

# **DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD**

## **AWARD CRITERIA**

Distinguished Alumni are selected on the basis of their embodiment of the Hallmarks of the Society, emphasizing participation in Society programs. Applications will list areas for the chapter to cite an individual's embodiment or promotion of Honors in Action including scholarship, leadership, service, and fellowship. Chapters may only nominate Alumni of their own chapter for this award.

## **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

1. Each chapter may submit one nomination for a Distinguished Chapter Alumni Award. An Alumnus may receive this award only once. If this nominee has never been inducted into the Hall of Honor, the nominee will automatically be included in this year's Carolinas Hall of Honor.
2. In an essay of 500 words or less, describe ways the nominee embodies and promotes Honors in Action which includes Phi Theta Kappa's hallmarks of scholarship, leadership, service and fellowship. The essay must be typed and double-spaced. The essay should consist of: (1) a thesis paragraph giving an overview of the nominee's contributions to chapter programs, (2) several supporting paragraphs, and (3) a conclusion. The essay should explain how the nominee contributed to: (A) the chapter's objectives, (B) the chapter's accomplishments, and (C) the chapter's growth.
3. One letter of recommendation is required from each of the following: (A) The chapter advisor, citing service the nominee has rendered to the chapter and/or region, (B) A fellow member, citing the nominee's contributions to the Chapter. Please do not submit additional materials with this entry.

## **DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI JUDGING CRITERIA**

When entries are received, they are distributed to judges for scoring. Late entries and entries lacking all required elements are disqualified and will not be judged. Entries are read, scored and ranked by three judges.

### **Presentation – 10 points**

- ✓ Were directions followed and required questions answered? (5 points)
- ✓ Were the application materials free of errors and neatly presented? (5 points)

### **Nominee's Contribution to Chapter Programs/Honors in Action – 60 points (from essay)**

- ✓ Honors in Action Contribution (30 points)
- ✓ Chapter Programs Contribution (30 points)

### **Scholarship, Fellowship, Enthusiasm – 30 points (from letters of recommendation)**

- ✓ Service to the chapter and/or region (10 points)
- ✓ Contribution to Chapter growth, leadership and fellowship (10 points)
- ✓ Promotion of scholarship to others (10 points)

**NOTE: Must e-mail award entry in Word, RTF, or PDF format to the Regional Coordinator at [john.sharpe@hgtc.edu](mailto:john.sharpe@hgtc.edu) by stated deadline (January 24, 2018) to be eligible for this award. E-mail must be sent from a chapter advisors e-mail account as this will serve as the certification from the advisor that the award entry has been approved by the advisor.**