February 28, 2012

Dear FAU Student Organizations:

The Council of Student Organizations and Student Involvement and Leadership are proud to announce the 2011-2012 Student Organization Awards & Recognition (S.O.A.R) Banquet. The S.O.A.R. Banquet will honor Florida Atlantic University’s finest and brightest student leaders and student organizations. The student leaders and student organizations at FAU have contributed tremendously to the quality of student life and education on campus throughout the 2011-2012 academic year and this celebration is our way to thank everyone for their hard work and dedication. We are also excited to announce the S.O.A.R Banquet will include several performances to showcase the multitude of talent in its student organization community. The presentation of awards will be held in the Lifelong Learning Center Auditorium beginning promptly at 6:30 pm Thursday, April 20, 2012, followed by a dinner reception in the Grand Palm Room at 8:00 pm. Mark your calendar and plan to join us. Semi-formal attire is recommended. Space is limited; please RSVP by Friday April 6, 2012 to Student Involvement and Leadership at leadership@fau.edu or to your COSO Director. Please include the name of your student organization and the amount of members planning to attend.

Enclosed you will find applications for the S.O.A.R. awards. We encourage you to read through the descriptions of the awards as well as the respective application forms. Consider each category and nominate individuals or groups whom you consider to embody the spirit of the award. Individuals and groups may nominate themselves. Your group may nominate more than one individual or organization for any of the awards. Please submit your nominations to the Student Involvement and Leadership office located in Room 220 of the Student Union. All nominations must be turned in to a staff member by Friday, March 30, 2012 by 5:00 pm. Winners of the awards will be presented at the S.O.A.R Banquet.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership at (561) 297-2934 or via e-mail at leadership@fau.edu. Thank you for your continued support of student leaders and student organizations at Florida Atlantic University.
Instructions for Submitting Nominations:

- Any FAU faculty, staff, or student may nominate.

- Please complete the appropriate form for the category in which you are submitting the nomination.

- Use a separate Nomination Form for each nominee.

- Provide the nominator’s and nominee’s full name, e-mail address and telephone number on each nomination.

- Make sure that the contact information is accurate and complete.

- Please type all nomination question responses and supporting documentation.

- Attach documentations to Nomination Form for submission.

- Nominations must provide evidence to substantiate the significant contribution that the student leader or organization has made towards advancing diversity, equity, and pluralism at FAU or in the broader community.

- To be eligible, a nominee must be a current student, employee at FAU or a current registered student organization. A student must be enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate degree program at the time of their nomination.

- All nominations must be turned into the Student Involvement and Leadership Clubhouse, Room 220 in the Student Union by Friday March 30, 2012 PM and require a signature from an SIL staff member to be eligible.
2011-2012 Club and Leadership Awards & Criteria

**Campus Based Awards**

**New Student Organization of the Year**
This award is designed to recognize and acknowledge the contributions made to the Florida Atlantic University community by a student organization officially recognized by FAU for the first time within the 2011-2012 academic year. All newly recognized student organizations formed between September 1, 2011 and March 1, 2012 are eligible to be nominated for this award.

**Student Organization of the Year**
This award is designed to recognize and acknowledge a student organization that contributes and excels in three areas of organizational management. The areas include: *outstanding contribution to membership*; outstanding work in the area of developing their members as leaders and the internal workings of their group; *outstanding contribution to campus*; having a significant impact on campus through programs and/or services, and *outstanding contribution to community*; having a significant impact within the community. This award will be awarded within three categories, small (less than 15 active members) medium (16-30 active members), and large (30+ active members).

**Student Organization Program of the Year**
This award is designed to recognize and acknowledge the special efforts of a particular student organization that has developed, coordinated and implemented a highly outstanding, unique and innovative program at Florida Atlantic University. This program should have significantly contributed to the quality of life at the university. This student organization program cannot be directly funded by Student Government.

**Advisor of the Year**
This award is designed to recognize an advisor that best encourages and supports a student organization and its members. This person must have a strong working relationship with the organization’s members and be an active participant in the organization’s activities. In addition, the advisor must be approachable and accessible to the organization and attentive to the needs and issues of the organization and its members.

