Thank you for your support of Leadership Awards Night 2018!

In this guidebook, you will find detailed descriptions and eligibility for each award.
Please use this guidebook as a valuable tool to assist your application process.
If you have further questions about any application or the selection process, please email us at spartanleadership@ut.edu
We are happy to help you!

We look forward to receiving your applications. Thank you for your commitment to our students, faculty, and staff whose exemplary leadership positively contributes to our UT community.

We hope to see you at the Awards Ceremony on Thursday, April 19 at 6:15 pm in the Vaughn Center Crescent Club!

-The 2018 Leadership Awards Night Planning Committee
Leadership Awards Night Processes and Protocol

The Leadership Awards Night Advisors’ Dinner and Awards Ceremony are annual university-wide events planned and implemented by the Office of Student Leadership and Engagement (OSLE) staff members and student coordinators. The Advisor is the Director of The Office of Student Leadership and Engagement.

The Leadership Awards Night Selection Committee is a secret entity consisting of nine university staff and faculty members and one UT alumni. Due to the volume of applications and awards, there are two committee meetings which will take place on the selection date. Each committee will consist of five people. The morning committee will select the organizational award winners. The afternoon committee (which includes the alumni) will select the individual award winners.

The committee is tasked with determining award recipients based on objective examination of the award criteria and the award nomination and application materials.

Award recipients that are determined by their sponsoring departments are marked with an * after the award name on the following page.

Questions regarding Leadership Awards Night processes and protocol can be directed to Ian McGinnity, Director of The Office of Student Leadership and Engagement at 813-257-3363 or imcginnity@ut.edu
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Leadership Awards

Bob Ruday Outstanding First Year of Involvement
- First year student
- $500 scholarship

Recipient must show exceptional involvement within an organization and/or the University community.

Bob Ruday Outstanding Second Year of Involvement
- Second year student
- $500 scholarship

Recipient must show exceptional involvement within an organization and/or the University community.

Bob Ruday Outstanding Third Year of Involvement
- Third year student
- $500 scholarship

Recipient must show exceptional involvement within an organization and/or the University community.

Bob Ruday Outstanding Transfer Student Involvement
- Transfer students enrolled during the 2017-2018 academic year
- $500 scholarship

Recipient must show exceptional involvement within an organization and/or the University community.

Bob Ruday Servant Leader Award
- Seniors
- $250 cash award

The Servant Leader Award was created in honor of Bob Ruday, University of Tampa’s Dean of Students from 1994-2011 who is an outstanding example of servant leadership. This award will recognize up to four seniors (graduating in May, August, or December 2018) who have exemplified the attributes of servant leadership, academic achievement, and overall involvement in campus life. The recipient(s) of this award are not eligible to receive the Bob Ruday Spartan Award or Bob Ruday Student Unsung Hero Award.

Servant leaders have a true motivation to serve the needs of their group or community and are not primarily concerned with obtaining power or prestige. Servant leadership is thought of as the foundation of effective leadership because servant leaders create a culture of trust and empowerment among those they serve and lead. They focus on relationships and motivating others.

Recipients of the Bob Ruday Servant Leadership Award have demonstrated growth and community building in their leadership experiences and involvement. These students have made The University of Tampa community and a better one because of their commitment to people on their team in student organizations, campus departments, or within the community.

Bob Ruday Spartan Award
- Seniors
- $250 cash award
The Bob Ruday Spartan Award was created to recognize up to ten outstanding seniors (graduating in May, August or December 2018) at UT who have exemplified school spirit through their academic achievement, leadership, enthusiasm, and overall involvement in campus life and programs at UT. The recipient(s) of this award are not eligible to receive the Bob Ruday Servant Leader Award or the Bob Ruday Unsung Hero Award.

**Bob Ruday Student Unsung Hero Award**
- Seniors
- $250 cash award

The Award for Student Unsung Hero was created in honor of Bob Ruday, UT’s dean of students from 1994-2011 who is an outstanding model of what it means to live your values, respect others, and lead in a way that makes you worthy of the trust of others.

The Student Unsung Hero award recognizes up to six students who have positively influenced some area of campus life (program, organization or general student life) from behind the scenes with a positive attitude, a willingness to help in whatever capacity necessary and a commitment to excellence.

Unsung heroes help to define UT. They lay the foundations, carry out the details of the event planners and enrich the culture that is UT. This award is given to ensure that the hard work of the student unsung heroes is cherished.

