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Samantha Thompson:

Good Evening, everyone! It is my pleasure to welcome each of you here to celebrate the accomplishments of Stony Brook University's fraternities and sororities. My name is Samantha Thompson and I am the Associate Director for Student Engagement and Activities. I am very excited to be here this evening to celebrate your many accomplishments. I would like to welcome our Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students Dr. Rick Gatteau to start off tonight's event.

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Dr. Rick Gatteau:

Thanks a lot, Samantha. Hi Everybody! It's great to see you. Second year on Zoom with this and I am just telling Samantha that the balloons are still here so I guess the helium lasted all year, didn't it? Okay good. So thrilled to welcome you to the 2021 Fraternity and Sorority Life Awards. I think this is such a great way for us to gather and celebrate this past year. For those of you who may have joined us on Zoom last year for this event, we are back, but this is going to be it! This is going to be in person after this. From now on, we are making it so. I just wanted to on behalf of Student Affairs and the University, thank you so much for your incredible leadership. Our fraternity and sorority life at Stony Brook is really important the University and that is really because of the values that all carry everyday in your work as students, as leaders, the scholarship, the service, the friendship, the philanthropy, all the work that you do to support the community is so important. I always ask Samantha, what happened this year to make the Greek Life so exceptional and I am just so impressed that even in a year of the pandemic the fact that you were able to not only recruit 300 new members this year is incredible but also the fact of how giving you all are as a student group which included 400 hours of community service initiatives, donated more than \$53,000 to charitable causes, an amazing number. 1,400 virtuals programs and events over the course of the year. I just think that is really impressive. I also want to quickly highlight how appreciative I am of the IFSC this year. I have had the opportunity to work with several Student Affairs colleagues and some student leaders from our IFSC on our sexual assault prevention and response working group and I just want to say how much I appreciate the student leaders that have taken such an active role in not only the University's response plan, but also how we can educate and work together to prevent sexual assault and violence on our campus. So I hope that you and many of you will continue next year to help with that movement because it is really important for the safety and health of our campus community. I just wanted to thank all of you for your involvement in that.

I do also want to say to anybody here with us that is graduating, congratulations! I am so thrilled for you. I hope your experience at Stony Brook has been just the best part of your life and that it has been rewarding and fulfilling and that you are carrying with you all that you have, those amazing leadership skills that you have developed from our fraternity and sorority community. We are just so thrilled, you are going to be Seawolves for life. So congratulations on that.

And last I just wanted to give a huge shout out to Samantha Thompson and Kevin Grunder for this year. They have just done amazing work in the fraternity and sorority community. I am so appreciative for their guidance and leadership among all of you. I just think they are just amazing role models and really carry so much in terms of the time and effort

they put forth to keep this community strong. So thank you both for all of your hard work. And with that, I will pass it back to Samantha and I am looking forward to tonight.

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Samantha Thompson:

Thank you Rick for your welcoming remarks. To begin our program this evening, I would like to thank our **Fraternity & Sorority Awards Judges**. These individuals spent countless hours reading through all of your outstanding awards applications and selecting winners for each of our organizational, programming, and individual awards. Thank you so much for your time and commitment to recognizing our fraternity and sorority life community!

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The Fraternity and Sorority Life Awards is a time to celebrate the achievements of our fraternity and sorority leaders, advisors, and campus partners who are committed to contributing to the progress, importance, and relevancy of our organizations. This year especially the need to celebrate and recognize one another is paramount. Please utilize the chat feature on this Zoom call to share congratulatory comments and the “reaction” buttons to show your support and recognize the contributions of our award recipients. Additionally, we are pleased to offer a live transcript or subtitles of this year’s award’s ceremony to all participants. As a participant, you may choose to enable this feature. If you need assistance please message any of the hosts in the chat. We begin our Awards Ceremony with our Chapter Awards:

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The Outstanding Chapter Management Award recognizes a chapter that has excelled in balancing the many facets that go into a fraternal organization. This chapter exemplifies the highest standards of management, teamwork, and communication and has made it a priority to focus this year on their pillars of fellowship, leadership, scholarship, and service at the chapter and community level. Having a majority of newer members at the start of the Fall 2020 semester, this organization worked very hard to balance priorities of organizational management, cultivating membership involvement, and working as a collective to attain their goals.

