"Being part of the honorary means giving back to a community that has given so much to me. NRHH has given me so many opportunities, support, and a family to rely on and by being part of it i’m able to give those same things back to others."

-Noheli Serrano, Pacific Affiliate
ADNRHH 2019-2020
INTRODUCTION

On behalf of the NACURH NRHH Board (NNB), it is my distinct pleasure to welcome you to one of the most transformative experiences of your entire collegiate career. As a candidate member of the National Residence Hall Honorary, there is no doubt that you will connect your previous life experiences to the values that we so dearly hold. Recognition and service are not just words to us, but rather a lifestyle. Everything that we do goes back to living the values.

Through your candidate membership education process, you will learn the foundation of the honorary. This foundation will help you to understand the progress that has been made since our founding and the steps that we must still take to head into the future. The honorary, especially over the past couple years, has seen tremendous growth and change and it is an exciting time to be a part of the development.

As we move into the 56th year of the honorary, it is imperative that we utilize the past to help influence the future. When we were founded back in 1964, the world was no doubt a different time. As we look to the future, our members of today are going to be the same individuals that work to further develop the organization that is near and dear to so many.

I hope through your education process that you are able to find a home here within the honorary. Utilize the time spent learning to also foster relationships with the other members of the honorary and really embrace the opportunities that come your way. I am excited to see and hear all that you do throughout your time in the honorary and cannot wait to celebrate your induction soon!

Diamond Love,

Rick Cazzato Jr., NACURH Associate for NRHH
HOW TO USE THIS MANUAL

This manual is to assist in the Candidate Member Education Process. Each Candidate Member is required to be educated on four areas:

- NRHH History
- OTMs
- Membership Qualifications
- Membership Selection Process (specific to the campus level).

Chapters can also require additional requirements based on their campuses specific needs. This manual is structured to educate members on the basics of the candidate member education requirements, as well as, further engage members in thinking about the lifelong commitment that being a part of the honorary is.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Through the education process, candidate members will be able to:
- Define the role of membership within the honorary
- Use the history of the honorary to inform campus level decisions
- Distinguish the difference between the 16 NACURH recognize OTM categories
- Recognize the four membership statuses of the honorary
- Understand the lifelong commitment to the values of recognition and service
- Articulate the membership requirements and selection process
ABOUT THE HONORARY

BY THE NUMBERS
Each year NRHH collects information from each of the affiliated chapters. In order to be recognized, each chapter must affiliate with NACURH, Inc. annually. During the 2018-2019 Academic Year, NRHH had 243 chapters.

COMMITMENT FOR LIFE
"Once an individual has shown dedication and commitment to NRHH according to their chapter’s standards, they will become an NRHH member for life."

SERVICE
As one of the two values of the honorary, service showcases itself with a plethora of services. In particular, initiatives such as the NACURH Alternative Spring Break Trip and the NACURH NRHH Day of Service.

RECOGNITION
As one of the two values of the honorary, recognition showcases itself with a plethora of services. In particular, our most popular service is Of The Month Awards.

"To me, being in the honorary is helping other students grow and achieve their potential as student leaders. It’s so heartwarming seeing people you work with grow as leaders. Another thing is having people fall in love with NRHH is the best"
-Jeziel De Jesus Vega, Midwest Affiliate ADNRHH 2019-2020

QUESTIONS?
For NACURH level questions reach-out to the NACURH Associate for NRHH at nan@nacurh.org.

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HISTORY OF THE HONORARY

OUR STORY
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, on 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 NACURH Associate for NRHH (NAN) to the NACURH 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, and 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 are student leaders on campus and are those who have contributed extraordinary amounts of time and energy in order to make the residence halls more than a “dorm.”

