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STUDENT ORGANIZATION ACHIEVEMENT AND RECOGNITION

SOAR Awards

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Special Thanks to
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2020 Soar Judges

John Alvarez Turner  Duc Do  Scott Patton
Catherine Ashe  Mary Eberhard  Shareen Phinney
Emmie Bennett  Lisa Fields  Kyle Poe
Becki Bury  Maggie Fitzsimmons  Michael Rabalais
Taylor Cain  Sandra Goolsby  Sam Sego
Whitney Cain  Camille Liverpool  Mary Kate Steinbeck
Chandler Carey  Ansley Long  Tori Tanner
Toria Carter  Chad Mandala  Christy Tweedy
Ben Cecil  Nicole McConnell  Chelsea Watson
Callie Cole  Jackie Mitchell
Jeremy Daniel  Liana Natochy

2020 OSL Judges

Wendy Biddle  Shannon O’Brien Wilder
Beate Brunow  Don Reagin
Terence Johnson  Mason Reuter
Alison McCullick
Awards

MOST INNOVATIVE PROGRAM

ORGANIZATIONAL IMPROVEMENT

ORGANIZATIONAL COLLABORATION

OUTSTANDING CAMPUS EVENT

OUTSTANDING NEW ORGANIZATION

COMMITMENT TO SOCIAL JUSTICE

OUTSTANDING CROSS-CULTURAL PROGRAM

OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

PILLAR OF THE COMMUNITY

ADVISOR OF THE YEAR

OUTSTANDING SENIOR LEADER

CANDICE SHERMAN

EMERGING LEADER

BULLDOG VISION

ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR
Outstanding Senior Leaders

Vanessa Brown
Biological science
Minor in Public health

Rachel Byers
Political Science
Minor in Communication Studies

Nia Freeman
Human Development and Family Science
Minor in African Languages and Literature

Austin Gibbons
Political Science and Public Relations
Certificates in Public Affairs Communications,
Personal and Organizational Leadership

Lyndy Hawk
Agribusiness

Ngeya Jallow
Animation
Minor in Philosophy

Lindsay McSwigan
Marketing and International Business;
Entertainment and Media Studies
Certificate in Personal and Organizational Leadership

Nethra Rajendran
Management Information Systems
Minor in Geography, Certificate in Sustainability

Maxwell Sumner
Biology/Psychology
Certificate in Entrepreneurship

Jessica (Jessy) Tallant
Health Promotion and Behavior
Minor in Health Policy and Management
Aces For Athens

Aces for Athens is a University of Georgia based volunteer student-run organization dedicated to mentoring and educating local special-needs and Elementary school students through the sport of tennis. As an organization, we understand the importance of role models in a child's development and aim to support and engage these children outside of their classroom environments. We partner with local organizations to host fun and free weekly tennis lessons in which we teach the fundamentals of tennis to special-needs and Elementary school students. Our current schedule provides opportunities to volunteer at Oglethorpe Avenue Elementary and Barrow Elementary during the week.

American Mock World Health Organization UGA

The mission of the AMWHO UGA Chapter is to allow students who are primarily interested in global health, health policy, diplomacy, and healthcare to engage in scholarly discourse by simulating the World Health Assembly. AMWHO UGA strives to bring together students through not only these World Health Assembly simulations, but also through speaker series, public policy debates, and interactive public health studies. AMWHO UGA has created an atmosphere on UGA’s campus that encourages students to learn more about healthcare policy and gives members a platform to engage with their peers as well as experts in the field on a particular public health topic. Not only do we compete on the behalf of UGA, we host an annual regional conference for high school, undergraduate, and graduate students. Delegates at our conference represent a country, NGO, or nonprofit with the goal of writing a policy proposal that we send to the World Health Organization!