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Please join me in congratulating **Kappa Sigma** for their outstanding chapter management.

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Scholarship is the cornerstone of both Stony Brook University and the fraternal community. The **Excellence in Academic Achievement Award** recognizes a chapter for their outstanding commitment to scholarship and is awarded to the chapter with the highest overall GPA. This year’s recipient has an overall GPA of **3.74**, which is well above the all-men’s, all-women’s, and all campus GPA.

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Please join me in congratulating **Phi Delta Epsilon International Medical Fraternity** for their outstanding academic achievement.

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The **Excellence in Campus Involvement Award** is given to an organization who has members heavily involved in campus life. This chapter made a concerted effort to use this new virtual environment to extend their ability to intentionally collaborate with more student organizations and campus departments. This organization actively collaborated with other organizations to raise money for Black Lives Matter, the B+ foundation, and collaborated with a total of 14 student organizations for an AAPI Awareness fundraiser. This chapter also partnered with the Center for Prevention and Outreach and participated in their available bystander intervention training opportunities which resulted in many of their members earning an Upstander Award.

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This year's Excellence in Campus Involvement Award goes to **Alpha Omega Epsilon**.

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The **Persistence Award** is given to a chapter who has made outstanding strides in overcoming barriers related to the COVID-19 pandemic and shares how they persisted with overall chapter operations. This year's award recipient has focused on ensuring connection between chapter members and the Stony Brook University community by actively collaborating with other organizations and departments virtually. This organization has made a personal commitment to ensuring their members were informed of how to take care of themselves and their community, and did so by partnering with the Center of Prevention and Outreach to complete all five bystander intervention sessions as a chapter. This organization intentionally designed opportunities to help their members and chapter as a whole grow and develop.

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It is for these reasons that we recognize **Theta Phi Alpha** with the **Persistence Award**.

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The **Excellence in Virtual Engagement Award** is given to a chapter that has created a strong connectedness with their members and the community through effective communication via social media and offering of virtual engagement opportunities. This year's award recipient focused on ensuring that virtual engagement and community were at the forefront of their operations. Some notable examples include Sister Instagram takeovers, a #maskourheroes campaign for essential workers, raising awareness and funds for sexual violence and suicide prevention, and racial injustices impacting AAPI and Black communities. Additionally, this year's recipient offered a variety of virtual programs for the campus community such as academic workshops, cultural events, philanthropic events, and community service events.

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Please join us in congratulating this year's Excellence in Virtual Engagement Award winner...**Sigma Psi Zeta Sorority, Inc.**

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The **Excellence in Philanthropy and Service Award** is given to a chapter to recognize outstanding efforts in its service related and/or philanthropic endeavors. This year's award recipient has connected civic engagement at every

level of chapter operations, especially given the difficulties of the pandemic over the last year. This year's recipient collaborated with several fraternal and student organizations to raise money for the #HateIsAVirus movement, as well as raised over \$1,400 for the B+ Foundation. This chapter focused on bringing awareness to community and humanitarian struggles people are facing today. This was exemplified in their collaborative efforts to empower young voters, raise awareness about food insecurity and lack of access to safe water, and educating women on interpersonal violence.

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Please join me in congratulating **Alpha Omega Epsilon** for their Excellence in Philanthropy & Service Award.

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At this time I would like to invite Erika Scire,Graduate Coordinator for the Department of Student Engagement & Activities to announce the results of our Five Star Accreditation Program.

Erika Scire:

Good Evening everyone. It is my pleasure to help acknowledge the hard work and accomplishments of our chapters.

At this time, we will be announcing the results of this year's 5 star accreditation program. First we will acknowledge our **4 Star Chapters**. Organizations who receive 4-Star recognition have surpassed expectations of the fraternal community. Within the program a 4-Star Organization is seen as one of distinction. They have excelled in the areas of scholarship, friendship, leadership, philanthropy, risk management, and internal operations.