Students cannot have served in the role as president (or the equivalent) of an organization when performing the action of unsung hero for their organization. Also, the recipients of this award are not eligible to receive the Bob Ruday Spartan Award or Bob Ruday Servant Leader Award.

This award will recognize six seniors (graduating in May, August, or December 2018) who also exemplify the qualities and characteristics of an unsung hero.

“It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit.” -Harry S. Truman

**Student Employee of the Year**

This award is given to a student employee who has demonstrated a commitment to excellent customer service while demonstrating knowledge of their specific job responsibilities. Nominees may be work-study or student employment, and must be full-time undergraduates. Nominations will be accepted from faculty or staff.

**Leadership & Academic Achievement Award**

This award is given to both student organization leaders and members who successfully balance their campus involvement and academics by maintaining a minimum of a 3.5 cumulative GPA.

**Faculty/Staff Unsung Hero Award**

An Unsung Hero is a person who: is not your campus advisor, is a full-time staff or faculty member at UT, assists your group with no tangible benefits for doing so, is there when you need them, is cooperative and resourceful, is someone likeable and trustworthy; and deserves some recognition. Nominations will be accepted by students, faculty, and staff.

**Greek Life Awards**

**Fraternity/Sorority of the Year**

This award is given to the organization that demonstrates knowledge, understanding, and achievement of the UT Fraternity and Sorority Community mission statement, the strategic priorities outlined in the UT Fraternity and Sorority Community Strategic Plan, and values of fraternal organizations.

Consideration will be given to organizations that have given their time and effort to altruistic causes, those who have worked for the betterment of the community as well as within their own groups, and organizations that strive for
excellence by promoting growth in areas of academics, campus and community involvement, member education, accountability, sustainability, and chapter development.

**Greek Man/Woman of the Year**
This award is given to one fraternity and one sorority member who are graduating in May, August or December 2018 who are academic role models and are thoroughly involved in the fraternity and sorority community. This award is based on their combination of leadership roles in their fraternity/sorority, respective Council (IFC, Panhellenic, NPHC, CIMC, or MGC), campus leadership roles, and (inter)national or local Greek involvement. These individuals should have demonstrated a commitment to service in their communities.

**Student Organizations Awards**

**Most Improved Organization of the Year**
This award is given to the organization that demonstrates an improved knowledge, understanding, and achievement of its mission statement by COMPARING and CONTRASTING the activities the organization completed in the 2016-2017 academic year with the 2017-2018 academic years.

**J. Richard Piper Outstanding Advisor of the Year**
This award recognizes faculty and staff members for his or her talents, passion, and contributions to the campus community. Faculty, staff, and students may only nominate faculty and staff members for the Faculty/Staff Advisor of the Year.

**Outstanding New Organization of the Year**
This award is given to the organization that demonstrates knowledge, understanding, and achievement of its mission statement (on file in the Office of Student Leadership and Engagement). In order to be eligible for this award, organizations must have been newly established during the 2017-2018 school year or inactive for the entire 2016-2017 year and reactivated during the 2017-2018 school year.

**Outstanding Organization of the Year**
Two awards are given, one to a small organization and one to a large organization. The awards are given to the organizations that demonstrate knowledge, understanding, and achievement of its mission statement on file in the Office of Student Leadership and Engagement. Greek organizations are not eligible for this award, as they have the Outstanding Fraternity/Sorority of the Year Award.

Consideration will be given to organizations that have given their time and effort to altruistic causes, those who have worked for the betterment of the community as well as within their own groups/organizations.

**The Tom Fitzgerald Most Spirited Organization of the Year**
This award is named in honor of our former soccer coach who won a national championship here but was tragically killed in a motorcycle accident. Tom embodied the true spirit and pride of being a Spartan.

Sponsored by the Athletic Department, this award will be presented to the organization that shows the most school spirit throughout the school year. This includes crowd involvement and visibility at all UT sporting events. This award is based on the amount of noise made and support that your organization gives to the UT athletic teams. The louder you are the better chance you have of winning this award. You must also make your organization’s presence known by somehow announcing who you are. This would include such things as wearing clothing, making banners and cheering out your organization’s name.
Outstanding Commitment to Diversity Award
It is the duty of the Diversity Fellowship “to foster a spirit of inclusion through the dissemination of information, the active involvement of fellows on campus, and the appreciation of diverse backgrounds on campus and in the community.” In offering this award, the Diversity Fellowship wishes to recognize the organization that has taken steps towards realizing some of the duties of the Fellowship. This award will be given to the organization that has shown the strongest commitment to diversity through programming, recognition of others differences, and fostering an environment that appreciates diversity.

