About the Distinguished Service Award
Once per biennium, The Ray Sylvester Distinguished Service Award honors an individual who has provided sustained, non-compensated volunteer service to others beyond the realm of academia.

How to Nominate
Go to PhiKappaPhi.org/ServiceAward to access an online application and review submission instructions.

Eligibility
1. The nominee cannot be a sitting Phi Kappa Phi board member, regional vice president, member of the Distinguished Service Award committee or Society employee.
2. The service cannot be part of the nominee’s job description or position.
3. The service cannot be the sole donation of money to a cause or organization.
4. The service can be performed by a non-U.S. citizen and conducted in any country.
5. The nominee must be an active member with current dues paid as of February 1, 2016.

Selection Criteria
1. Distinguished record of dedicated, sustained service over many years to one or more causes or organizations.
2. Demonstrated involvement of the nominee’s participation in the service activities.
3. Evidence of demonstrated impact of the service.

Deadline
Completed nomination packets must be submitted to Society Headquarters on or before February 1, 2016.

Process and Expectations
After the Board approves the recipient, nominees, presidents of nominating chapters or individual nominators will be informed of the results. The award recipient will be presented with a check for $1,000, a life membership in Phi Kappa Phi, a recognition citation and an invitation to the Convention in August 2016. Travel, lodging and meal expenses incurred by the recipient in attending the Convention will be fully reimbursed according to the Society travel policy.

Founded in 1897 at the University of Maine and headquartered in Baton Rouge, La., Phi Kappa Phi is the nation’s oldest and most selective all-discipline honor society. Phi Kappa Phi inducts annually more than 30,000 students, faculty professional staff, and alumni. The Society has chapters on more than 300 select college and university campuses in North America and the Philippines. Since Phi Kappa Phi’s founding, more than 1 million members have been initiated into its ranks.