Please join me in congratulating our **4 Star Chapters**

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Epsilon Sigma Phi Sorority, Inc.

Iota Nu Delta Fraternity, Inc.

Phi Iota Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

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Sigma Iota Sigma, Inc.

Theta Phi Alpha

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

Congratulations to all of our **4 Star Chapters**

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A **5 Star Organization** is an organization of excellence. These organizations have reached the highest standards set for the fraternity & sorority community and have excelled at promoting the important values of community, friendship, leadership, scholarship, and service coupled with outstanding chapter management and campus relations.

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Please join me in congratulating our **5 Star Chapters**

alpha Kappa Delta Phi International Sorority, Inc.

Alpha Kappa Psi

Alpha Omega Epsilon

Alpha Sigma Alpha

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Delta Sigma Pi

Kappa Sigma

Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Inc.

Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International

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Phi Delta Epsilon International Medical Fraternity

Sigma Delta Tau

Sigma Psi Zeta Sorority, Inc.

Theta Tau

Congratulations for all of your hard work!

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Erika Scire: Our fraternity & sorority community contributes many programs which raise awareness about important issues, fundraise for their respective philanthropies, and engage the community as a whole. This year alone our fraternities and sororities have held approximately 1,400 events and programs.

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The **Innovative Program for Professional Development Award** recognizes a creative program held by a fraternity or sorority that promotes professional development for all of its members. As a result of this program, students are better prepared for their careers and life after Stony Brook. This year's award recipients co-hosted a public event via Zoom where attendees were educated on how to approach the summer internship program search in this new virtual environment. This workshop included tips and tricks on the internship application and interview process, tips on networking via LinkedIn, and shared available campus resources. At the end of the program, all participants played a Kahoot game to reiterate concepts discussed during the workshop.

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Please join me in congratulating **Alpha Omega Epsilon & Theta Tau** for their **Internship Hunting: Do's and Don'ts Workshop**.

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The **Innovative Program for Helping Others Award** recognizes a community service or philanthropic program held by a fraternity or sorority that promotes civic engagement and encourages selfless acts of service. This year's award recipient focused on living their values as an Asian-Interest sorority. They provided consistent and on-going efforts on spreading awareness, education, and raising support for Asian American and Pacific Islander communities, and survivors of sexual violence.

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Please join me in congratulating **Sigma Psi Zeta Sorority, Inc.** for their continual service and philanthropic work.

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The **Innovative Program for Diversity & Multicultural Awareness Award** recognizes a creative program held by a fraternity or sorority that promotes diversity and multicultural awareness. This organization built a coalition of members, families, local Asian American businesses and leaders to raise awareness and education about the AAPI community. They collaborated with the Undergraduate Student Government, Vietnamese Student Organization, and Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) to create a panel to provide time and space for a productive and open conversation regarding Asian hate crimes and struggles of the Asian American community.

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Please join me in congratulating **alpha Kappa Delta Phi International Sorority, Inc.** for their "**The 'Real Virus: Anti-Asian Hate Awareness Panel**" collaborative program.

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The Innovative Program for Health and Wellness Award recognizes a creative program held by a fraternity or sorority that promotes overall positive wellness for its members. As a result of this program, students are more aware of their personal wellbeing and ready to take an active role to enhance it. This year's recipient's held a presentation on mindfulness and the importance of being in touch with one's surroundings. This presentation allowed members to reflect on what mindfulness means to them and incorporate tangible practices to best support their academic performance.

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Please join me in congratulating the **Alpha Omega Epsilon** for their **Presentation on Mindfulness** program.

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The **Program of the Year Award** celebrates a program hosted by a recognized organization that was the most impactful. This year's program was a new year-long programming initiative that engaged many of our fraternal organizations in actively collaborating and raising awareness and resources for the Andrew McDonough B+ (Be Positive) Foundation, which is the largest provider of financial assistance to families of children with cancer nationwide. After a culmination of fundraising efforts and pivoting the program to a fully virtual experience filled with engaging activities, information sharing, and raffles for attendees, this inaugural program was able to raise nearly \$22,000 for the B+ Foundation and support approximately 22 families impacted by childhood cancer.

