

University of Rhode Island Greek Affairs

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URI FRATERNITY AND SORORITY COMMUNITY WINS TOP AWARDS IN NORTHEAST

(University of Rhode Island Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Council recognized as an outstanding Greek community in the Northeast)

The University of Rhode Island Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Council attended the Northeast Greek Leadership Conference in Hartford, CT. this past weekend. The sixteen current and upcoming URI Greek leaders met with Greek council leadership from throughout the Northeast region.

On Saturday, February 23rd, the Northeast Greek Leadership Association presented awards to outstanding Greek councils in the Northeast. In 2007, the University of Rhode Island Greek's took home 11 awards and after their hard work and improvements over the past year the councils took even more this year. The Northeast Greek Leadership Association recognizes fraternity and sorority governing councils with awards for Programming Excellence in several categories. The applying University councils must perform endless hours of philanthropy, education, development, risk reduction and positive change programming in the Greek community before filling out the portfolios to qualify for each award.

The Panhellenic Council won eight of nine awards, including: Philanthropy and Community Service; Risk Management and Reduction; Public Relations; Multicultural Initiatives; Council Management; Membership Recruitment; Continuous Open Bidding Recruitment; and Academic Achievement. This is the most the Panhellenic Council at the University of Rhode Island has ever received. This was the first year the council has won Risk Management and Reduction; Public Relations; Multicultural Initiative and Continuous Open Bidding Recruitment.

The awards won by the University of Rhode Island Panhellenic Council was the most of any Panhellenic Council at the conference, tied only with Cornell University. Putting URI's Panhellenic Council at the top for the Northeast.

The Interfraternity Council won five out of eight awards, including: Council Management; Risk Management and Reduction; Membership Recruitment; Academic Achievement; and Multicultural Initiatives. This is the first time the Interfraternity Council won the Membership Recruitment award and was one of the few fraternity councils to be recognized for their recruitment excellence.

The University of Rhode Island Greek Community as a whole won 13 council awards and one personal award presented to Tashalyn Cosimo, as a Leader of Distinction in the Northeast on the Panhellenic Council, which totaled 14 awards. This allowed the University of Rhode Island Greek Community to tie for the number one Greek Community in the Northeast.

The University of Rhode Island Panhellenic and Interfraternity Councils are in Division II, there are three divisions based on size and URI won the most awards of all Division II schools in their region. The University of Rhode Island Greek community as well as their two governing councils have worked very hard over the past year to remove alcohol abuse and hazing from all of their programs and encourage philanthropy, fellowship, scholarship and academics.

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- The Interfraternity Council is the governing board for the fraternities at the University of Rhode Island, in charge of the eleven fraternities and two colony fraternities. The Panhellenic Council is the governing board for all the sororities at the University of Rhode Island, in charge of the nine sororities. Both boards are in charge of organizing all Greek events at the University. The members of both organizations are undergraduate students, who are elected by the fraternity and sorority organizations.
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