MILESTONES
Throughout history there have been some significant milestones that have impacted the way that we know of the honorary today:

2018 | Full Adoption of New Membership Statuses (2018-2019)
2017 | Adoption of New Membership Statuses
2017 | National NRHH Board Changed to NACURH NRHH Board
2016 | Adoption of Revised Mission/Vision Statements
2016 | Development of NACURH NRHH Strategic Plan
2016 | Development of New NRHH Logo
2015 | Legislation Heard At The Annual Conference To Change Pillars To Values
2015 | Trial Year of the NACURH NRHH Advisor Role (2015-2016)
2008 | Creation of NACURH Associate for NRHH Position on the Executive Committee
1964 | NRHH Founded at the NACURH Annual Conference Hosted By the University of Denver
NRHH VALUES
NRHH is a leadership-based honorary comprised of exemplary residential students who value recognition and service.

VISION STATEMENT
NRHH strives to unite a community of distinguished members who embody the values through a lifelong commitment to the honorary.

MISSION STATEMENT
As an honorary, NRHH provides a dynamic leadership experience by promoting recognition and service. Through this, NRHH chapters offer our members diverse avenues to grow and succeed in the residence halls and as engaged members in their communities.

MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS

CANDIDATE MEMBER ELIGIBILITY
- Must be a student of the college or university with which the chapter is affiliated.
- Must be a student pursuing an undergraduate, graduate or professional degree
- Must possess at least a 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale, or its equivalency
- Must be living in an institutionally owned or contracted housing and has lived in this housing for at least one academic term, as defined by the affiliated institution
- Must have made positive contributions to the residence hall system through engagement with the values of service and recognition
- Must fulfill all other requirements and expectations prescribed by the chapters constitution
MEMBERSHIP STATUSES

CANDIDATE MEMBER
Is a pre-membership status in which the student has shown interest through intent to become an NRHH Member. Candidate members are students of the college or university with which the chapter is affiliated who possess at least a 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale, or it’s equivalent at the time of induction. Candidate Members must be living in institutionally owned or contracted housing and has lived in institutionally owned or contracted housing for at least one academic term upon induction.

ON-CAMPUS MEMBER
Is a member of an NRHH Chapter is a member that lives in institutionally owned or contracted housing. On-Campus members are students of the college or university with which the chapter is affiliated who maintain at least a 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale, or it’s equivalent.

OFF-CAMPUS MEMBER
Is a member of an NRHH Chapter is a member that does not live in institutionally owned or contracted housing. Off-Campus members are students of the college or university with which the chapter is affiliated who maintain at least a 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale, or it’s equivalent. Off-Campus members may have voting rights and the ability to serve on the executive board through chapter approval and submission of the NRHH Off-Campus Member Pledge.

LIFELONG MEMBER
Is a member of NRHH that is no longer affiliated with their host institution as a student due to either graduation or a discontinuation of education. Lifelong Members are eligible to participate in chapter-specific activities and uphold the lifelong commitment to the NRHH Values of recognition and service.
STRUCTURE
As a part of NACURH, Inc., each state and country is assigned an Associate Director to act as a liaison to the larger corporation. Each institution has a designated NRHH Representative that acts as a liaison of the chapter to the regional level.

The NACURH Corporate Office also has an Associate Director who works on affiliation and supporting the day-to-day operations alongside the NACURH Associate for NRHH. The NACURH Associate for NRHH is advised by the NACURH NRHH Advisor. Together, the leadership of NRHH work to further the impact made on campuses across the world.

NACURH, INC. LEADERSHIP
NACURH Associate For NRHH | Rick Cazzato Jr., University of Central Missouri
NACURH NRHH Advisor | Jen O'Brien, Arizona State University - Downtown
Corporate Office Associate Director | Alyssa Drinkard, University of Delaware

REGIONAL LEADERSHIP
Central Atlantic Affiliate | Annemarie Thomas, Miami University
Great Lakes Affiliate | Zachary Smith, Michigan Technological University
Intermountain Affiliate | Jen Garcia, Arizona State University - Downtown
Midwest Affiliate | Jeziel De Jesus Vega, University of North Dakota
Northeast Affiliate | Kimberly Granito, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
Pacific Affiliate | Noheli Serrano, Southern Oregon University
South Atlantic Affiliate | Chloe O'Sullivan, University of Florida
Southwest Affiliate | Angelica Monreal, University of Texas at Dallas
PAST LEADERSHIP