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We are so proud to present the **Program of the Year Award** to the **Inter-Fraternity & Sorority Council (IFSC)** for their **Wolfiethon!** Congratulations!

At this time I would like to invite Kevin Grunder, Program Coordinator for Student Engagement and Activities to announce our next group of awards.

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Kevin Grunder: Hello everyone! At this time, we are going to begin recognizing individual awards.

The accomplishments of the members of our community have been remarkable this year. We would like to take this time to recognize all of our individual nominees.

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Our fraternity and sorority leaders have worked incredibly hard to innovate and add to the success of our communities. Please feel empowered to share a thank you to any nominated individuals this evening who have made a difference within your chapter or our community. <**Pause**>

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Additionally we would like to take a moment to recognize our organization advisors. The role of an advisor is integral to the success of our organizations. They provide support and expertise that challenge our organizations to think critically, consider both their values as well as the values of the community at large, and reach their full potential. At this time, we would like to wish all of our faculty, staff, and alumni advisors a “Thank You” for your commitment to our fraternity and sorority community. Please feel free to extend a “thank you” in the chat box to an advisor.

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The Advisor of the Year award is given to a faculty/staff or national advisor who goes above and beyond in their role. This year’s recipient is being recognized for their leadership, care and overall commitment to the organization’s growth and success. As said by her nominator, she’s a natural teacher and leader who continuously builds a nurturing environment for everyone to feel comfortable. This alumni advisor tremendously helped her undergraduate sisters in the area of communication, easily balancing the requirements of her position with the current largely remote format.

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Our community is lucky to have her supporting us. It is my pleasure to announce that this year’s Advisor of the Year is **Nichelle Heredia**, advisor to Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Inc..

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The Friend of Fraternity & Sorority Life award is given to individuals or offices at the University who go above and beyond to support our fraternities and sororities. This year we are excited to recognize two individuals who have significantly contributed to our fraternal organizations this year.

This year’s first recipient is a true and valued friend to the fraternity and sorority community. They worked directly with two of our organizations to inspire them to reach their full potential. They make space for these organizations to aspire to reach their personal and professional goals and provide monthly check ins on goals and evaluate on successes. Please join me in congratulating our recipient of this year’s Award to **Deb Klein**, Academic Advisor in the **College of Engineering and Applied Sciences (CEAS)**, and college advisor to Alpha Omega Epsilon and Theta Tau.

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Our second recipient is an outstanding administrator who is constantly supporting our community in enhancing the understanding of the Title IX and Student Conduct & Community Standards processes through engaging and informational presentations. This recipient has positively and actively been involved in various department initiatives such as National Hazing Prevention Week and the Fraternity & Sorority Life Officer Training Day.

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This year’s recipient is a valued friend to the fraternity and sorority community. Please join me in congratulating our recipient of this year’s Award to **Mary Randazzo**, Assistant Director in the **Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards**.

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The Outstanding Scholarship Award is presented to a member who excels academically and serves as a role model for their organization through their academic involvement while maintaining at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA. This year's recipient has been described by their nominator as invested in many different facets of campus life. Throughout this past year this individual has gone above and beyond to promote the academic success of themselves and their sisters. They accomplish this by hosting workshops focusing on time management, boosting productivity, active learning methods, and mental health. They are a great example for their peers.

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Please join me in congratulating **Sabrina Vargas from Epsilon Sigma Phi Sorority, Inc.** for her Outstanding Scholarship.

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As members of values-based organizations, the **Fraternal Values Award** seeks to recognize a sorority or fraternity member who exhibits and upholds their organizational values, purpose, ritual, and mission by way of their everyday actions. This year's recipient successfully onboarded a group of 22 women through a virtual new member process while finding new interactive ways for new members to create bonds, prioritizing values at all times. She was able to emphasize the importance of tradition and ritual within her sorority while making the experience fun and educational for her members. Her nominator states, "this member has never failed to show her passion towards our organization or its values. We are so sad to see her graduate this spring."