American Pharmacists Association - Academy of Student Pharmacists

The American Pharmacists Association-Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP) is proud to be the largest student organization at the College of Pharmacy. APhA-ASP plays a key role in helping students navigate through pharmacy school, advocate policy related to pharmacy practice, explore careers in pharmacy, and connect with student pharmacists and pharmacists nationwide. Members are able to network locally with the Georgia Pharmacy Association as well as nationally with the American Pharmacists Association. Our members have access to a variety of benefits including professional development resources, career guidance, networking opportunities, leadership development, and study resources for national board exams. Our APhA-ASP chapter organizes several community-wide and campus-wide health fairs as well as patient care events throughout the year. We also have the opportunity to send our members to local, state, and national conferences. Our mission is to be the collective voice of student pharmacists, to provide opportunities for professional growth, and to envision and actively promote the future of pharmacy. APhA is the largest pharmacy association in the country, representing over 60,000 members across all areas of pharmacy practice. APhA-ASP is one of three academies of APhA, representing over 36,000 student pharmacists in pharmacy schools throughout the nation. By joining APhA-ASP, members are taking the first step in becoming actively involved with an organization that will represent...
them throughout their entire pharmacy career, whether in retail, hospital, industry, or any other specialty in pharmacy.

**Asian American Student Association**

The Asian American Student Association (AASA) is a student-run organization for the purpose of developing unity within the Asian American student community at UGA alongside the student body at large. In addition to being a community where individuals can discover and aspects of cultural identity, AASA strives to promote the ideals of multiculturalism and to connect Asian students to the UGA campus, professional networks, and other necessary resources for student success.

**Black Affairs Council**

The Black Affairs Council (BAC) of the University of Georgia serves to assist the University in meeting the needs of the Black student body. BAC works to preserve, enhance, examine, and celebrate Black culture at the University of Georgia. To these aims the Black Affairs Council shall encourage cultural diversity, articulate the concerns of Black students, and cultivate relationships with other student organizations and the Athens-Clarke County community. The Black Affairs Council has been an organization at the University of Georgia since 1971.

**Black Male Leadership Society**

The purpose of the Black Male Leadership Society (BMLS) is to establish and foster a sense of unity, strength, and love among Black males and to direct it towards uplifting the community at large. It is our goal to support the academic, social, intellectual and spiritual growth of Black male undergraduate and graduate students as well as alumni, at The University of Georgia by maintaining a community of men who will continuously support and encourage one another.

**Club Field Hockey**

UGA Club Field Hockey is a newly founded club organization that is in it's first year as an official club sport here at UGA. In the past year this organization has come an incredibly far way, going from just a thought 2 years ago to reaching the achievement of becoming the highest scoring club field hockey team in the nation as well has having the highest average goal differential. Not only has this organization achieved these amazing statistics in their first year, but they have also provided a nurturing and positive environment for all of the players and fans, by constantly motivating every individual to be the best they possibly can while also providing a safe environment for them to learn and grow throughout their time here at UGA. Not only has this organization had such a high positive impact on all of the people involved, but it has on the community as well due to the many service hours the entire team has donated to multiple organizations in the Athens community.

**Delta Sigma Pi**

As the foremost professional fraternity for men and women, Delta Sigma Pi develops principled business leaders for the future by providing a lifetime of opportunity.

**Designated Dawgs**

Designated Dawgs is a nonprofit, 501(c)3 organization run by student volunteers committed to providing safe, free, nonjudgmental rides home from both downtown Athens and the local Athens area. Our main goal is to provide students with a safe alternative to taking rideshare, walking alone or in unsafe areas, or possibly driving while intoxicated. Students need a trusted source for reliable transportation, and our goal is to be that, keeping students as well as other Athens drivers and residents safe. As of February 2020, Designated Dawgs has provided over 89,000 rides home to students, parents, professors and anyone else in the UGA community who has needed a ride. Designated Dawgs is very hands-on with each ride we give and each student or other community members that we interact with, we are able to make Athens a safer place.
Four Seven Chinese Traditional Music Club

Four Seven Chinese Music Club is a student organization that focuses on promoting Chinese culture through music and they believe that music is the best way to communicate.