NACURH ASSOCIATE FOR NRHH
2008-2009 | Ron Hammer, University of Alabama - Birmingham
2009-2010 | Ross Iosefson, New York University
2010-2011 | Matt Winkeler, University of Tulsa
2011-2012 | Megan Dutton, University of Southern Mississippi
2012-2013 | Amy Funk, Portland State University
2013-2014 | Joey Koehn, Saginaw Valley State University
2014-2015 | Brianna Gomez, Northern Arizona University
2015-2015 | Coty Behanna, University of Maryland
2016-2016 | Kaley Van Zile, Mississippi State University
2016-2017 | Aaron Ringsby, Kent State University

NACURH NRHH ADVISOR

Jacqueline Ignacio
Oregon State University
2017-2018

Becky VanWychen
Arkansas Tech. University
2018

Rick Cazzato Jr.
University of Central Missouri
2019-Present

Adam Schwarz
Florida Atlantic University
2015-2018

Jen O'Brien
ASU - Downtown
2019-Present
IDENTITY

THE 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.

COLORS
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.

MEMBERSHIP PIN
Upon completing candidacy, all inducted members of the honorary will be bestowed the membership pin.

OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP PIN
The outstanding leadership pin is the highest individual honor an NRHH Chapter can award to its members. This award shall be awarded to NRHH members that have provided outstanding leadership to their NRHH Chapter by embodying the values of service and recognition. Each institution is able to give out 8 pins per year, equal to the number of regional affiliates within NACURH.
OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD
The Outstanding Service Award is designed to recognize those who have demonstrated outstanding support and service to an NRHH chapter and residence hall students. Anyone eligible for membership, excluding those graduating in the current semester, can be awarded the service award. Each institution is able to give out 8 awards per year, equal to the number of regional affiliates within 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.

"Being a part of the honorary means being with a group of people that have a similar drive and passion for not just scholastics but more."
-Alyssa Drinkard, Corporate Office ADNRHH 2019-2020
OF THE MONTH AWARDS

OVERVIEW
OTMs, also known as “Of the Months” is a monthly recognition initiative that allows individuals on campus to recognize the outstanding individuals, groups, and programs that occur throughout the month. There are two types of OTMs: general and program. General OTMs are 300-600 word entries that describe the accomplishments of an individual or group within the specific month. Program OTMs are specific sections with at least 100 words, but no more than the maximum word count of the outlined section that describe the accomplishments of a program.

LIFE OF AN OTM
Each campus has autonomy to decide their specific deadlines for campus level OTMs. The campus may submit their campus winning OTMs to the regional level by 10th of each month by 11:59 PM in each time zone to be considered for regional recognition. From there, the regional OTM selection committee selects the regional winners and submits their regional winning OTMs to NACURH by the 17th of the month by 11:59 PM Central. The NACURH OTM selection committee then goes on to select the NACURH winning OTMs by the 24th of the month by 11:59 PM Central. The NACURH Associate for NRHH will then announce the NACURH winning OTMs via social media.

CATEGORIES
NACURH recognizes 16 OTM categories:
- Advisor
- Community Service Program
- Diversity Program
- Educational Program
- Executive Board Member
- First-Year Student
- Institution Faculty or Staff Member
- Organization
- Passive Program
- Residential Community
- Residence Life Professional Staff Member
- Resident Assistant
- Student Staff Member
- Social Program
- Spotlight
- Student
CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS

Advisor
Any individual who directly advises a residence life organization and has made outstanding contributions to the organization(s). The individual may be the main advisor or the graduate advisor. Examples include, but are not limited to: RHA Advisor, NRHH Advisor, Area Council Advisor, Hall Council Advisor, Resident Assistant Advisory Board, etc.

