University of Arkansas Panhellenic Model Scholarship Program

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Ideas & things to consider

**GPA requirements**

All chapters have GPA requirements for membership; make sure your members are made aware of such requirements so they can fulfill them accordingly. All chapters are encouraged to have GPA requirements for office holding members to help motivate other members of the chapter to have academic success.

**Goals**

It is important to set attainable goals for yourself as Scholarship Chair, for individual members of your chapter, and for your chapter as a whole. It is your responsibility to help achieve each of these goals using the resources and advice outlined in this packet. The scholarship chair should track progress on such goals throughout the semester. Examples of good goals would include:

* Place second as a chapter in overall Panhellenic GPA’s
* Individual member’s semester GPA goal of a 3.5

**Educational programs**

Educational programs are a unique opportunity offered to the scholarship chair to focus on the needs of your chapter’s members and offer programming to aid these needs. Educational programs can be about a wide variety of topics; the most important thing to remember is your members needs and base your program around these. Ideas for programming include:

* Resume reviews
* Mock interviews
* Career fair/internships
* Time management workshops
* Study habits & note taking

**Rewards**

It is important to encourage and recognize success, of any capacity, of individual members. This can be offering an ‘A’ jar or ‘Skippy’ jar at chapter or at the house throughout the week, for members to submit their name if they received an ‘A’ on something that week or didn’t skip class. This type of encouragement, though it may be small, helps to boost moral and keep members motivated toward academic success. It is also important to encourage women to apply for the Panhellenic Scholastic Woman of the Month to be recognized by the whole community for her success.

**Scholarship dinner**

Scholarship dinners offer a unique opportunity to include professors or campus faculty in your member’s academic achievements. It is also an opportunity to recognize members for their outstanding academic performance.

Tips from previous Scholarship Chairs

1. Remember to keep in mind the individuals and not just generalize the members struggling academically.
2. Manage your time well so you can finish your own work and still have time to be there for the members.
3. Prioritize tasks day to day so you can get everything done. Keep a calendar!
4. Make sure all programming has an important goal and avoid over programming.
5. Ask your assistants for help!
6. Get as much stuff completed you can during winter/ summer break. It gets really stressful trying to keep up with so many women when the semester is in full swing.
7. Be empathetic with your members. You never really know what is going on in someone's life. Just because they have low grades doesn't mean they aren't smart- they could've had a major event happen recently, have a learning disability, or just really be having a rough time. The more you can communicate with these people and let them know you are there for them, the better they will do
8. Try to come up with fun and creative ways to reward members who are doing well. Not only does it motivate the person you are rewarding, but when others see the rewards, it will motivate them as well.
9. Organization is KEY. Seriously. The more folders you can create, the better. Write down everything you need to get done for the week and plan out how you are going to complete all of the tasks.
10. Start out firm and ease up at the semester goes on, girls are more motivated to complete their study hours if they know it's not acceptable not to.
11. Don't be afraid to be flexible as the semester goes on!  You'll get to know the girls and can cater to their scholastic achievement more accurately!
12. Recognize girls who are making improvements!  It's important for girls to know that if they're jumping from a 2.5 to a 2.75 that its been noticed and appreciated
13. Schedule in time to do scholarship chair stuff.  It's like a class, so schedule it just like homework! You'll thank yourself later
14. More workshops throughout the year. These can be organizational tips, resume builders, advice or tricks to studying, and tips for interviews or grad school.
15. Organize a committee instead of overwhelming yourself with monitoring all the members' academic success. The more individuals that can help hands on will benefit the girls greatly who are coming to study hall hours.
16. Have a scholastic board in the house with all contact information for the Quality Writing center, campus concierge, etc. There are a ton of services we as students can benefit from. A board is an organized and easy way to find contacts and is also a good reminder for girls to use all of their resources.
17. Utilize the diversity within your chapter by creating major mentoring programs and an internship-networking database.
18. Around the time that you begin to register for the next semester of classes, explain how to set up an advising appointment for new members.
19. It's okay to say "no". Do not allow yourself to become overwhelmed, but rather know how much you can manage without stretching yourself too thin.
20. Encourage faculty appreciation within your chapter by having a "Bring your Favorite Professor to CFF" or a "Professor of the Month" where your chapter highlights a favorite professor.
21. Try and focus on finding ways to praise the "middle section" of girls who achieve great grades but not quite the 4.0.
22. Allow girls to have one Academic excuse per year or semester to emphasize the importance of school.
23. Take care of yourself. It is easy to feel like the members are your #1 priority, which they are very important, but you are also a priority. You are Academic Chair because you have a passion for academics. Don't let your grades take a back seat. I got my lowest GPA since my freshman year as the Academic Chair. I regret not allowing time for myself to do what I needed to do. Responding to that email can wait a day, your grades will keep sticking with you for life.
24. HAVE FUN! It is a very, very stressful job, but you have the opportunity to change some women's college experience. You could be the person that changes school from being a boring chore to a honorable accomplishment.
25. You cannot carry the burden of your chapter's academic performance on your own. It takes the entire house to make up the average GPA. You're role is to support and encourage your women to achieve academic excellence.