Georgia Israel Public Affairs Committee

GIPAC is the largest, student-led, pro-Israel organization in the southeast. This past year, our organization was honored at AIPAC Policy Conference as the most successful student-led organization in the nation. We are proud of the fact that we are the only group on campus that not only supports the state of Israel but also actively engages politically to enact change on both sides of the aisle. For the past eight years, we have continued to strive towards our overall goal of engaging and educating the UGA student body on the United States - Israel relationship. Our primary initiatives include: Sponsoring students to attend the yearly AIPAC Policy Conference in Washington D.C.; Combating antisemitism and the BDS movement; Lobbying federal, state, and local government officials to stress the importance of bipartisan support for the State of Israel; Advocating for the implementation of Israeli innovation and technology within the State of Georgia; Developing educational and cultural programming to engage and educate the UGA student body.

Georgia Society of Health System Pharmacists - UGA

The mission of the Georgia Society of Health-System Pharmacists is to be the collective voice of student pharmacists interested in health-system pharmacy, to provide members opportunities for professional growth in the area of health-system pharmacy, and to envision and actively promote the future of health-system pharmacy practice.

Graduate Student Association

The Graduate Student Association (GSA) is the primary political and social body for graduate students. The Graduate Student Council is a multi-purpose organization focused on advocating, connecting, and empowering graduate students. GSA is composed of all full-time, fee-paying graduate students at the University of Georgia. We have a graduate Student Council that is comprised of 60 graduate students from various departments and programs on campus that meets for planning, passing resolutions, and providing graduate students feedback to various administrative groups around campus.

Her Campus UGA

The purpose/mission of the Her Campus UGA organization shall be to provide an online hub for UGA's women by providing content that is both a resource and a source of entertainment, highlighting campus news, events, interesting students, faculty, alumni, campus photos, and fashion and lifestyle content specifically tailored for women at UGA. Staff members will gain journalism, marketing, publicity, and digital media experience, and all students at UGA will gain a new and fun online resource through this online publication.

HEROs at UGA

UGA Hearts Everywhere Reaching Out (H.E.R.O.) is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the Quality of Life for children infected with and affected by HIV/AIDS through enriching programs, unforgettable experiences and connections with the community.

Hispanic Student Association

The Purpose of the Hispanic Student Association is to unite students of Hispanic ethnic background and those who have interest in Hispanic/Latino culture through activities that invoke cultural, social, educational, and political involvement. We also strive to exchange culture and educate the greater university community of the diversity surrounding the Latino diaspora. And, most importantly, we serve the UGA campus community and the Athens community-at-large through campus and community service.
**Homecoming Committee**

The UGA Homecoming Committee consists of 10 student leaders who aim to unite the UGA community, current students and alumni, as well as the greater Athens community under the pride of the Bulldog Nation. They are dedicated to honoring University traditions in a modern way and work to ensure every Bulldog finds meaning in why "Home is Where the Arch is".

**Juggling Club at UGA**

Juggling Club at UGA- known colloquially as Juggling Club- is an organization founded roughly five months ago in the Fall of 2019 by UGA second year Patrick Russell. Juggling Club aims to promote the art and sport of juggling through weekly meetings at 4:30pm on north campus, and is proud to collaborate with other student organizations on campus to provide entertainment through the ancient discipline of toss juggling. Juggling Club's goals also include reaching out to local YMCA's and Boys and Girls Clubs to help youths in the Athens-Clarke County communities learn the useful and fun skill of juggling.

**ManiCURES for Alzheimer's**

UGA ManiCUREs for Alzheimer's works towards the goal of a world without Alzheimer's through constant effort to raise money for Alzheimer's research. UGAM4A provides affordable manicures to any individual, group, or event in the Athens community. This past semester, we have had an amazing time partnering with multiple sororities, Athens businesses, and unique individuals. In addition to each of our members possessing a passion for design, creativity, and service, each one also has a definite drive to contribute towards the journey of ending a horrible degenerative disorder. Although our organization has only been around for a little over one semester, we have already raised almost $1,000 and only plan on continuing our ongoing quest to raise more. We are constantly seeking out new ways to improve our organization and make it enjoyable, efficient, and memorable for those we serve as well as for those in our organization.

