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THE INVOLVEMENT AWARDS NOMINATION INFORMATION

Student Involvement is pleased to host the annual Involvement Awards on Tuesday, April 6, 2027, in the Student Activities Center! The Involvement Awards will recognize and celebrate student organizations and individuals for their accomplishments during the 2026-2027 academic year!

The pages below provide the list of available awards and descriptions for each! Any Auburn University student, faculty, or staff member is eligible to submit nominations. To complete a nomination, individuals may access the nomination form on AUinvolve via the Involvement Awards website at aub.ie/involvementawards or directly at aub.ie/iAwards.

Nominations are due by Thursday, February 4, 2027, at 4:45 PM. There will be no deadline extensions.

Award finalists and winners will be determined by a selection committee consisting of Auburn University administration, faculty, and staff.

Award finalists will receive an invitation to the Involvement Awards for up to four seats. To ensure as many organizations as possible can attend the awards, a single organization may receive up to eight seats, regardless of how many awards it is a finalist for.

Winners will be announced at The Involvement Awards on April 6!

For any questions, please contact Assistant Director of Student Involvement Billy Ferris at 334-844-4119 or ferriwj@auburn.edu.

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/// The Involvement Awards

Some awards are divided into the following two categories of organization types…

- *One award for Student Activity Organizations (SAO's) – SAO's are the 15 large organizations housed directly in the Student Involvement office. These include: Auburn University Dream Makers, Beat Bama Food Drive, Black Student Union, The Circle, Eagle Eye TV, LEAD Auburn, The Glomerata, IMPACT, International Student Organization, Involvement Ambassadors, Organizations Board, The Auburn Plainsman, Student Government Association, University Program Council, and WEGL 91.1. Additionally, for the purpose of the Involvement Awards, Aubie and Greek Councils will also be considered for SAO-category awards.*

- *One award for Registered Student Organizations (RSO's) / Sponsored Student Organizations (SSO's). RSO's and SSO's are the ~450 organizations that represent a wide variety of academic colleges, university departments, and specific interests.*

/// The List of Awards

1. Most Exceptional Campus Organization Award (one for SAO's / one for RSO's/SSO's)
2. Student Leader of the Year Award (multiple student recipients)
3. The Corey M. Edwards Organization Advisor of the Year Award
4. Student Organization Supporter of the Year Award
5. Outstanding New Organization Award
6. Most Excellent Campus Event Award (two for SAO's / two for RSO's/SSO's)
7. Excellence in Career Readiness Award (one for SAO's / one for RSO's/SSO's)
8. The Fred & Charlene Kam Human Touch Service Award
9. Excellence in Communications & Marketing Award (one for SAO's / one for RSO's/SSO's)
10. Be The Creed Award
11. Foy Spirit Award

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/// The Award Descriptions

Refer to the note above about awards being divided into two categories of organization types.

Most Exceptional Campus Organization Award (SAO Category)
Given to an SAO that most exemplified the traits of an excellent Auburn student organization and that best empowered its members to be impactful Auburn students as a group. Nominations will be evaluated on how the organization enhanced the student experience and how it was excellent and innovative in fulfilling its mission for the student body. Must be an SAO to be eligible.

Most Exceptional Campus Organization Award (RSO/SSO Category)
Given to an RSO/SSO that most exemplified the traits of an excellent Auburn student organization and that best empowered its members to be impactful Auburn students as a group. Nominations will be evaluated on how the organization enhanced the student experience and how it was excellent and innovative in fulfilling its mission. Must be an RSO/SSO to be eligible.

Student Leader of the Year Award
Given to multiple students who best demonstrated exceptional leadership abilities and the principles of the Auburn Creed through their student organization involvement. Nominations will be evaluated on how the student leader enhanced the student experience for others and for how they set an example for their peers. Must be a student in a student organization to be eligible.

The Corey M. Edwards Organization Advisor of the Year Award
Given to an RSO/SSO organization advisor who exceeded their obligations in supporting a student organization and its students. Nominations will be evaluated on how the advisor enhanced the student experience, demonstrated dedication to the student organization's success, and helped the students fulfill their mission. Must be an Advisor to a Registered Student Org (RSO) or Sponsored Student Org (SSO) to be eligible.