**President of the Year**
This award is designed to recognize a student organization President that has gone above and beyond the call of duty for their student organization. This person has rallied the group around a common mission and for a significant cause to make a noteworthy impact on campus this year. In addition, this President must have demonstrated strong leadership within his/her position and the FAU community.
University Wide Awards

**Student Organization Outstanding Service Award**
This award is designed to recognize and acknowledge a student organization whose involvement in service activities and projects has benefited Florida Atlantic University, the surrounding community, and humanity. This award honors a student organization that has significantly encouraged enthusiasm and college participation in service activities, and made outstanding contributions to the surrounding community.

**Student Organization Spirit Award**
This award is designed to recognize and acknowledge the special efforts of a particular student organization that has gone above and beyond their mission by creating enthusiasm and pride for the organization and the Florida Atlantic University community as well as continually participated in creating university traditions.

**Student Organization Hall of Fame Award**
This award is designed to recognize graduating student leaders who have significantly impacted student organizations during their multiple years at FAU. This award will recognize those students who begin as active members in organizations and directly impacted the growth and success of those organizations over the course of 3+ years. The Hall of Fame award is designed to celebrate student leaders who have worked consistently and passionately for at least one student organization over time.

**Executive of the Year**
This award is designed to recognize an officer (other than the President) of an organization who demonstrates outstanding leadership skills and goes above and beyond in helping to achieve club objectives and excels in their duties as an executive board member of the organization.

**Member of the Year**
This award is designed to recognize a student organization member who has gone above and beyond the call of duty in his/her student organization. This person does not necessarily hold a position within the organization, but demonstrates continued commitment and leadership through action.

**Student Leader of the Year**
This award is designed to recognize student leaders who make meaningful contributions to multiple organizations and areas of campus life. Student leaders of the year continually demonstrate effective leadership to the FAU community, as well as have strong focus on developing leaders around them.
New Student Organization of the Year Award Nomination

This award is designed to recognize and acknowledge the contributions made to the Florida Atlantic University community by a student organization officially recognized by FAU for the first time within the 2011-2012 academic year. All newly recognized student organizations formed between September 1, 2011 and March 1, 2012 are eligible to be nominated for this award. *Please type all nomination question responses and supporting documentation. Attach documentations to Nomination Form for submission.

| Organization Name: ______________________________________________________________ |
| Nominator’s Name: _____________________________________________________________ |
| Nominator’s Phone: __________________________________________________________________ |
| Nominator’s E-mail: __________________________________________________________________ |

1) How many active members are in the organization? How does the organization recruit and retain members?

2) Why was the organization established?

3) What events, programs, and activities did the organization sponsor and/or participate in during the 2011-2012 academic year?

4) What are the organization’s future goals?

5) Why does this organization deserve to win this award?

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| Nominator’s Phone: __________________________________________________________________ |
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1) How many active members are in the organization? How does the organization recruit and retain members?

2) What events, programs, and activities did the organization sponsor and/or participate in during the 2011-2012 academic year?

3) How has this organization contributed to the Florida Atlantic University community and beyond?

4) What was the organization’s biggest accomplishment of the 2011-2012 academic year? Please describe in detail.

5) What are the organization’s future goals?

6) What size category does the student organization fall into?

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Student Organization Program Award Nomination

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Nominator’s Name: ______________________________________________________________
Nominator’s Phone: __________________________________________________________________
Nominator’s E-mail: __________________________________________________________________

1) What was the student organization’s most successful program during the 2011-2012 academic year?

2) Why does the organization consider this program a success?

3) What was the purpose of this program?

4) How did this program positively serve and impact Florida Atlantic University community?

5) As a result of this program how have the organization members developed?

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Advisor of the Year Award Nomination

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Organization Name: ______________________________________________________________
Nominator’s Name: ________________________________________________________________
Nominator’s Phone: __________________________________________________________________
Nominator’s E-mail: __________________________________________________________________
Advisor’s Name: _____________________________________________________________________

1) What is the advisor’s role in the organization?