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It brings me great pleasure to present the Fraternal Values Award to **Vivian Mantzopolos of Sigma Delta Tau.**

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The Executive Board Member of the Year award recognizes chapter leaders who have gone above and beyond the call of duty to help better their organizations. This year's recipient was able to leverage their executive board position to advance the overall success of their chapter. By leveraging available technology and engagement strategies, this individual had a multi-faceted approach to public relations that helped the organization communicate in innovative and effective ways. For example, she accomplished her goal of reconnecting to alumni by interviewing past members to gather information for the organization's website as well as creating a page on LinkedIn that allowed active sisters to further these connections. In a time when connecting and communicating have only become difficult and indirect, the recipient has excelled and gone above and beyond.

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Please join me in congratulating this year's Executive Board Member of the Year recipient Mahzabin Alam of Alpha Omega Epsilon.

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The **Outstanding Council Leader Award** honors an individual who serves on a council executive board that has gone above and beyond their role. This year's recipient is described by one of her nominators as someone who goes above and beyond in everything she does. Therefore, it's no surprise they have excelled in their council leadership position. Their experiences this past year and their impact on the council have been nothing short of transformative. This year's recipient positioned the council to serve as role models and advocates for their fellow students, all while inspiring her fellow executive board members to reach their full potential. Her leadership and the success of her council this year exemplifies the importance and impact of the Inter-Fraternity and Sorority Council.

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We are very excited to present the Outstanding Council Leader Award to **Konnie Xu**, President of the **Inter-Fraternity and Sorority Council**, and member of alpha Kappa Delta Phi International Sorority, Inc.

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The **Emerging Leader** award recognizes students who have shown outstanding potential in the areas of leadership and inter-fraternalism. Recipients have been nominated by their chapters as possessing great drive, work ethic, and the ability to better the Stony Brook Community. This year we have chosen to recognize 4 individuals. Please join us in recognizing the following Emerging Leader Award recipients:

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Kaya McDonald	Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.
Stephanie Trinh	alpha Kappa Delta Phi International Sorority, Inc.
Emma Matz	Theta Phi Alpha
Elise Hansson	Sigma Iota Sigma, Inc.

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The **Hyperion Award** is presented annually to members who have made a significant impact upon the fraternity and sorority community during their collegiate career through exhibiting excellence within their chapters and contributing to the Stony Brook community. We view this award as an excellent opportunity to recognize the students for their dedication and efforts toward incorporating positive change in their organization, the fraternity and sorority life community, and/or the campus at large. This year we have chosen to recognize 4 individuals. The Hyperion Award Recipients are:

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Nadia Aniff	Sigma Iota Sigma, Inc.
Rashawn Davis	Phi Iota Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
Josephine Robinson	Delta Sigma Pi

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The **Outstanding Leadership Development Award** is presented to members of our fraternity and sorority community that are committed to leadership development and the enhancement of themselves and their organization. This year’s recipient is a committed leader in multiple organizations who has focused on building skills and fostering engagement opportunities for their community. They exemplified commitment to leadership development by representing Stony Brook at the Northeast Greek Leadership Association annual conference this year. One of their nominators said, “They have consistently shown dedication to the organization and to being involved in the fraternity and sorority community at Stony Brook at large.”

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Please join me in congratulating **Tania Thomas of Sigma Iota Sigma, Inc.** for their Outstanding Leadership Development.

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At this time I would like to invite Christine Marullo, Director of Student Engagement & Activities to announce our distinguished leadership awards and remaining chapter awards.

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Christine Marullo:

Good Evening. I am honored to be here with you all tonight and I will be presenting the remainder of this evening’s awards.

The **Tasheka S. Sutton Spirit Award** is presented to an individual who promotes fraternity and sorority life and inspires others to live their lives by the values of the fraternity and sorority community. This year’s recipient has been described as a dedicated hard worker who is committed to the fraternal movement. They are seen as a positive inspiration that seeks to uplift those around them. For example, this individual created an “Anonymous Kind Messages” program to spread positivity within their organization. This year’s recipient is passionate about embodying and living her organizations’ values and being there for their chapter members.

