

Dave Westol Sacred Purpose Award



2013/2014 Award Application

About Dave Westol

The award is named in honor of David L. Westol, Beta Zeta / Michigan State 1973, who has devoted a good deal of his volunteer and professional career to the health, safety, and protection of fraternity and sorority members. After graduating from Michigan State in 1973, Dave worked for his alma mater as Assistant Director of Student Activities and Advisor to Fraternities. He was admitted to the Michigan Bar in November 1979 and became an assistant prosecutor for the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney in Kalamazoo County, Michigan.

From 1975-1980, Dave served as a Regional Counselor for Theta Chi before being elected to the Grand Chapter and as National Vice President in 1980. He remained in that role for the maximum two terms in 1988. In December of that year, he was named the Fraternity's Executive Director and held that position for 18 years. Today, he is the founder, owner and CEO of Limberlost Consulting.

Westol's interfraternal career is equally impressive. He was elected to the board of directors of the Fraternal Information and Programming Group (FIPG) in 1993 and has served continuously on the board since that time. He has also served FIPG in the roles of Director of Policy Interpretation and more recently as administrator. In July 1998, he was elected to the Fraternity Executives Association (FEA) board of directors and served as president from 2002-2003. He has also served on the board of directors for HazingPrevention.org and Gamma Sigma Alpha and on the Association of Fraternal Leadership and Values (AFLV).

Dave has become a ubiquitous figure at fraternity and sorority leadership development events. He has performed his signature anti-hazing presentation "Hazing on Trial" over 1,800 times since 1981 and has spoken on more than 460 campuses and at over 300 Greek leadership events. Dave has served as a faculty member for AFLV Central and West, the Northeast Greek Leadership Association, the Southeast Interfraternity Conference and the Fraternal Risk Management Trust, (FRMT) Inc. From its first session in the early 1990s through 2010, he was a faculty member for "Risk Management on the Road," an annual workshop for women's national fraternity and sorority consultants.

In 2012, Dave was named a recipient of the North-American Interfraternity Conference's Gold Medal, the most prestigious honor in the interfraternal world. Brother Westol is one of only four Theta Chi members to have received the Gold Medal. In addition, he has received the Distinguished Service Award from Theta Chi which is the most significant honor in the Fraternity. Dave has also received three Alumni Awards from the Fraternity.

About the David Westol Sacred Purpose Award

Purpose: Presented annually, this award goes to the chapter that most exemplifies the spirit of our Sacred Purpose movement. A first runner-up may be considered based on merit.

Background: Launched in the fall of 2013, the Sacred Purpose movement is our modern expression of our motto—the Assisting Hand. The Sacred Purpose movement offers programmatic support at the chapter and international levels that concentrates specifically on any health and safety related topics. The movement called for the creation of new leadership positions that help us better care for and understand one another.

Essential items for Consideration:

- List of health and safety related guest speakers and program topics
- List and description of campus-wide events/programs, including outcomes
- List of local health and safety partners
- Testimonials from students and partners
- Letters of recommendation from campus health and safety professionals
- Letter of recommendation from your chapter's Health and Safety Advisor
- Photos and video

Eligibility and Application Process: All Active Chapters and Colonies are eligible to apply for the David Westol Sacred Purpose Award on a form specified by the Executive Director.

Applicants for the award are nominated by the International Headquarters staff. Final approval of the award winner(s) will be confirmed by the Sacred Purpose Task Force or the Grand Chapter.

Presentation: The award(s) will be presented at a time and manner determined by the Grand Chapter. Whenever possible, the award shall be presented in the presence of the National President, Executive Director, appropriate staff members involved in the Sacred Purpose movement, and/or David Westol.

Submit Award: Email your completed award application to Shawn Bennett, Director of Health and Safety Programming at sbennett@thetachi.org. Call 317-848-1856 with questions.

Deadline: Applications must be received no later than May 15, 2014.

Application Procedures

David Westol Sacred Purpose Award applications must contain accurate and up-to-date information regarding the chapter's performance during the spring 2014 semester. Inaccurate information will serve as a basis for disqualification.

1. Your applications must:

- Be submitted in either .doc or .pdf format; paper applications will not be accepted
- Use standard 8 ½" by 11" paper with one-half inch margins, and 12-point Times New Roman font
- Include a title page with the chapter designation, the name of the institution, and "Dave Westol Sacred Purpose Award Application 2014"

2. Please e-mail the completed application as one attachment, including all supporting materials and documentation, to sbennett@thetachi.org. Do not mail a hard copy.

3. Photos should be included as a separate attachment(s) to the application email. Videos should be hosted on YouTube. Please provide specific links to all videos.

4. Letters of Recommendation for your chapter may be e-mail to sbennett@thetachi.org or mailed to the International Headquarters.

5. While there is no specific word or page limit per section, the selection committee asks that your chapter be as concise as possible when addressing each individual section. Should the committee need more information, we will request it from you.

6. To qualify for the David Westol Sacred Purpose Award, all sections must be completed. Leaving one or more sections incomplete will render the chapter ineligible for consideration

Applications must be received no later than Thursday, May 15, 2014

Please highlight each of the following in your award application

- 1) Chapter designation:
- 2) Name of College or University:
- 3) Vice President of Health and Safety:

First Name
Last Name
Email Address
Mobile Phone Number

- 4) Health and Safety Advisor:

First Name
Last Name
Email Address
Phone Number

- 5) List all health and safety related guest speakers:

| Date | Program Title | Program Topic | Name of Speaker |
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- 6) List all health and safety related campus-wide events and programs sponsored by your chapter/colony:

| Date | Event Title | Program Summary | Number of Participants or Attendees |
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- 7) List all campus health and safety partners/professionals (could be several of these):

First Name
Last Name
Title
Email Address
Phone Number

- 8) Provide written or video testimonials from chapter brothers that demonstrate the relevance and helpfulness of our Sacred Purpose movement.
- 9) Provide written or video testimonials from campus partners/professionals that demonstrate the helpfulness of our Sacred Purpose and your chapter's campus-wide leadership.
- 10) Provide a letter of recommendation from your Health and Safety Advisor.
- 11) Submit photos or videos that demonstrate the scope of the Sacred Purpose movement and it's helpfulness to your chapter and your campus community. Photos should be included as an attachment to the application email. Videos should be hosted on YouTube. Please provide specific links to all videos.