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Dear Candidate Members,

It is with great excitement that I share this handbook with you all. You are about to explore a new world of leadership and opportunity through joining the honorary. You will learn exponentially more about what it means to shine bright like a diamond and about NACURH, Inc through your journey.

This handbook will be a resource for you along this journey through recognition and service. It will explain more in-depth various topics and help you to develop further in the honorary as you transition from candidate membership to an active member of your chapter. Although this handbook will include a lot of information, don't be afraid to utilize your chapter along the way for more answers!

As you take on this new expedition, reflect on what you are experiencing and how you engage with the honorary. As you grow in your leadership positions, your interaction with the honorary will develop and shape itself. How do you engage with the mission and values of the National Residence Hall Honorary? How is your leadership being utilized and challenged?

Above all else, the reason this honorary is consistently growing and developing is due to diamonds like you that find an interest and passion within this organization. This is going to be an experience like none other and I hope you can truly find a home among your chapter.

Diamond Pride and Louie Love,

*Mariah Neibert*

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MEET THE NRHH TEAM

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In 1964, the National Association of College and University Residence Halls (NACURH), Inc. found itself with financial difficulties. Jim Tschechtelin, NACURH Chair, began investigating possibilities for potential revenue sources and grants. Grants were found, but there were two requirements: a central NACURH office had to be established, and the member schools needed more services rendered. Thus, April 25, 1964 at the University of Denver during the annual NACURH Conference the National Residence Hall Honorary was created as an answer to the second requirement.

During the preliminary organization, the National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) focused on the incorporation of old into new. Campuses with existing honorary organizations were contacted and coordinated into the NRHH structure. The preservation of chapter identity was primary, as it was incorporated into the NRHH structure, and as each campus is aware of its own individual needs. The primary focus of each chapter became the recognition of the residence hall leaders on its campus. This helped sustain a consistent membership in on-campus organizations, as well as, on the regional and national levels within NACURH.

The years between 1977 and 1987 were years of growth for the NRHH. Pins and certificates were produced to recognize the members of the honorary, the tradition of regional and national receptions during conferences began and formal recruitment and affiliation packets were produced. Regional Recruiter (now called Associate Directors) positions on regional boards were also established. Many awards were created including Program, National Communications Coordinator, Advisor, Student, and Resident Assistant Of The Month Awards as well as the NRHH Outstanding Chapter of the Year.
Today, well over 200 chapters are affiliated with the honorary through the NACURH Information Center. NRHH has become more intertwined into the NACURH Corporate Structure by the addition of the National Associate for NRHH (NAN) to the National Executive Team and its continuance to be the organizations major source of recognition. Activities of the chapters vary from campus to campus. Some simply induct new members at an annual recognition banquet every year, thus, an honorary chapter. Others are extremely active on their campuses and in their communities, coordinating leadership retreats, conferences, socials, hall or campus wide programs, fund raisers, and a whole host of other events. Still others have found a middle ground which suits their campus. Membership selection is conducted by each individual chapter. The chapter members represent the top 1% of the student leaders on campus and are those who have contributed extraordinary amounts of personal time and energy in order to make the residence halls more than a “dorm.”

In 2014 at the NACURH Annual Buisness Conference, NACURH celebrated 60 years in conjunction with NRHH serving our membership for 50 years! As an honorary we have seen many changes over our 50 year history and continue to see that today. We have developed values that guide our institutional chapters and greater organization. In 2016 we developed an NRHH Strategic Plan that looks to build upon the previous success of the honorary and focus on ways we can better the organization for generations to come.

**NRHH is a leadership based honorary comprised of exemplary residential students who value service and recognition.**
Values, Symbols, Colors

NRHH DIAMOND
The diamond surrounding the letters of the organization and the three interconnected links, the chain of leadership, form the logo of the honorary. The diamond, the world’s most precious gem, signifies the value and beauty one finds in the residence halls experience. The colors of the honorary are blue and white. The blue symbolizes loyalty: loyalty to purpose and idea. The white signifies a blank page: a page on which a student writes the successes and experiences that fill their days in the residence halls.

NACURH LINKS
The first link of the chain represents caring. Leaders are people who care. They are concerned about themselves and others, and are committed to making things better. The second link signifies dedication. Part of a leader’s commitment is the dedication to a cause, which they display. Dedication is an important part of the involvement required to be truly effective. The third link represents participation. True leaders participate fully in their academic pursuits, their friendships, their activities, and their lives. Leaders don’t sit on the sidelines, but are competent team players. Together the unbroken chain symbolizes the membership of NRHH. As leaders we are interconnected as caring and dedicated participants in the community of your university.

COLORS
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There are a variety of ways that an NRHH Chapter is unique to your school, such as...

Your Chapter Name
Your Chapter's name is often related to a significant symbol, value, or individual from your institution's history.

Membership Qualifications
Each chapter has the ability to shape their definition of "qualified" in an applicant. However, there are standards by NACURH that make up the baseline of expectations.

Selection Process
Every chapter within NACURH has the ability to shape their selection process and recruitment how they deem fit for the institution.

Officers
While every chapter is required to have an NRHH Representative or someone to fulfill the expectations of one at the regional and NACURH level, the rest of the executive board officer positions are chosen by your chapter.