**Medical Business Association**

In medicine, many don't fully understand the importance of implementing a proper business model while keeping the patient's best intentions in mind. Medical Business Association's mission is to bridge the inadvertent gap between the medical and business cohort within the campus as there are incessant skills and knowledge that is lost due to this. Through various events and workshops, we
hope to mold the most appropriate and optimal student to thrive within their respective field.

**National Association of Hispanic Journalists**

The UGA chapter of NAHJ seeks to foster a community among Hispanic Mass Communication students to allow growth and solidarity by collaborating and networking with their peers and Hispanic professional journalists. Our organization offers opportunities such as networking forums with guest speakers, events with other clubs, and workshops.

**Pandora Yearbook**

The mission of the Pandora yearbook is to represent all aspects of student life at the University of Georgia and provide a pictorial record of the past, present, and future. Being a member of the Pandora Staff allows students to volunteer and gain invaluable leadership, design, photography, and marketing experience through teamwork.

**Public Relations Student Society of America at UGA**

The Public Relations Student Society of America is a pre-professional communications organization. The Drewry Chapter at UGA is the largest PRSSA chapter in the world with an enormous network of students, faculty and professionals across Georgia and the United States. Our mission is to prepare students for life after graduation through skills acquisition, peer networking and professional development.

**Residence Hall Association**

The Residence Hall Association (RHA) strives to provide a unified voice for students residing in University Housing facilities, to ensure student involvement in the University Housing policy-making process, to encourage and facilitate inter-hall cooperation, to discuss and promote student development, and to provide a means for improving the physical, educational, social, and cultural standards of living in the residence halls.

**Serve UGA**

The mission of ServeUGA is to promote a culture of sustainable service among the student body by: fostering educational dialogue surrounding social issues; coordinating service events that engage students with the local Athens community; and serving as a resource to UGA student organizations that participate in service, education, and advocacy. ServeUGA promotes a culture of service on campus by providing student-led service events in Athens that are ongoing throughout the semester. We aim to be the bridge between UGA and the Athens community. In addition to ongoing service, we host days of service, social awareness events, and networking opportunities for student service organizations.

**Serving Others Unconditional Love**

SOUL is a Christian service organization at UGA that serves 5 different organizations: Hope Haven, Arbor Terrace, W.I.T., Sparrow's Nest, and Athens PB+J. Our hope is to connect SOUL's through service as we serve our community by extending people the love of Jesus. With over 170 members in SOUL, we have groups volunteering on a weekly basis spending time with our homeless community, elderly, special needs, and underprivileged youth. At the heart of soul is the mentality to not just "do for" but to "be with" the individuals we serve.

**Shop with a Bulldawg**

Shop with a Bulldog (SWAB) is a student-run 501 c3 non-profit at the University of Georgia. Each year we partner with elementary schools throughout Athens-Clarke County to organize an annual Event Day. On Event Day, UGA students and participating children spend a day together shopping, wrapping gifts, and enjoying fun activities. With money raised by UGA students and the Athens community, each child can spend $120 on items that they need and want. Our mission is to celebrate the value of community, the excitement of the holidays, and the
children of Athens! Our hope is for Event Day to be a positive, annual event where people from across the community can come together to celebrate and learn from one another.

**Society of Entrepreneurs**

The Society of Entrepreneurs' mission is to create impact at UGA by connecting, inspiring, and creating opportunity for entrepreneurial-minded students. Student members will be empowered and motivated to action by encouraging students to explore their ideas and aspirations by connecting them to valuable under-utilized programs at UGA (i.e., Entrepreneurship Certificate Program, Accelerator Program, Innovation Gateway, etc.) helping them learn by doing through experience. We hope by fostering a social network through our general meetings and events, members will engage in valuable social and educational learning through our interactive activities - simulating entrepreneurial learning. No matter the stage of entrepreneurship students reside, we strive to propel students towards success and personal victory. Society of Entrepreneurs is a place for members to band together and for helping others to become creators, leaders and positive influencers of our community.