Community Service Program
A service or philanthropic program that benefits a group, charity, or other organization. The program should focus on the importance of the residents giving back to the communities in which they live. Examples include, but are not limited to: drives, fundraisers, day of service, etc.

Diversity Program
A program that promotes and educates about diversity and understanding. This program illustrates the importance of promoting diversity in the residence halls as well as embracing diversity in the everyday lives of the residents.

Educational Program
A program meant to educate residents about a topic, issue or idea. Programs nominated in this category can include, but are not limited to programming focused on academic success, learning a new skill, promoting global citizenship, etc.

Executive Board Member
This category recognizes the outstanding contributions of an Executive Board member of a member school’s residence life organization and the work of the board member within the Executive Board and across residence halls on their campus. Examples include, but are not limited to: Executive Board Members or Chair Positions in RHA, NRHH, etc.

First-Year Student
This category includes student first year students (freshman, transfer student, nontraditional, etc) who excel in adapting to a new environment within their residence hall, takes an active role in their community, and positively impacts those around them. The nominee must be in their first year at their current institution. Submissions in this category may emphasize academics, leadership, involvement, and contributions to community, floor, hall, residence life organizations, etc. Individuals that would be eligible for nomination in any other category are ineligible for nomination in the First-Year Student category.
Institution Faculty or Staff Member
This category includes individuals outside of residence life who aid students in their academics and/or personal affairs. This category is intended to recognize institutional faculty who have made a contribution to the residence life community both in and out of the classroom. Examples include, but are not limited to: professors, instructors, teaching assistants, counselors, other academic affairs staff, custodial or maintenance staff, public safety officers, dining service staff, health services staff, etc.

Organization
Any organization that has actively contributed to the student leadership, recognition, or other aspects of residence life during the month of nomination. Emphasis should be placed on the successes of the organization as a whole, not just a few members and should detail how they have helped the campus in general and the residence life community. Examples include, but are not limited to: hall councils, executive boards, advisory councils, community activities board, leadership involvement team, NRHH Chapters, etc. and organizations outside of Residential Life that positively impact resident students.

Passive Program
Any program that does not require anyone to actively run it for people to participate in it. This category is intended to recognize residential programming that occurs through bulletin boards, newsletters, pamphlets, etc.

Residential Community
This category includes any residential community, such as wings, halls, floor, complexes, etc. This award should emphasize what this community has done and how it has supported others (both within and outside their community). The community being recognized must not be an official campus organization. The submissions should illustrate what brings a group of individuals together and how they worked as a group to accomplish their goals during the month of nomination. Communities that would be eligible for nomination in any other category are ineligible for nomination in the Community category.

Residence Life Professional Staff Member
This category includes individuals who aid residents within the housing campus community. This category is intended to recognize the Residence Life Professional Staff who are not eligible for the Resident Assistant category and who have made contributions to the residence life community in the month of nomination. Examples include, but are not limited to: Hall Directors, Graduate Assistants in Residence Life, Directors of Residential Life, Area Coordinators, Residential Life Office Secretaries, etc.
Resident Assistant
Any individual within a residence hall student staff who has worked with/impacted residents on their floor or in their hall. Nominees should have gone above and beyond the duties as outlined in their job description to support residents in the communities in which they work as well as residence life organizations, and/or made outstanding contributions to the hall in which they work during the month of nomination. The OTM should focus on the nominee’s accomplishments within the RA role, but may also include other roles or responsibilities taken on during the month of nomination. Examples include, but are not limited to: Resident Assistant, Community Assistants, Senior Resident Assistants or any other positions equivalent to the RA position.

