N.R.H.H. Spring ‘14





Dear NRHH,

Thank you for an awesome Fall ’13 semester. I am proud to say that we have exceeded expectations and have made leaps and bounds to create a refurbished chapter. Over the past months we have:

* All stayed in good standing
* Created a full executive board
* Record-breaking PBJ event with 166 sandwiches
* Had an unheard of 21 applications
* Went from 9 to 17 new members
* Planned an action-packed spring!

But I think what I am most proud of is seeing each of you participate in NRHH and make new relationships with others. I am so glad I have learned a little more about each of you and can’t wait to get to know you more!

At your service and forever diamond love,

~Your Executive Board



CHAPTER?

**OBJECTIVE**

* We will innovate the SPRING semester and to set the tone for NRHH going into a new school year.
* We will induct new members and vote in a new executive board who will be ready to take over the chapter.

**EXPECTATIONS**

* Attend every meeting.
  + Email NaQuita and Zack if you are going to be late or unexpected absence.
* Write two OTMs a month
  + You get two excused per *semester*.
* To serve on your committee
* Check your email every week!

**GBMS**

@7pm, HBR Café {unless otherwise noted}

**2/10**- Preview of the semester

**2/24**- Advertise push {Reslife resource room}

**3/10**- Legislation {MPR}

**3/24**- Announce voting

**4/7**- Nominations

**4/21**- Voting

**5/25**- New eboard will run the meeting and …farewell ☺

**PINS**

Zack will be distributing 2 types of special pins this semester!

* (max 4) Bronze pins

The HIGHEST honor, based upon who has supported NRHH and/or RSA the most

* (max 8) Service & Leadership pins

Given to any person who

has demonstrated outstanding service, leadership, and dedication to Reslife, CAB, RSA, and/or NRHH.

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**COMMITTEES** {You will be meeting with your committee each GBM!}

* Recognition {Phil}
  + Steven, Carly, Elise
* Service {Will}
  + Emily and Mercedes
* Inductions {NaQuita}
  + Madison and Jon
* Marketing {James}
  + IB and Agnes
* Selection {Zack}
  + Shana, Natalie, Jess

Of The Month (**OTM**) Nomination Style Guide

Every month, members of the campus community recognize each other through nominations for Of The Month (OTM) awards. In fact, if you work with Residential Life, you have probably heard mentions of people writing “OTMs” at least a few times. But among the many OTMs submitted each month, each category can only have *one* winner. We have some tips to help you make sure that the winning nomination is the one that *you* wrote.

They’re divided into these four categories:

* Content: The meat of the nomination, this category contains tips for the overall direction of an OTM nomination and the sorts of things you could include.
* Wording: While not required to win a category on the campus level, these tips are icing on the cake and can break a tie between two equally well-written nominations. If you want a nomination to have a chance at the regional level, look at these.
* Format: These tips are minor, quick little things you can do to make your OTM appealing before anyone even reads it.
* Miscellaneous: Tips in this category don’t necessarily involve writing, but they can help point you in the right direction.

**CONTENT**

* If your nomination is about a person (most General OTMs) then focus on the person, who they are, and what they’ve done. You can definitely include events, but if an event is the *only* reason you’re writing, then write a Program OTM instead.
* OTMs shouldn’t be thought of as a task; they are important and can really impact people. Take pride in the work you’re putting into the nomination, you’re writing because someone or something has been outstanding. Show that you’ve put in effort. Would you rather see a few sentences of “yeah they’re cool I guess” or a few paragraphs of “they were amazing and they’re basically superhuman for what they did and you need to know about them RIGHT NOW” if someone wrote about you?
* “Themes” that can be included in OTM writing include:
  + Teamwork and Collaboration: While it’s great to see someone doing everything themselves and still kicking butt, it’s sometimes better to show how people are  brought together to do something even *more* awesome.
  + Planning: Especially with events, show people that the subject of the OTM has forethought and enough insight into the situation at hand. Yes, RA events are cool and effort goes into the logistics, but *tell us* about those, especially if something out of the ordinary happens.
  + Mishaps: Things go wrong, and the best made plans fall apart almost immediately. If things happen that impose some kind of adversity or difficulty upon a person or event, and they *bounce back and keep being great*, write about that! Fictional examples include:
    - the program that almost didn’t happen until a student org member took charge, and the program went much better than expected.
    - the Desk Manager who dealt with personal issues while covering desk shifts and studying for big exams.
  + Success: Things can go well, and that’s *great*. It’s great to see when things are going well for someone, and you don’t have to do anything groundbreaking to be OTM-able. Something like “this person is juggling a million things and doing a great job with all of them” is more than enough material to work with.
  + Innovation:Leaving the comfort zone is one of the most powerful things you can write about. Someone who does a community-wide cultural event with little first-hand experience with said culture, or someone who starts in a new position suddenly and has to figure it out, or an event that breaks the mold of past years and is better for it.

**WORDING**

* Mention and focus on the month that the nomination is for, even if it’s just an “in the month of January/February/March/etc” in the beginning. Try not to write too much about other months, unless as a brief basis of comparison, like “the month before, the program was completely unattended.”
* Use a little abstract language, like a basic simile or metaphor. For example, you could compare a program or person to a growing plant, and show how the content of your nomination helped them grow

**FORMAT**

* Write a nomination with a higher word count, closer to the 600-word maximum than, say, 50 words. A higher word count shows that you probably have a lot to say, and that you put some effort into the nomination.
* Separate your nomination into paragraphs using the Enter key. Two to four paragraphs are a lot easier to read than an unending wall of text. It also shows that you’re putting your thoughts in a coherent order before you hit the Submit button.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

* Look back at old winning OTMs to see what winning writers have done in the past.
  + A database of all submitted OTMs can be found at <http://otms.nrhh.org/>
* Do not write a nomination about yourself, it will lose by default. The point of an OTM is to recognize *someone else*. If you think you’ve done a lot, get a friend to write one about you.

NRHH Calendar {spring 14}

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| Sun | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat |
| **Jan** 26 | 27  1st day of Class | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | **Feb1** |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7  2pm Eboard | 8 |
| 9 | 10  GBM  @7pm  3 names! | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14  PPselection  2pm Eboard | 15 |
| 16 | 17  **apps open** | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21  2pm Eboard | 22 |
| 23 | 24  GBM | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28  2pm Eboard |  |

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|  |  |  |  |  |  | **Mar1** |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5  OTMS DUE | 6 | 7  2pm Eboard | 8 |
| 9 | 10  GBM  legislation | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14  **apps close**  2pm Eboard | 15 |
| 16  SPRING BREAK | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24  GBM  Selection meets @8  **Announce**! | 25  decisions made, invites sent | 26 | 27 | 28  2pm Eboard | 29 |
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| Sun | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat |
|  |  | **April1** | 2 | 3 | 4  **inductions**  **CC- 5pm**  2pm Eboard | 5  OTM DUE |
| 6 | 7  Dogapalooza week begins  PBJ @8  GBM @7  **NOMINATIONS!** | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11  2pm Eboard | 12 |
| 13 | 14  Relay? | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18  2pm Eboard | 19 |
| 20 | 21  Facultea?  GBM  **VOTING!** | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25  Quadmania weekend  2pm Eboard | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |  |  |  |

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|  |  |  |  | **May1** | 2  2pm Eboard | 3 |
| 4 | 5  GBM, by new eboard  OTMS DUE | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13  CLASSES end/ Midnight | 14  Study day | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18  Donation Day | 19  ?Donation | 20  ?Donation | 21 | 22  GRADUATION! | 23 | 24 |