Community Service Awards

Active Citizen Award
Recipient must have demonstrated a commitment to community service by actively participating in service projects and who have demonstrated a well-rounded service experience through social change initiatives and involvement.

Alternative Breaks Volunteer of the Year
Recipient must have demonstrated a commitment to Alternative Breaks by actively participating in the Alternative Break Program’s opportunities.

Joyce Keller Faculty/Staff Volunteer of the Year
The award is given to a faculty or staff member who has demonstrated a commitment to community service by actively participating in service projects. The award was named in honor of Joyce C. Keller, Administrative Assistant in the Sykes College of Business, because of her commitment to volunteering.

Student Volunteer of the Year
Recipient must have demonstrated a commitment to community service by actively participating in service projects. Two awards are given (one to a Greek-affiliated member and one to a non-Greek member).

Volunteer Organization of the Year
Two awards are given by PEACE (one to a Greek organization and one to a non-Greek organization) for outstanding community service. All volunteer hours have to be registered and verified with the PEACE Volunteer Center. These awards are based on the percentage of students in the organization that volunteer at each event.

Office of Undergraduate Research and Inquiry Awards

Office of Undergraduate Research and Inquiry Intern of the Year Award
- Completed internship in Spring, Summer, or Fall 2017
- $300 cash award

The internship must have been a minimum of 10 weeks and could have been for credit or not for credit. Applicants will be evaluated on essay responses and the creativity and content of PowerPoint slide. Award selection is made by the Office of Undergraduate Research and Inquiry Committee.

Office of Undergraduate Research and Inquiry International Experience Award
- Completed education abroad experience with approval of the Office of International Programs
- Minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA
- $300 cash award
Applicants will be evaluated on essay responses and the creativity and content of PowerPoint slide. Award selection is made by the Office of Undergraduate Research and Inquiry Committee.

Office of Undergraduate Research and Inquiry Leadership Award
- $300 cash award
The Leadership Award is presented to an individual who has gained valuable leadership experience through active involvement in a professional or student organization. Applicants will be evaluated on essay responses and the creativity and content of PowerPoint slide. Award selection is made by the Office of Undergraduate Research and Inquiry Committee.

Office of Undergraduate Research and Inquiry Service-Learning Award
- Active participation in a class that includes a service-learning component
- $300 cash award
Applicants will be evaluated on essay responses and the creativity and content of your PowerPoint slide. Award selection is made by the Office of Undergraduate Research and Inquiry Committee.

Office of Undergraduate Research and Inquiry Undergraduate Research Award
- Completion of a research project with a UT faculty member
- $300 cash award
Applicants will be evaluated on essay responses and the creativity and content of PowerPoint slide. Award selection is made by the Office of Undergraduate Research and Inquiry Committee.

Sustainability Awards

SustainableUT Handprint Award (to be awarded annually)
The SustainableUT Handprint Award was created by the UT Faculty Sustainability Committee to recognize and honor a UT faculty or staff member who has demonstrated a commitment to ethical practices that reduce the University’s impact on the environment by leading or actively supporting resource conservation practices, inspiring action in support of sustainable practices, promoting sustainable development within the University community and/or the greater Tampa Bay community, and/or implementing sustainability-focused innovations.

SustainableUT Student Handprint Award (to be awarded annually)
The SustainableUT Student Handprint Award was created by the UT Faculty Sustainability Committee to recognize and honor a UT student who has demonstrated a commitment to ethical practices that reduce the University’s impact on the environment by leading or actively supporting resource conservation practices, inspiring action in support of sustainable practices, promoting sustainable development within the University community and/or the greater Tampa Bay community, and/or implementing sustainability-focused innovations.

SustainableUT Handprint Award for Outstanding Sustainable Practices by an Organization (to be awarded as warranted)
The SustainableUT Handprint Award for Outstanding Sustainable Practices by an Organization was created by the UT Faculty Sustainability Committee to recognize and honor a UT organization or group that has demonstrated a significant improvement in their or renewed commitment to ethical practices that reduce the University’s impact on the environment by leading or actively supporting resource conservation practices, inspiring action in support of sustainable practices, promoting sustainable development within the University community and/or the greater Tampa Bay community, and/or implementing sustainability-focused innovations.
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Award selection is made by the UT Faculty Sustainability Committee.

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