2) How has the advisor helped the organization accomplish its goals during the 2011-2012 academic year?

3) What impacts has the advisor had on the organization?

4) What is the most memorable thing the advisor has done for the organization?

5) Why are you nominating the advisor for this award?

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President of the Year Award Nomination

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Organization Name: _____________________________________________________________
Nominator’s Name: __________________________________________________________________
Nominator’s Phone: __________________________________________________________________
Nominator’s E-mail: __________________________________________________________________
President’s Name: __________________________________________________________________

1) How has this individual shown their dedication and commitment to the organization and its members, including a description of the type of impact this person has had on your organization?

2) How did your President help the group accomplish its goals during the 2011-2012 academic year?

3) What impacts has the President had on the organization in affecting positive change?

4) How does this person demonstrate leadership within your organization?

5) Why is this organization nominating the President for this award?

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| Nominator’s Name: _____________________________________________________________ |
| Nominator’s Phone: ____________________________________________________________ |
| Nominator’s E-mail: ____________________________________________________________ |

1) What service events, programs, and activities did the organization sponsor and/or participate in during the 2011-2012 academic year?

2) How has this organization contributed to the Florida Atlantic University community and beyond?

3) Why do you feel this organization deserves to win this award?

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Student Organization Spirit Award Nomination

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| Nominator’s Name: ____________________________________________________________ |
| Nominator’s Phone: __________________________________________________________________ |
| Nominator’s E-mail: __________________________________________________________________ |

1) What spirit events, programs, and activities did the organization sponsor and/or participate in during the 2011-2012 academic year?

2) How is the organization visible to the FAU Community?

3) Why does the organization deserve to win this award?

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Student Organization Hall of Fame Award

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Organization Name: ______________________________________________________________

Nominator’s Name: __________________________________________________________________

Nominator’s Phone: ____________________________________________________________________

Nominator’s E-mail: ___________________________________________________________________

Advisor’s Name: _______________________________________________________________________

1) How has this individual shown their dedication and commitment to student organizations and the FAU community during their college experience?

2) How did this individual impact the success and growth of the student organization(s)?

3) Why is this individual being nominated for this award?

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**Executive of the Year Award Nomination**

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| Nominator’s Name: ____________________________________________________________ |
| Nominator’s Phone: ____________________________________________________________ |
| Nominator’s E-mail: ____________________________________________________________ |
| Member’s Name: __________________________________________________________________ |

1) How has this individual shown their dedication and commitment to the organization?

2) How did this member help the organization accomplish its goals during the 2011-2012 academic year?

3) What contribution has this member had on the organization as a whole?

4) What are the duties of this executive member within the organization?

5) Why is this organization nominating this executive member for this award?

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Member of the Year Award Nomination

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| Organization Name:                                                                 | ____________________________________________________________________________ |
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| Nominator’s Name:                                                                 | ____________________________________________________________________________ |
| Nominator’s Phone:                                                                | ____________________________________________________________________________ |
| Nominator’s E-mail:                                                              | ____________________________________________________________________________ |
| Member’s Name:                                                                  | ____________________________________________________________________________ |

1) How has this individual shown their dedication and commitment to the organization?

2) How did this member help the organization accomplish its goals during the 2011-2012 academic year?

3) What contribution has this member had on the organization as a whole?

4) How has this person demonstrated committed to the student organization?

5) Why is this organization nominating this member for this award?

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| Nominator’s Name:________________________________________________________________ |
| Nominator’s Phone:________________________________________________________________ |
| Nominator’s E-mail:________________________________________________________________ |
| Advisor’s Name:__________________________________________________________________ |

1) How has this leader shown their dedication and commitment to the organization(s) and FAU?

2) How did this leader help the organization(s) accomplish its goals during the 2011-2012 academic year?

3) What contribution has this leader had on the organization as a whole?

4) Why is this leader being nominated for this award?

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