Panhellenic Resources

University of Arkansas Greek Life Office: <http://uagreeks.uark.edu/>

To get up to date information about community wide events, scholarship links, programs, calendars, contact information and more refer to the Greek Life web page. You can look here under the ‘Chapter Academic Performance and Council Awards’ tab to look at chapter and overall Greek GPA’s for the past six semesters.

The Greek Life Office is located in Walton Hall 101.

**2016 Panhellenic Executive Board**

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**Panhellenic Scholastic Woman of the Month**

The Panhellenic Scholastic Woman of the Month, is a new program we are launching to recognize women in the Panhellenic community for their academic success, achievements, and improvements. This award is not created solely for women with a 4.0 GPA, it is designed to recognize women who have achieved scholastic success in any measure. Women are encouraged to nominate anyone in the Panhellenic community that they see making strides, accomplishments, or action toward academic success. This can simply be spending hours helping to tutor other women who are struggling, spending extended time in the library, or so much as receiving a 4.0, these are all successes worth acknowledging. A woman from each of the 10 Panhellenic chapters on campus will be chosen, as their individual chapter Scholastic woman of the month winner each month and from that pool of 10 women the overall Panhellenic Scholastic Woman of the Month will be selected and given a gift card for her success.

**2016 Panhellenic Scholastic Woman of the Month application**

*Please return this form the Nominator’s chapter Scholarship Chair*

**Nominator’s** Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Nominee’s** Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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What qualifies the Nominee to be this month’s scholastic woman of the month?

**Panhellenic Scholarship program evaluation form**

Position:

Name of Event:

Date/Location:

Purpose/Description:

Attendance/Collaboration:

Assessment (What needs to be improved, what should stay the same, etc.):

Costs/Materials Needed:

Additional Comments:

Campus Resources

**Career Development Center:** [**http://career.uark.edu/new/**](http://career.uark.edu/new/)

The career development center offers career assessments, resume tips, mock interviews, and the Razorback career link to students. These services are perfect for your young professional members.

**Class +:** [**http://class.uark.edu/**](http://class.uark.edu/)

The center for learning and student success offers a variety of academic support students including SI drill, tutoring, coaching, and writing appointments. Within The center for learning and student success is the Quality Writing Center, which is specialized tutoring for paper writing.

**Office of Study Abroad and International exchange:** [**http://studyabroad.uark.edu/**](http://studyabroad.uark.edu/)

The office of study abroad and international exchange helps to facilitate once in a lifetime academic opportunities for your members abroad. Study abroad advisors take appointments all year.

**Counseling and Psychological services at Pat Walker Clinic:** [**https://health.uark.edu/departments/counseling-psychological-services.php**](https://health.uark.edu/departments/counseling-psychological-services.php)

The counseling and psychological services at the Pat Walker clinic are offered to students and are a good resources for members.

**For an up to date listing of campus resources refer to:** [**http://sponsored-students.uark.edu/campus-resources.php**](http://sponsored-students.uark.edu/campus-resources.php)