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Student Organization Supporter of the Year Award
Given to an individual/group of individuals/office who exceeded their obligations in supporting one or more student organizations and their students. Nominations will be evaluated on how the supporter enhanced the student experience, demonstrated dedication to students' success, and helped students fulfill their mission(s). This award is not for student organization advisors.

Outstanding New Organization Award
Given to an RSO/SSO in its first year (provisional or permanent) that most exemplified the traits of an excellent Auburn student organization and that best empowered its members to be impactful Auburn students as a group. Nominations will be evaluated on how the organization enhanced the student experience and how it was excellent and innovative in building an organizational foundation and recruiting membership. Must be a first-year RSO/SSO to be eligible.

Most Excellent Campus Event (SAO Category)
Given to an SAO host organization that enhanced the student experience by engaging students in a well-planned, well-executed, successful event. Nominations will be evaluated on how an event enhanced the student experience, used innovative practices to engage students, and fulfilled the organization's mission through a high-quality event. Must be an SAO event to be eligible. Two awards will likely be given. Eligible events considered are those that occurred between February 1, 2026 – February 1, 2027.

Most Excellent Campus Event (RSO/SSO Category)
Given to an RSO/SSO host organization that enhanced the student experience by engaging students in a well-planned, well-executed, successful event. Nominations will be evaluated on how an event enhanced the student experience, used innovative practices to engage students, and fulfilled the organization's mission through a high-quality event. Must be an RSO/SSO event to be eligible. Two awards will likely be given. Eligible events considered are those that occurred between February 1, 2026 – February 1, 2027.

Excellence in Career Readiness (SAO Category)
Given to an SAO organization that empowered its members to grow in career readiness through their engagement in the organization. Nominations will be evaluated on how an organization enhanced the student experience by providing growth opportunities for its

members to build leadership skills, technical skills, and other career skills they can carry beyond Auburn. Must be an SAO to be eligible.

Excellence in Career Readiness (RSO/SSO Category)
Given to an RSO/SSO organization that empowered its members to grow in career readiness through their engagement in the organization. Nominations will be evaluated on how an organization enhanced the student experience by providing growth opportunities for its members to build leadership skills, technical skills, and other career skills they can carry beyond Auburn. Must be an RSO/SSO to be eligible.

The Fred & Charlene Kam Human Touch Service Award
Given to an organization whose philanthropic and/or service activities exemplified the power of the “Human Touch” as outlined in the Auburn Creed. The Auburn Creed states, "I believe in the human touch, which cultivates sympathy with my fellow men and mutual helpfulness and brings happiness for all." Nominations will be evaluated on how the organization served the campus and/or community, demonstrated innovation in their philanthropic and/or service activities, and cultivated sympathy while being helpful and bringing happiness. Must be a student organization to be eligible.

Excellence in Communications & Marketing (SAO Category)
Given to an SAO that displayed high-quality marketing & communications efforts to ensure the student body and campus community were aware of their activities and achievements. Nominations will be evaluated on how an organization strategically planned and executed its outreach efforts while utilizing creative ideas and methods to share its stories with the campus community. Must be an SAO to be eligible.

Excellence in Communications & Marketing (RSO/SSO Category)
Given to an RSO/SSO that displayed high-quality marketing & communications efforts to ensure the student body and campus community were aware of their activities and achievements. Nominations will be evaluated on how an organization strategically planned and executed its outreach efforts while utilizing creative ideas and methods to share its stories with the campus community. Must be an RSO/SSO to be eligible.

Be the Creed
Given to a student who embodies the values set forth in the Auburn Creed. Nominations will be evaluated on whether a student should be recognized and honored for the ways

in which they model outstanding hard work, desire to grow through education, honesty and truthfulness, sound mind/body/spirit, good sportsmanship, obedience to law, sympathy for others, helpfulness, belief in country, and a love for Auburn. Be the Creed Honorees are positive examples for others in the Auburn community and beyond. Must be a student to be eligible.

Foy Spirit Award

Given to a senior student who demonstrates academic excellence, campus leadership, and a commitment to honoring the Auburn Creed, with preference given to students working a job to help cover their educational expenses. Nominations will be evaluated on a student's demonstration of qualities such as character, leadership, honesty, commitment to the Auburn community, and a strong work ethic. Nominations must include a letter that describes how the student embodies the "Foy Spirit" modeled by former Dean of Students Dr. James E. Foy and his wife Emma O. Foy (as outlined in the qualities referenced above). Must be a senior to be eligible.