Student Staff Member
Any individual within a residence hall student staff position that has worked to create a positive experience for the residential community. This category is intended to recognize student staff members while these students are not working in the capacity of a Resident Assistant or Executive Board Member position and who have made outstanding contributions to the residence life community in the month of nomination. Nominees should have gone above and beyond the duties as outlined in their job description, and the OTM should focus on the nominee's accomplishments within the student staff role, but may also include other roles or responsibilities taken on during the month of nomination. Examples include any residence life student staff position, including but not limited to: housing student/office assistants, front desk/office assistants/ attendants, student maintenance/custodian assistants, marketing assistants, housing ambassadors/tour guides, security assistants, residence hall safety/patrol workers, programming assistant, learning community liaison, diversity mentors and academic support or tutor; however, this should not include paid executive board members of RHA or NRHH, or other hall council positions.

Social Program
Any social program that focuses on resident interaction and their ability to meet new people. Programs in this category can range from a floor social program to a campus wide program.

Spotlight
This category includes anything that does not fall under any of the other categories that you feel is worthy of Of the Month recognition. Individuals or groups that would be eligible for nomination in any other category are ineligible for nomination in the Spotlight category.
Student
This category includes any individual enrolled as a student at the institution who has made outstanding contributions to the residence halls during the month of nomination. Nominees could include, but are not limited to students who have made a contribution to their floor, hall, residence life organization, etc. through leadership, motivation, programming, volunteering and/or being a role model for other residents during the month of nomination. This OTM may address several areas of student life, such as academics, leadership, involvement etc...Also of importance is how the nominee has balanced their roles as a leader and a student and the display of good academic choices. Advisors, executive board members, first year students and anyone that can be classified as being in the resident assistant category are not eligible for an award in this category.

YOUR ROLE IN NRHH

OVERVIEW
Once an individual has shown dedication and commitment to NRHH according to their chapter’s standards, they will become an NRHH member for life. You will be expected to demonstrate the commitment to recognition and service daily, even beyond your collegiate experience. Through this commitment there are also opportunities to get further engaged on the campus, regional, and NACURH levels.

CAMPUS LEVEL OPPORTUNITIES
Each campus has autonomy to decide what avenues they will provide to their members. Some examples include:
- Run/Apply For An Executive Board Member and/or Committee Chair
- Service Site Leader
- Writing Of The Month Awards
- Attending Chapter Meetings & Events
- Participate In Recognition & Service Events
REGIONAL LEVEL OPPORTUNITIES
Each region offers services that work to meet the memberships needs. Some examples include:
- Serving On The Regional Board of Directors
- Attending Webinars
- Participating In Task Forces & Committees
- Attending Conferences
- Having 1:1s with Members of the Regional Board of Directors
- Utilizing Resources Developed By Regions

NACURH LEVEL OPPORTUNITIES
NACURH offers services that work to meet the memberships needs. Some examples include:
- Applying for the Of The Month Selection Committee
- Participating in the NACURH Days of Service
- Serving on the NACURH Alternative Spring Break Trip
- Earning the NACURH L.E.A.D. Links
- Submitting Award Bids
- Nominating Individuals for the NRHH Diamond Award
- Writing for the NACURH Link
- Engaging in NACURH Residence Hall Month
- Participating in Task Forces & Committees
- Applying for the Annual NRHH Scholarship

"Being part of something bigger at my institution is highly rewarding and the fact that we are an honorary that puts on events for resident students for engagement and outreach is exciting and always interesting"

- Kimberly Granito, Northeast Affiliate ADNRHH 2019-2020
CANDIDATE MEMBER CHECKLIST

OVERVIEW
Being a candidate member can be a lot of responsibility. In order to assist you in the process of becoming a member, utilize this checklist to keep track of what is left to do during your time as a candidate member.

- Enrolled Student
- Have a 2.5/4.00 or Equivalent Grade Point Average
- Living In Institutionally Owned Or Contracted Housing
- Made Positive Contributions to the Residence Halls
- Educated on NRHH History
- Educated on Of The Month Awards
- Educated on Membership Qualification
- Educated on Membership Selection Process
- Educated on Additional Requirements As Designated By The Chapter
- Attend Your Induction Ceremony