**Student Alumni Association**

From Freshman Welcome to Commencement, the Student Alumni Association (SAA) keeps you connected with the traditions and spirit of UGA, while also providing valuable networking opportunities for student donors with UGA's more than 327,000 living alumni. Our mission is to promote student philanthropy, connect students to alumni, and promote UGA traditions.

**Student Government Association**

The Student Government Association (SGA) of the University of Georgia is the organized voice for each student of the University of Georgia. SGA strives to protect students' rights and to advocate on behalf of the students' welfare in the University community. The organization also serves as a liaison between students and the administrative bodies on campus.

**UNICEF at UGA**

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) has saved more children's lives than any other humanitarian organization in the world. UNICEF at UGA works to fundraise, educate, and advocate in support of UNICEF's mission. We believe that every child has the right to a safe and healthy childhood that allows them to fulfill their potential, and we work in pursuit of the day when zero children die of preventable causes.

**University Judiciary**

We, the University of Georgia Judiciary, seek to foster respect within the University Community through adherence to the Code of Conduct, by utilizing proactive education and a fundamentally fair conduct process.

**University Union Student Programming Board**

University Union strives to provide The University of Georgia campus community with an array of cultural, educational, and social programs and events with the intention to enhance the quality of life at the institution. University Union's four committees- Late Night, Cinematic Arts, Union Speaks, and Entertainment-organize a wide range of campus activities including concerts, film screenings, Dawgs After Dark, comedians, and prolific speakers. In addition, University Union provides the opportunity for students to develop leadership, event planning, budgeting, marketing, and organizational skills in a creative environment. All events are planned for students by students, since 1948.

**Vietnamese Student Association at UGA**

Vietnamese Student Association (VSA) at UGA was established in 2002 and has been committed to the preservation of the Vietnamese culture and heritage through educating those who are interested in learning our customs, practices, and interests. Our mission is to spread awareness by transforming Vietnamese-American cultural
identity, while fostering friendship, good will, and community among our members of all racial and ethnic backgrounds at the University of Georgia. Our organization strives to create an interactive environment with our network of members through weekly sports gatherings, a media team, a mentor program, and more. VSA hopes to create a sense of family, an extremely important aspect in Vietnamese culture. In all events, VSA strives to help the Vietnamese community overseas and within our national borders. VSA hosts our annual culture show, Night in Saigon with other events to raise money for the Collective Philanthropy Project.

**Whatever It Takes**

Whatever It Takes at UGA is a student-led organization committed to combating educational inequity in our own backyard. Through our Elementary, Middle, and High School mentoring programs, we aim to improve four critical areas of children's lives in Athens-Clarke County: academics, health, safety, and family-life. Our partnerships with the community centers, schools, and parents of the neighborhoods we serve enable WIT to truly impact the lives of Athens' youth.

**Women in Business**

Women in Business UGA is a student-run organization affiliated with Terry College of Business at the University of Georgia. We are dedicated to promoting the success of all women by empowering leaders and driving change. Our mission is to change the misconceptions and limitations of a woman's position in the workplace by eliminating inequality and providing our members with the knowledge and confidence to relentlessly chase their ambitions.

**Women in Media**

Women in Media is a student-run organization affiliated with Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication. We are determined to instill wonder, inspiration, and motivate creative women to excel in all media forms. Women in Media's mission is to foster a diverse community of women, all with interests in Media. Our goal is to continuously support, guide and empower one another through our pre-professional organization, leaving a bold group of young women ready to excel in their respective fields.
Individual Award Nominees

Laura Burr
*Bulldog Vision*
*Nominated by Pandora Yearbook*

Corina Edwards
*Bulldog Vision*
*Nominated by Pandora Yearbook*

Brett Feldman
*Bulldog Vision*
*Nominated by Georgia Israel*
*Public Affairs Committee*