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Please join me in Congratulating **Carli Surkis of Sigma Delta Tau** on your award.

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Our next awards recognize two exemplary chapter presidents for their commitment in their role. This year’s recipients have proven to be an inspiration for their chapters and for the Fraternity & Sorority Community.

This year’s **Sorority President of the Year** has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to her sisters, including individually mentoring chapter members, modeling respect and kindness and creating a close sisterhood. This sorority president embodies the notion of leading by example. She is fiercely committed to the personal and professional

growth of her members and has worked tirelessly to connect them with campus resources and emphasized the importance of self advocacy. Her nominator referenced the award recipient as someone who: “encouraged me and all the sisters in my organization to find our weaknesses and learn how to overcome them.”

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For these accomplishments we are proud to award this year’s Sorority President of the Year to **Sabrina Vargas** , President of Epsilon Sigma Phi Sorority, Inc.

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This year’s **Fraternity President of the Year** has been noted as an individual who truly embodies their organization’s core values and had a vision to create and inspire a united brotherhood. This fraternity president was recognized as being a steadfast leader during an uncertain and frightening time, not shying away from difficult conversations. This leader created opportunities and spaces for their members to discuss and process feelings surrounding Covid-19 as well as the racial injustices occurring in our nation. This individual was noted by their nominator as being an integral part of the fraternity who has led the organization in an amazing direction.

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We are very proud to award this year’s Fraternity President of the Year to **Will Zhu**, President of Theta Tau

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Fraternity and Sorority Leader of the Year is the highest honor given to individuals within the fraternity and sorority community. This award is given to a student leader who has made significant contributions to Stony Brook University Fraternity & Sorority community during this year and their overall time at Stony Brook. The fraternity and sorority leader of the year demonstrates teamwork, and the ability to inspire and encourage their peers. Candidates show exemplary leadership, organization, character, and distinction.

This year’s **Sorority Leader of the Year** is someone who has not only impacted their organizations but someone who has been committed to bettering the Stony Brook Community as a whole. This year alone this individual partnered with organizations both on and off campus to raise awareness and funds to support worthy causes. She has served as an advocate for her fellow students on campus committees and has been referenced by those who work with her as driven and trustworthy. Her work speaks for itself and her impact will continue to be felt throughout the community and her efforts built upon as she steps into a new leadership role as the President Elect of the Inter-Fraternity & Sorority Council.

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It is my pleasure to present this year’s Sorority Leader of the Year... **Alyssa DiBenedetto** of **Sigma Delta Tau and Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International**.

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This year's **Fraternity Leader of the Year** has been identified as an individual who is driven and creates results with a high standard for their organization. This year's recipient committed a tremendous effort to improving the internal workings of their organization in the year following a large graduating class. They successfully lead their chapter to academic excellence and distinction in philanthropy while being present as a role model to their peers and chapter members alike. Serving in leadership roles within their fraternity, the Inter-Fraternity and Sorority Council, and the Undergraduate Student Government, this individual truly embodies the ideals of a committed leader.

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Please join me in congratulating this year's Fraternity Leader of the Year... **Erik Kier of Kappa Sigma.**

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The **Most Improved Chapter** is given to an organization that has made significant strides in all areas of their development. This year's award recipient has made great progress in chapter operations and organizational growth over the last year. The chapter's size grew by over 50% and consisted of mostly emerging leaders. These new members took on the responsibility of expanding chapter operations to contribute actively to the Stony Brook community, focusing on academic and chapter success, and benefiting multiple philanthropic endeavors. This year's recipient raised hundreds of dollars for social justice and equity causes, collaborated on a team that raised over \$6,600 for the B+ Foundation, and coordinated a toy drive collecting over 100 toys.

