

# ALPHA SIGMA ALPHA ALUMNAE CHAPTER AWARD UPDATES – FAQ'S

## 1. What updates were made to the alumnae chapter award guidelines, and what was the reasoning behind these changes?

**Update #1:** In order to receive an alumnae chapter award, the chapter must send a delegate to national convention.

Reasoning: The role of alumnae chapters at national convention is an important responsibility. Alpha Sigma Alpha depends on delegates from alumnae chapters to share their voice and vote on the future of the Sorority. Award winning chapters exemplify the commitment of being a part of Alpha Sigma Alpha by attending the national convention.

**Update #2:** The number of additional achievements needed to be recognized as a Star or Crown chapter has changed. To be awarded Star Recognition, a chapter must fulfill ten additional achievements (previous seven). For Crown Recognition, a chapter must fulfill fifteen additional achievements (previously eleven).

Reasoning: Since some of the additional achievements are items that most alumnae chapters currently implement during their annual operations, the increased requirements will help to recognize the chapters that go above and beyond.

**Update #3:** Some additional achievements have been added as options to meet the Star and Crown requirements:

- ◆ Under ritual & programming achievements: participation in AΣA Night Out and adding to the Alpha Sigma Alpha website's alumnae calendar are now included as additional options.
- ◆ Under recruitment/membership achievements: planning an event to invite area alumnae not already in the chapter has been added as an additional option.

Reasoning: These achievements were added to be up-to-date with Alpha Sigma Alpha's current alumnae programming opportunities.

**Update #4:** Some achievements have been adjusted:

- ◆ Under service and giving achievements: instead of submitting service hours completed, the chapter will need to have planned at least one service and giving event.
- ◆ Under chapter operation achievements: chapters must now have submitted 20 "Missing Sisters" updates (previously one needed to be submitted).

Reasoning: These adjustments were made to highlight the full potential of alumnae chapters and the work that they do. Alumnae chapters exemplify what it means to be a member of Alpha Sigma Alpha. Planning a service and giving event, and reconnecting 20 sisters to receive communications from the Sorority, shows that extra level of commitment.

## 3. What criteria hasn't changed?

The following award criteria has not changed:

- ◆ Requirements to achieve Palm Recognition
- ◆ Award tracking and reporting processes
- ◆ Descriptions for additional awards (Crown of Excellence, Outstanding Membership Growth, Outstanding Alumnae Panhellenic Engagement, Outstanding Community Service and Giving, Outstanding Collegiate Chapter Relations and Outstanding Programs)
- ◆ Donation amount to the Alpha Sigma Alpha Foundation

**4. When will these updated alumnae award guidelines be implemented?**

The updates will take effect June 1, 2019 for the 2019 – 20 year. Chapters who did not send a delegate to the 2018 national convention & leadership conference will be eligible for awards if they send a voting delegate to the 2020 national convention & leadership conference.

**5. Will voting delegate and/or financial assistance requirements change for national convention?**

No. Alumnae chapter voting delegate and financial assistance requirements for national convention will not change.

**6. Will chapters still be recognized for winning awards for five, ten, fifteen, or twenty consecutive years?**

Yes. Alumnae chapters who have received consecutive awards will be noted in Sorority communications.

**7. Who do I contact with questions about the alumnae chapter award guidelines?**

Email or call the Director of Alumnae Engagement Vanessa David at [vdavid@alphasigmaalpha.org](mailto:vdavid@alphasigmaalpha.org) or 317-871-2920 with questions regarding the updates.