2018 Awards Packet

Due on BennyLink: Friday, March 16, 2018 by 5:00 p.m.
2018 SOAR AWARD LIST

**Individual Awards**

- Advisor of the Year
- Community Engaged Student of the Year
- Leader of the Year
- New Member of the Year, Less than 50 Org Members
- New Member of the Year, More than 50 Org Members
- President of the Year, Less than 50 Org Members
- President of the Year, More than 50 Org Members

**Organization Awards**

- Most Improved Organization of the Year, Less than 50 Org Members
- Most Improved Organization of the Year, More than 50 Org Members
- Campus Event of the Year (Under 150 Attendees)
- Campus Event of the Year (151+ Attendees)
- Collaborative Event of the Year
- Diversity Awareness Event/Program of the Year
- Marketing Publication of the Year
- Student Organization of the Year, Less than 50 Org Members
- Student Organization of the Year, More than 50 Org Members
- Spirit of Beneficence
ADVISOR OF THE YEAR

The successful advisor for this award will have displayed significant effort for the improvement of the organization and therefore exhibited considerable progress in the development of the group. This could be demonstrated through the following:

- Allowed students to take responsibility for their own learning and understanding of the organization while providing advice, encouragement, and support to all University students.
- Conveyed values of integrity and respect. Related well to individual students.
- Made himself/herself available to others, and was approachable and open to new ideas.
- Valued initiative and student input.
- Utilized different and creative approaches to educating and assisting members.
- Served as a positive role model.
- Helped organization reach its goals.

Submissions will include the following questions:

- Name of advisor
- Advisor’s email address
- Name of nominator
- Nominator’s email address
- Name of organization
- How does the nominee convey values of integrity and respect?
- How does the nominee utilize different and creative approaches to educating and assisting member?
- How does the nominee serve as a positive role model and help the organization reach its goals?
COMMUNITY ENGAGED STUDENT OF THE YEAR

Community Engaged Student of the Year will be awarded to a student who is dedicated to helping others. The intent is to recognize a student who has made significant strides in bettering the quality of life at the University and/or in the Muncie community.

The winner will be chosen based on the nominator’s ability to articulate the nominee’s commitment to service and volunteerism.

Submissions will include the following questions:

- Name of nominee
- Nominee’s email address
- Name of nominator
- Nominator’s email address
- What types of service opportunities does the nominee participate in?
- How does the nominee exemplify a commitment to community engagement in the Ball State and Muncie communities?
LEADER OF THE YEAR

Leader of the Year will be awarded to a student who exemplifies exceptional leadership skills and characteristics within registered student organizations and affiliated programs. The intent is to recognize a student who has made significant contributions to respective communities (student organizations, Residence Hall, Excellence in Leadership, etc.) in regards to leadership.

The winner will be chosen based on the nominator’s ability to articulate the nominee’s commitment to leadership.

Submissions will include the following questions:
- Name of nominee
- Nominee’s email address
- Name of nominator
- Nominator’s email address
- How does the nominee exemplify leadership?
- How does the nominee positively contribute to their respective communities?
NEW MEMBER OF THE YEAR, LESS THAN 50 ORG MEMBERS

New Member of the Year recognizes individuals who have established him/herself as a rising leader through positive contributions to his or her organization. Nominations should include information about the emerging leader and how they have successfully impacted their organization and the Ball State Community.

The winner will be chosen based on the nominator’s ability to articulate the nominee’s development of leadership within a respective organization and/or community.

Submissions will include the following questions:

- Name of nominee
- Nominee’s email address
- Name of nominator
- Nominator’s email address
- What skills, qualities, or attributes does the new member possess and how do they utilize them in the organization?
- How has the nominee developed their leadership skills to contribute to the overall goals of the organization and/or community?
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PRESIDENT OF THE YEAR, LESS THAN 50 ORG MEMBERS

President of the Year recognizes individuals who have excelled as President of an organization through advancement of the mission of their organization while challenging and encouraging the membership to improve initiatives, acquire new skills, and prepare the group for leadership transition and ongoing success.

The size of organization will be taken from the organization's Benny Link roster.

The winner will be chosen based on the nominator’s ability to articulate the nominee’s ability to effectively lead others.