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It is for these efforts we award The Most Improved Chapter to **Kappa Sigma.**

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The **Chapter of the Year** is selected among the Five Star organizations who have been named an organization of excellence. The recipient must have consistently demonstrated excellence in all areas of fraternity and sorority life. Over the last year, this organization has made significant strides in persisting through the pandemic and focused on academic achievement, community programming, membership growth, and sisterhood connection. This chapter achieved a cumulative chapter average of 3.64 and provided increased support and resources to help members academically. They hosted an array of educational programs on racial injustices and privilege, voter engagement, self-care and more. Additionally, this organization co-hosted a program called Greek Life 101 in collaboration with many culturally based fraternal organizations to assist with gaining recruitment interest. This chapter created various philanthropic and fundraising efforts during the academic year, and a special highlight was during their Semana de La Luna week of events, where they raised almost \$3,000 for Sister Pat's Kids Camp for children with cancer and other blood related diseases. This organization also provided many opportunities for their membership to connect, and welcomed nine new members into the chapter bringing their membership total from 2 members in Fall 2020 to 11 members by the end of Spring 2021.

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Please join me in congratulating this year's Chapter of the year: **Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Inc.**

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At this time I would like to introduce Jeff Barnett, Interim Associate Dean of Students to close out tonight's awards.

Jeffrey Barnett:

Hello everybody! Good evening, thank you so much. Even though we can't hear you at home right now, let's please give a round of applause for all of our honorees tonight. You are outstanding and we are so proud of you. And Kevin you are glowing with that ring light tonight. Our Fraternity & Sorority members have done a tremendous job this past year, and we look forward to seeing you continue your admirable, positive impacts on our campus community in the future! On behalf of the Division of Student Affairs and the Office of Student Life I would like to thank you all for joining us this tonight and for all of your contributions this past year during a very different and difficult year. You helped to really bring a sense of belonging to campus and you play a very big role in the sense of community throughout Stony Brook University.

<**SLIDE CHANGE** to a slide that reads: Thank you, Erika!, with a picture of Erika, and text that reads Erika Scire, Graduate Coordinator for Fraternity & Sorority Life>

Before we close tonight's program we would like to give special thanks to our Graduate Coordinator for Fraternity & Sorority Life, Erika Scire. Erika has been with Student Life for over two years and has worked tirelessly to help support the efforts of the Fraternity & Sorority community and our student organizations at large. We are so proud of the work she has done and look forward to seeing all she accomplishes in the future. And welcoming you as a formal and official colleague into the field of higher education and administration. So thank you for Erika for all you have done for us for the last couple years . Thank you Erika! Congratulations to you all for all your hard work. And now I'm going to turn it over to Samantha Thompson with the balloons in the background to close out our ceremony.

<**SLIDE CHANGE** to a slide that reads: Congratulations to all winners and nominees!>

Samantha Thompson: Jeff, thank you so much for your closing remarks. May I please have your attention for a few final reminders. Congratulations to you all for a wonderful year! Thank you so much for all you have contributed. I want you to just take a moment and reflect on all you have accomplished. Just kind of writing the script with Kevin, we were in awe of all of the things you all have worked on and done for each other and for those that are struggling in our community. There really is some time for reflection and celebration because you all truly, truly deserve it. Just some final housekeeping items, we will be sharing this evening's live recording of the awards and all winners on our website. So if you have any friends who may have received awards or you want to share things with your family and friends, we will have a recording of this available to you all to repeat in your glory. We are really excited to offer that. In addition to that, The Department of Student Engagement and Activities will be hosting a small in-person reception for our award recipients. All of our award recipients will receive an invitation to that. That will be taking place on Monday to pick up your awards, have some light refreshments. We are really excited to be able to do that and hopefully be able to congratulate a handful of you in person. And you can take pictures and we will have some really great Instagram opportunities for you all. Thank you all again for making this a great night and a wonderful year! Wishing you all a fun and safe summer. Good luck on finals, get some rest, focus on your studies, but with this term GPA, we are very confident that you all will continue to succeed academically. Thank you all so much. Feel free to reach out to Kevin, Erika, or myself if you have any questions. Good night!

<**End of Awards**>