Alex Hines
*Bulldog Vision*
*Nominated by University Union*
*Student Programming Board*

Savannah Jacobs
*Pillar of the Community*
*Nominated by Medical Business Association*

Nicholas Koenig
*Candice Sherman Emerging Leader*
*Nominated by Residence Hall Association*

Kim Landrum
*Advisor of the Year*
*Nominated by Public Relations*
*Student Society of America at UGA*

Kasey Lee
*Bulldog Vision*
*Nominated by University of Georgia Club Field Hockey*

Maya Mapp
*Advisor of the Year*
*Nominated by Residence Hall Association*

Samantha Meyer
*Advisor of the Year*
*Nominated by Women in Media*
Alyssa Mitchell
Bulldog Vision
Nominated by Black Affairs Council

Avery Moore
Bulldog Vision
Nominated by Serve UGA & IMPACT Service Breaks

Madison "Madie" Moore
Bulldog Vision
Nominated by HEROs @ UGA

Kevin Nwogu
Candice Sherman Emerging Leader
Nominated by Student Alumni Association

Rebecca Scarbro
Advisor of the Year
Nominated by University Judiciary

Terrance Smith
Advisor of the Year
Nominated by Student Alumni Association

Mary Kate Steinbeck
Advisor of the Year
Nominated by Pandora Yearbook

Kelly Strachan
Bulldog Vision
Nominated by Residence Hall Association

Amanda Torrence
Advisor of the Year
Nominated by Serve UGA

Charlie Vu
Bulldog Vision
Nominated by Pandora Yearbook

Nia Waller
Pillar of the Community
Nominated by University Judiciary

Kendall Wyatt
Candice Sherman Emerging Leader
Nominated by Black Affairs Council

Larry Yan
Candice Sherman Emerging Leader
Nominated by Pandora Yearbook
MOST INNOVATIVE PROGRAM
Asian American Student Association

APIDA Night Market

“At the University of Georgia, we had seen a lack of unity between the Asian Pacific-Island Desi American (APIDA) organizations, as we spanned across many different aspects of campus. Until this year, there had never been an event which served to bring together these different groups, and further, many of the smaller organizations rely on fundraising in order to host cultural programs and spread cultural awareness to the campus community at large. The event resulted in over 400 attendees from the university and Athens communities, with every booth selling out of products within the first two hours. Entertainment, while altered due to a change in venue from inclement weather, was experienced throughout the market as spontaneous performances. Most importantly, 11 organizations were able to foster a sense of unity and relationships leading to currently ongoing collaborations today.”

ORGANIZATIONAL IMPROVEMENT
Georgia Society of Health System Pharmacists

“Because change starts at the stop, 2018-2019 executive board members strategically developed new executive board positions and clarified the roles of existing ones before spring elections. This executive board restructuring has been monumental in our improvement over the past year. We have been able to host more creative and impactful events over the past year for our members that align with national organization priorities. These activities were nationally recognized by ASHP as part of their Outstanding Practice Advancement Initiative Program Award. The University of Georgia chapter was one of five schools in the entire country to receive national recognition. Over the last year, GSHP-UGA has witnessed significant improvement in our organization thorough increasing member involvement and providing more opportunities for professional growth at the local level and beyond.”

ORGANIZATIONAL COLLABORATION
Women in Media, Women in Business, and Her Campus UGA

A Seat at the Table

“Women in Media, Women in Businesses, and Her Campus UGA’s missions are very similar, as the root of our organizations center around women empowerment and cultivating young women professionals. All three organizations wanted to foster an event that is rooted in women empowerment and give not only our members but other students at The University of Georgia different resources to make sure they are successful in their careers. By doing this collaboration, Women in Media, Women in Business, and Her Campus were able to playoff each other’s strengths and resources. We all had a common goal and are glad we were able to come together to bring this event to life.”
OUTSTANDING CAMPUS EVENT

LARGE GROUP

Vietnamese Student Association
Night in Saigon

“Every year, Night in Saigon features a different theme that shapes the direction of our show and the message we wish to convey to the audience. This year's theme is "Dare to Speak," or "Hãy Lên Tiếng.” As Vietnamese Americans, it is our responsibility and our right to have a say in public affairs and policies that directly affect us. Despite this, Vietnamese Americans have some of the lowest known rates of involvement and efficacy. Here, at UGAVSA, we believe that the Vietnamese community, especially young college students, have the power to make a real difference in society, if only they dare. Through our 16th annual show, we aim to encourage the multiple generations that make up our diverse Vietnamese community in America to rise up and dare to speak out.”

