programming, new initiatives, etc.
5. Student is in good academic standing and has other accomplishments.
• **Outstanding Student Organization Member**

Recognizes a student organization member who provides exemplary service and commitment to their student organization and UNL; upholds the mission, purpose, and goals of the organization; has a meaningful relationship with members of the organization; and demonstrates initiative by seeking ways to challenge the present and enrich the future.

Criteria

1. Upholds the RSO’s mission, purpose, and goals.
2. Created positive relationships with other RSO members and officers.
3. Demonstrates contributions to the organization via collaboration projects, programming, new initiatives, etc.
4. Student is in good academic standing and has other accomplishments.

• **Student Leadership Award**

Recognizes the student who demonstrates exemplary service, commitment, and strong leadership to the advance the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the surrounding community through philanthropy, service, leadership and academics; exemplifies integrity in all words and actions; and demonstrates initiative by seeking ways to challenge the present and enrich the future.

Criteria

1. Represents UNL positively in the Lincoln community and beyond.
2. Demonstrates organizational leadership via collaboration projects, programming, new initiatives, etc.
3. Committed to philanthropy and service.
4. Student is in good academic standing and has other accomplishments.

• **Student Organization Philanthropy/Service Award**

Recognizes the student organization that recognizes a need, and therefore designs and executes a philanthropy or service project that has a major impact on a community within UNL and/or an external community. The project upholds the
mission and purpose of the organizations, and the effect reaches internally to members and externally to the community.

Criteria
1. Creativity of philanthropy/service project and marketing/documentation of event.
2. Philanthropy/service project ties to the mission, purpose, and goals of the RSO.
3. Execution of the philanthropy/service project.
4. External effect of the philanthropy/service project. (outside of the RSO)
5. Philanthropy/service project had a positive influence on the RSO members.

- **Student Organization Sustainability Award**

Recognizes the student organization that has gone above and beyond to better their community in terms of sustainability and conservation, and that their efforts has had a major impact on the UNL community and/or the Lincoln community. Nominations could include, but are not limited to: an effort to implement sustainable practices within the organization, sustainability programming, sustainability awareness and outreach, etc.

Criteria
1. Project/initiative ties to the mission, purpose, and/or goals of the RSO.
2. Implementation and execution of the program/event, project, initiative, etc.
3. Project/initiative had a positive influence on the RSO members.
4. External effect of the project/initiative. (outside of the RSO)

- **Outstanding New Advisor**

Recognizes an advisor who has served less than 3 years advising a student organization. The advisor makes significant contributions to the organization and its members, challenges and provides support to members, upholds the organizations mission and purpose, and enhances members learning and development.

Criteria
1. Must have served in the RSO advisor role less than 3 years.
2. Upholds the RSO’s mission, purpose, and goals.

3. Upholds the UNL beliefs on diversity and inclusion by demonstrating dignity, respect, and acceptance to all campus community members.

4. Created positive relationships with other RSO members and officers.

5. Demonstrates organizational leadership via collaboration projects, programming, new initiatives, etc.

- **Outstanding Advisor**

Recognizes an advisor who has served more than 3 years advising a student organization. The advisor makes significant contributions to the organization and its members, challenges and provides support to members, upholds the organization’s mission and purpose, and enhances members’ learning and development.

Criteria

1. Must have served in the RSO advisor role for 3 years or more.

2. Upholds the RSO’s mission, purpose, and goals.

3. Upholds the UNL beliefs on diversity and inclusion by demonstrating dignity, respect, and acceptance to all campus community members.

4. Created positive relationships with other RSO members and officers.

5. Demonstrates organizational leadership via collaboration projects, programming, new initiatives, etc.

- **Program of the Year**

Recognizes a student organization program that engaged the University community in a unique and creative way; explored and fostered innovative and efficient ways to reach and involve diverse student audiences; supported the students organizations’ mission, purpose, and goals; and coordinated and managed a fiscally sound, well-planned program that was open to all UNL students. Events and programs that took place from May 2016 - April 2017 are eligible to be nominated. Events and programs could include, but is not limited to: educational programming, social justice programming, community building, social programming, global or social movement campaigns, fundraisers, documentary screenings, awareness weeks, etc.

Criteria
1. Creativity of program/event and marketing/documentation of event.
2. Program/event helped to accomplish or supported the mission, purpose, and goals of the RSO.
3. Execution of the program/event.
4. Program/event reached a diverse group of participants.
5. Program/event had a positively influenced the intended community.

- **Diversity and Inclusion Award**

Recognizes the student organization who exemplifies inclusive excellence and a commitment to awareness and education of diversity and inclusion of all students at the UNL. Nominations could include, but are not limited to: an effort to recruit a diverse group of students, diversity and inclusivity programming, diversity and inclusive awareness and outreach, etc.

Criteria

1. Upholds the UNL beliefs on diversity and inclusion by demonstrating dignity, respect, and acceptance to all campus community members.
2. Implementation and execution of the program/event, project, initiative, etc.
3. Project/initiative had a positive influence on the RSO members.
4. Have attended diversity and inclusion themed workshops.

- **Outstanding Commitment to Recruitment**

Recognizes the student organization or individual who demonstrates an exceptional commitment to membership recruitment and retention of new and diverse members. Recipient understand the importance of recruitment, and plans programs and succession accordingly, upholding the mission and purpose of the organization.

Criteria

1. Growth of RSO membership and/or change in demographics of the RSO members.
2. Creativity and innovation of membership recruitment strategies.
3. Development and implementation of membership retention strategies.
4. Vibrant and engaging presence on NvolveU 2.0