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## Virtual Awards Event Recognizes 14 Chapters and Associations

BAY VILLAGE, Ohio – Theta Phi Alpha and the Board of Trustees are pleased to announce the recipients of the 2016 National Awards which were presented nightly from Nov. 7-11 on our national website and social media accounts during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Virtual Awards event.

The online awards event brought together sisters from all over the country to celebrate as each of the winning chapters and associations were recognized. The annual event was introduced in 2015 by the Board of Trustees as a way to provide yearly recognition for the great achievements and efforts of our collegiate and alumnae members. The remaining biennial national awards will continue to be presented at the Theta Phi Alpha National Convention.

Congratulations to the recipients of the 2016 National Awards:

<b>Selma Gilday Improved Academic Excellence Award</b>	<i>Alpha Upsilon (Indiana University of Pennsylvania) Additional recognition to Alpha Omega (University of Wisconsin Platteville)</i>
<b>Amelia McSweeney Award</b>	<i>Northern New Jersey Alumnae Association</i>
<b>Anna Rose Kimpel Academic Excellence Award</b>	<i>Gamma Pi Chapter (St. John's University – Staten Island campus)</i>
<b>Mildred M. Connely Award</b>	<i>New Orleans Area Alumnae Association</i>
<b>Lois Barry Lynch Theta Phi Alpha Foundation Award</b>	<i>Flint Area Alumnae Association</i>
<b>Jean Yosepian Theta Phi Alpha Foundation Award</b>	<i>Delta Delta Chapter (Ashland University)</i>
<b>Esther Burke McCormick New Member Retention Award</b>	<i>Beta Xi Chapter (William Paterson University) Beta Psi Chapter (Merrimack College)</i>
<b>Jean M. Cusack Membership Award</b>	<i>Chicago Area Alumnae Association</i>
<b>Patricia Giallanza Hospitality Awards</b>	<i>Alpha Delta Chapter (St. Norbert College) Gamma Eta Chapter (Pratt Institute) Gamma Lambda Chapter (Suffolk University) Delta Gamma Chapter (Lynn University) Delta Delta Chapter (Ashland University)</i>

More information about the history and requirements of each award can be found here:  
<http://thetaphialpha.celect.org/virtual-awards-2016>

*Founded in 1912, Theta Phi Alpha is a women's organization to provide close comradeship; to advance educational, social, and philanthropic interests and leadership training; to encourage spiritual development and adherence to the highest moral standards; and to promote lifelong bonds of friendship; a fraternity for college and university women and alumnae. Theta Phi Alpha was founded at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor; today there are 57 active collegiate chapters, 36 alumnae associations and four alumnae clubs in the United States.*