SMALL GROUP

Black Affairs Council
Unity Ball

“Our organization strives to promote and protect black culture on the campus of The University of Georgia and in the Athens-Clarke County community. We do this by creating programs and an environment in which black students are able to enjoy themselves, all while remembering that our culture is on that deserves to be examined, enhanced, preserved and celebrated on a campus like The University of Georgia. This large event was established to encourage “unity” both within and outside the black community by encouraging fellowship in a formal setting and educating all students and members of the community about the importance of black camaraderie. Unity Ball is important because it allows us to slow down to remember how valuable being united is.”

OUTSTANDING NEW ORGANIZATION

Medical Business Association

“IT is a necessity to understand this duality between medicine and business as it is so vital in the healthcare setting. There is the dichotomy present between doctors and administrators and can inevitably create conflict because each respective party does not understand the other’s practice. We need to understand the languages of both. There are many graduate medical-business national programs but none for undergraduate students. The biggest thing for a new organization is to sustain the purpose of the club and establish a general sense of directionality: to continue to teach the perspective of medicine in hand with business. We hope to leave our mark on the university but more importantly helped many students’ toward achieving their dreams.”

COMMITMENT TO SOCIAL JUSTICE

Indian Cultural Exchange
Chai and Chaat

“For the past several years, the Indian Cultural Exchange has hosted monthly social justice forums, “Chai and Chaat” to start meaningful conversations about problematic cultural norms and current societal problems. This year our goal was to liven up the Chai and Chaat platform by choosing more controversial and esoteric issues to cover. We hope that by hosting these forums students feel more comfortable and informed about various social justice issues. At the same time, we want students to realize the power of their voice when it comes to standing up to social injustices. By hosting Chai and Chaats, we also want to foster a sense of community between the students here at UGA. Having these sometimes-intense discussions makes even a group of strangers feel closer knit and realize the similarities we all share as part of the human experience.”
OUTSTANDING CROSS-CULTURAL PROGRAM

Hispanic Student Association

Noche Latina

“Noche Latina (Latin Night) is an annual event hosted by the Hispanic Student Association. As one of our biggest events, we do what we do best: showcasing our culture. This year Noche Latina was themed “Nuestras Vidas” or “Our Lives”. Through various skit performances and talent performances, we were able to showcase the diversity within the Latinx/Hispanic identity and address social stigmas that affect the lives of many. Not only did Noche Latina allow students to become involved with our organization, they were also able to find a place with us. We can only strive to continue to create these spaces for our students. To continue making Noche Latina a night for others to learn and enjoy from. To continue leaving an impactful legacy here at UGA and in our communities.”

OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

LARGE GROUP

Serving Others Unconditional Love

“SOUL's service platform, at the heart, is being with people. SOUL aims to “connect souls through service,” and we do this by connecting with our community on a real and intentional level. SOUL not only focuses on heart change in the people we serve, but we also care about the impact serving can have on the one serving. There is an innate fulfillment that occurs when one lends a hand to another. You must look beyond your own personal desires and care for the needs of the people around you. There is a kind of humility of the one serving that must occur in order for walls to come down and true relationships to form through these acts of kindness that SOUL provides. It is amazing what can happen on all sides of service when people come together through acts of generosity and service.”