Each chapter serves their institution to help the needs they seem fit and their unique qualities allow them to do this. This allows there to be autonomy in their practices, space for collaboration and networking within NACURH, Inc. services.
Membership Types

**Candidate Member**  THIS IS YOU!
A student living on campus that is interested in joining NRHH. Any student living in university-owned housing is eligible to be a Candidate Member. Through the candidacy period, the chapter would conduct member education. In order to be inducted as an On-Campus Member, the individual must have met certain criteria (has a 2.5 GPA or higher, has lived on campus for at least one academic term, has had an impact on the residence hall system, and has demonstrated a commitment to the values), and must have been selected for membership based on each chapter's selection process.

**On Campus Member**
A student living on campus that has been formally inducted into their NRHH Chapter. They are able to vote on all business and serve as an executive board member. On-Campus Members must maintain all requirements of induction (maintains a 2.5 NACURH, Inc. GPA or higher, lives on campus, impacts the residence hall system, and demonstrates a commitment to the values). Chapters will be able to add additional requirements as they see fit.

**Off Campus Member**
A student living off campus that has been formally inducted into their NRHH Chapter while they still lived on campus. Off-Campus Members must maintain requirements as well (maintains a 2.5 GPA or higher and demonstrates a commitment to the values). The Off-Campus Member is welcome to attend meetings but is unable to vote in business or serve as an executive board member unless they sign a written pledge stating a commitment to furthering their chapter.

**Lifelong Member**
A student who graduated or discontinued their education while in good standing with their chapter. These members will become a Lifelong Member of NRHH in general. These members are charged with the responsibility of having a lifelong commitment to the values of NRHH. Lifelong Members may attend NRHH meetings and can be involved on the campus level at the discretion of their chapter.
OTM's and Awards

What Is An OTM?
Of the Month’s (OTM’s) are awards you can write to recognize the amazing things going on at your campus. They must be month specific and include detailed information on how the nominee went above and beyond for the specific month in which it is written. These awards start on your campus level and have the potential to reach the SAACURH and NACURH levels after the appropriate voting periods.

Where Do I Go to Submit One?
отмs.nrhs.org
Click "Create Account" if you do not already have one.

What Categories Are There?
There are two categories that OTM's fall under: General Submission and Program Submission. Program Submissions include your OTM's for a diversity, education, social, or passive program hosted in the month you're writing for. General Submissions may include any of the following:

- Advisor
- Executive Board Member
- First Year Student
- Institution Faculty/Staff
- Organization
- Residence Life Professional Staff
- Resident Assistant
- Residential Community
- Spotlight
- Student
- Student Staff Member
OTM's and Awards

Who Reviews Them?
There are three levels where OTM's are voted on: the campus level, the regional level, and the national level.

Campus Level | Each chapter has a different system they employ to vote on OTM's every month. This could range from the entirety of their membership voting, or a group of individuals such as a committee or volunteers.

Regional Level | The South Atlantic has a Regional Of the Month Selection Committee that works to evaluate the OTM's received every month at the regional level and to vote on which ones they believe should move on to the NACURH level. If you are interested in serving on the committee, talk to your executive board and the ADNRHH.

NACURH Level | Similar to the regional level, there is a national OTM Selection Committee with individuals from the 8 regions that read all the OTM's and vote on the national winners.

But there's another way to recognize!

Award Bids!

What Are Award Bids?
Award bids are documents that chapters and institutions develop to discuss all of the amazing work, contributions, and the impact that is happening on their campuses every day.

What Are Requirements of Bids?
Award bids requirements can be found underneath the Resources tab on the SAACURH website within the Governing Docs.

When Are Bids Due?
It is never too early to begin discussing the writing of an award bid for a conference! Prior to each Regional Conference, a bidding timeline will be released to the region with specific deadlines and due dates.

NRHH-Specific Categories
- NRHH Member of the Year
- NRHH Representative of the Year
- NRHH President of the Year
- Building Block NRHH Chapter of the Year Award
- NRHH Outstanding Chapter of the Year
Getting Involved Off Campus

NACURH Residence Hall Month
NRHM is a month devoted to four topics of leadership. During this month, each campus works to impact their institution based on the themed week. While previously held during February, this year it will be held during November. Be sure to check out nacurh.org/nrhm for more information from NACURH about this initiative.

LEAD Program
The LEAD Program is an initiative through the NACURH Corporate Office to promote and recognize the outstanding achievements of an individual’s student leadership development through their collegiate career. There are three levels, or Links, to the program that focus on helping students engage in their community and reflect on their student leadership. More information can be found at nacurh.org/lead.

Regional Committees
The Regional Board of Directors in the South Atlantic chair a variety of committees that members of NACURH-affiliated institutions can be a part of. The Associate Director for NRHH specifically chairs the OTM Selection Committee and the Coordinator Officer for NRHH and Bid Development chairs the Bid Instruction & Development Committee. If you have any questions about getting involved in a specific committee, reach out to the chair via email!

Attend Conferences
There are several conferences that happen throughout the academic year. Within NACURH, every region hosts a Regional Leadership Conference each fall where institutions can bring a delegation. It is a great opportunity to get involved and build your leadership while simultaneously meeting other institutions’ delegates along the way. However, this is not the only conference available. Talk to your executive board to learn more about what conferences your institution attends and how you can get involved in delegations.