Submissions will include the following questions:
- Name of nominee
- Nominee’s email address
- Name of organization
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- What skills or attributes allow this person to be an effective leader and foster leadership development in others?
- What new initiatives and skills have been contributed under the leadership of the nominee?
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MOST IMPROVED ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR,
LESS THAN 50 ORG MEMBERS

Most Improved Organization of the Year recognizes one student organization that has improved within the past year. This student organization has improved in areas related to membership, recruitment, leadership development, and participation in initiatives that further the organization’s purpose, and has made a positive contribution to the Ball State University campus community. The organization must be recognized by the Office of Student Life as a registered student organization.

The winner will be chosen based on the nominator’s ability to articulate the organizations improvement in various areas.

Submissions will include the following questions:
- Name of organization
- Organization president's email address
- Name of nominator
- Nominator's email address
- Describe in detail how this organization has improved.
- How does this organization contributed to furthering their mission and that of Ball State University?
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CAMPUS EVENT OF THE YEAR  
(Under 150 Attendees)

Campus Event of the Year is presented to a student organization that held an outstanding event for the Ball State University community during the current academic year. Organizations must demonstrate that they successfully navigated the event planning process, exhibited critical thinking and problem-solving skills, welcomed a diverse population of participants, and enriched the co-curricular experience of Ball State students.

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- Name of organization
- Organization president’s email address
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- Title of event
- Description of event
- How does the event positively contribute to the Ball State/Muncie Community?
- What was the impact on students?
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(150+ Attendees)

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- What was the impact on students?
COLLABORATIVE EVENT OF THE YEAR

The Collaborative Event of the Year honors recognized student organization(s) that have effectively collaborated with another student organization, department of the university or community organization to positively affect the Ball State and/or Muncie community.

The winner will be chosen based on the nominator’s ability to articulate the importance of the program as it relates to collaborative efforts.

Submissions will include the following questions:
- Organization(s)/Department(s) involved
- Email address for contact person of nominated program
- Name of nominator
- Nominator’s email address
- Title of event
- Description of event
- How does this event positively contribute to the Ball State/Muncie community?
- What was the impact on students?
DIVERSITY AWARENESS PROGRAM/EVENT OF THE YEAR

The successful program/event for this award should have focused on campus diversity or diversity issues, and encouraged acceptance and respect. This could be demonstrated through the following:

- Program provided the Ball State University community with an educational or entertaining program/event focused on diverse views, backgrounds, or experiences, or increased the awareness of diversity issues.
- Program promoted and reflected the values of social justice, multiculturalism, and/or diversity.
- This award will be presented to an organization that coordinated and managed a fiscally sound, well-planned diversity awareness program open to all students.

The winner will be chosen based on the nominator’s ability to articulate the importance of the program as it relates to diversity awareness efforts.

Submissions will include the following questions:
- Organization(s)/Department(s) involved
- Email address for contact person of nominated program
- Name of nominator
- Description of program/event
- How did this program/event promote and reflect the values of social justice, multiculturalism, and/or diversity?
- What was the impact on students?
MARKETING PUBLICATION OF THE YEAR

This award honors an outstanding marketing publication design. Submissions must include a promotional brochure, poster, or flyer that publicizes the organization, an event, a program or a product. The submission may be for any purpose, event, or program as long as it was created during the 2017-2018 academic year. Entries should have originality, attractiveness, and relevance to the intended audience and purpose.

What to submit:
- A PDF of the printed material
STUDENT ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR,  
LESS THAN 50 ORG MEMBERS

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The winner will be chosen based on the nominator’s ability to articulate the importance of the organization.

Submissions will include the following questions:

- Name of organization
- Organization president’s email address
- Name of nominator
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SPIRIT OF BENEFICENCE

Spirit of Beneficence recognizes one student organization that has carried out the Beneficence Pledge through contributions to the Ball State and Muncie communities. This award is given to an organization that has most exemplified the Beneficence Pledge through their programs and services. Specific contributions through maintaining high standards of scholarship and excellence, practicing academic honesty, acting in a socially responsible way, and valuing the intrinsic worth of every member of the community.

The winner will be chosen based on the nominator’s ability to articulate how the organization embodies the spirit of beneficence. The nominator must provide examples of how the organization has left a legacy related to community engagement, collaboration, diversity and inclusion, and leadership development.

Submissions will include the following questions:
- Name of organization
- Organization president’s email address
- Name of nominator
- Nominator’s email address
- How has this organization fostered personal and professional excellence in its members?
- How has this organization formed ethical and informed leaders dedicated to the service of others?
- How has this organization embodied the spirit of beneficence?