SMALL GROUP

Serve UGA

“Serve UGA recognizes that advancing and promoting a culture of service at UGA is largely about challenging UGA students to look beyond the campus and find ways to give back to the city that is their temporary home during their time at college. Serve understands that our actions have a reason. When we only ‘do’ we just complete a task. But when we ‘be’ we can fulfill a purpose. And that distinction, that small word, is at the heart of our organization. Not only does Serve impact and change the Athens and campus community but it also has an extensive impact upon even our tight-knit community of Service Ambassadors and advisors. Speaking for Service Ambassadors, Serve UGA has tremendously changed our perceptions of the campus and Athens community. It has taught us about the issues in our society and even though they seem impossible to solve, it has shown us the ability a relationship with the community and its people has to combat these difficulties.”

PILLAR OF THE COMMUNITY

Nia Waller

Nominated by: University Judiciary

“Nia Waller exemplifies what it means to be a pillar within the community. She works tirelessly and unselfishly within the UGA community and outside of it, ensuring the spaces around her are equitable for everyone. There are truly so many things Nia is a part of that are made better through her involvement. Whether is it in SGA, the Saving Our Youth program, TRIO Upward Bound, or the countless other organizations Nia has made an impact on, she unites the people around her and motivates them to do the best they can to help the people around them. Truly, the way Nia makes people feel is her strongest attribute, and what truly makes her a pillar of our community. Being
around Nia is a breath of fresh air. She is charismatic and considerate, making each person around her feel important and valued. She is a patient listener, strong communicator, and at the core of who she is, Nia is a kind human being.”

**Advisor of the Year**

**Maya Mapp**

*Nominated by: Residence Hall Association*

“Maya encourages and demonstrates the ways in which we can make RHA a better place. Maya has shown how deeply she cares for the residence halls and those who live in them, as a graduating Graduate Assistant, Maya has exceeded her responsibilities. Instead of counting down the days to leave, she is making sure she is leaving Housing in good hands and ensuring that the staff and residents are supported. She is what makes joining organizations like these so worthwhile. It’s an honor and privilege to be able to work alongside Maya.”

**Candice Sherman Emerging Leader**

**Kevin Nwogu**

*Nominated by: Student Alumni Association*

“Philanthropy is at the heart of who Kevin is. He truly believes in giving back and this can be seen in his efforts of mentoring first year students at UGA because he has benefitted from the UGA mentor program, creating a scholarship at his high school because it had such a profound impact on his decision to attend college, and serving on our leadership team because he believes in the collective power UGA students have to make a difference on the future and advancement of the University. we think highly of Kevin and believe he has made a lasting impact on our organization by helping us establish a great foundation for the philanthropic aspect of our mission. He is a rising star who stands out by the way he engages his peers and leads by example.”

**Bulldog Vision**

**Brett Feldman**

*Nominated by: Georgia Israel Public Affairs Committee*

“Over his four years of service, Brett worked to turn a small group of engaged students into a powerhouse movement with over 60 active members - able to meet with local, state, and federal officials across the country in the service of Israel and the Pro-Israel community at the University of Georgia. Brett Feldman has actively recruited and engaged students of all backgrounds into the legislative process. He has helped teach them how to have their voice heard in a loud and hectic world. He has accomplished this through programming for our general body membership, organizing lobbying meetings with state leaders, and most importantly - by example.”

**Organization of the Year**

**Residence Hall Association**

“The Residence Hall Association (RHA) strives to provide a unified voice for students residing in University Housing facilities, to ensure student involvement in the University Housing policy-making process, to encourage and facilitate inter-hall cooperation, to discuss and promote student development, and to provide a means for improving the physical, educational, social, and cultural standards of living in the residence halls. On campus, RHA had always been recognized as a programming body where the organization fulfilled the mission statement through social, diversity and education based events. Much more recently RHA has expanded into becoming an advocacy body. We still continue to have a variety of programs throughout the year however we’re being more intentional on how we are impacting our residents. We wanted to focus on initiatives and issues that really affect the student population on campus. By acting as an advocacy and programming body, RHA is effectively serving and advocating for its residents and their needs. RHA will continue to evolve as an organization so that members can use the organization as platforms for residents.”