

BALANCED MAN SCHOLARSHIP BANQUET

Chapter

Welcome – BMS Chairman

Good evening. Welcome to the 2016 Balanced Man Scholarship Awards Presentation Banquet presented by the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. My name is and I'm serving as this year's Balanced Man Scholarship chairman and tonight's emcee.

This year, we have seen a record number of quality applications come from incoming freshman at Florida International University. While it was a difficult process to narrow down our applicants to finalists, I'm confident that we have some of the sharpest men on campus among us.

Before I get started, I'd like to introduce the men who have been instrumental in the success of executing the preparation, interview process and execution of the scholarship. The following individuals are part of the Balanced Man Scholarship committee. If you'll please stand and be recognized when your name is called. Please hold your applause until all committee members have been recognized.

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Thank you brothers for your commitment to rewarding the ideals of a Balanced Man.

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I'll now call upon our Chapter President, to welcome tonight's guests.

Welcome – Chapter President [REDACTED]

Tonight, we come together to celebrate the success and achievements of [REDACTED] incredible gentlemen, who we have selected as our finalists for the Balanced Man Scholarship.

The Balanced Man Scholarship originated in 1990 at the University of Cincinnati Chapter, as a way to attract men of Sound Mind and Sound Body, while rewarding them for espousing the ideals of the Fraternity. Today, over 200 SigEp chapters across the nation use the Balanced Man Scholarship to identify and reward the top males on their respective campuses.

The scholarship reinforces SigEp's commitment to "Building Balanced Men" by helping to recognize exceptional undergraduates. We so strongly believe in this balanced lifestyle that we offer up to \$ [REDACTED] in scholarships each year to encourage men to live better lives. Applicants and scholarship recipients are not required to join the fraternity, although many choose to do so after they become familiar with the organization. It goes without saying that each and every one of you meet the minimum expectation to become members of our fraternity.

Each applicant has gone above and beyond the expectations of a regular high school student and has striven to be the best in his own respect. We are proud to offer [REDACTED] main awards tonight. Our top three awards are valued at \$ [REDACTED], \$ [REDACTED], and \$ [REDACTED], which will be awarded after we eat dinner.

We'd now like to recognize our parents and siblings of our finalists, alumni, advisors, and special guests from the university in attendance tonight. As we call your name or classification, please stand and be recognized.

First, the most important group in my opinion - our parents. Each one of our finalists have grown into remarkable individuals. For many of you, that wouldn't have happened without the help of your parents. If you are here as a parent or guardian of a scholarship finalist, please stand and be recognized.

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During our interviews, several of our finalists mentioned the influence that siblings have had on their lives. They mentioned lessons of growth, trial and hardship and the outpouring of love brought by siblings. If you are a brother or sister of one of our scholarship finalists, please stand and be recognized.

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Behind every great SigEp chapter is a group of dedicated advisors and alumni volunteers that help maintain the strength of our organization. Please help me welcome some of those individuals tonight. Feel free to applaud after each individual stands and is recognized.

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Finally, we'd like to welcome our guests of the \_\_\_\_\_ community. Each one of these individuals plays an instrumental role in the development and success of our students at \_\_\_\_\_. We'd like to individually thank and recognize them for their contributions.

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Thank you all for your dedication to make the student experience at [REDACTED] one of the top in the state.

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Introduction of Finalists – **BMS Chairman** [REDACTED]

We'd now like to take the opportunity to recognize each finalist and a few of their accomplishments. From our finalists, we have a wide variety of athletes, scholars, and leaders. We identified some extraordinary individuals.

Finalists, after we read through your accomplishments, if you will come to the front of the room and receive your Certificate of Achievement. Feel free to applause and congratulate these finalists as they approach the front of the room to receive their certificate.

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Once again, please give a round of applause to each one of our finalists for all they have accomplished and for making it this far.

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Dinner Introduction – **President and Chaplain**

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At this time, I would like to invite our Chaplain, brother \_\_\_\_\_,  
to offer the invocation. \_\_\_\_\_.

Please bow your heads:

“Ruler of the Universe, may you bless this meal we are about to receive.  
May you bless and guide our friends whom we share it, and may you watch  
over them as they embark on this journey. Amen.”

We will now dismiss by table number to self-serve your dinner. Please  
enjoy your meal.

**WAIT FOR 15 – 20 Minutes until everyone has their meal**

Keynote Speaker – **BMS Chairman** \_\_\_\_\_

Before we begin our awards presentation, we'd like to allow a couple  
individuals to offer their words to you tonight.

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Keynote Speech - [REDACTED]

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Introduction of Finalists – [REDACTED] **BMS Chairman**

Thank you [REDACTED]. It's an honor to have you here tonight.

And now it's time for the moment you've all been waiting for, our awards presentation.

Like we mentioned before, we believe we have some of the brightest incoming freshman in the entire university sitting in this room before us today.

Overall, we received [REDACTED] applications for our Balanced Man Scholarship this year, a record number for our chapter. We reviewed each application thoroughly based on four main categories - academic success, athletic involvement, engagement in community, and their response to our open ended question about what it means to be a Balanced Man.

We then took those [REDACTED] applicants and narrowed it down to [REDACTED] semifinalists. We interviewed each one of these semifinalists and asked them questions about lessons they'll take with them from high school, their intended legacy at FIU, and opportunities they have to improve. We then evaluated which of these semifinalists best embodied our guiding principles of having a Sound Mind and Sound Body.

These core principles are aligned with the Balanced Man Program, SigEp's development process. In 1990, SigEp became the first fraternity to rethink the development process and completely ban pledging and hazing from our chapters across the nation. The Balanced Man Program is a continuous development program designed with 18-22 year old college students in mind. It focuses on three main areas of development - professional



development, personal development, and leadership development. Throughout the entire four years of your college experience, members are expected to continually improve and invest in themselves and each other. We believe our development program will set our brothers up to become the best future business leaders, husbands, fathers and gentlemen.

Once we completed our interview process, we narrowed it down to where we are today. From [redacted] applications.....to [redacted] semifinalists.....to [redacted] finalists.

We are proud to say our finalists are averaging a [redacted] GPA on a 4.0 scale.

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And now, it's time to reward our [redacted] grand prizes.

First, the \$ [redacted] scholarship.

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Our \$ [redacted] scholarship winner is [redacted].

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We're proud to present our \$ [REDACTED] award to [REDACTED].

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<<INSERT GRAND PRIZE BIO HERE>>

We're proud to present our \$ [REDACTED] scholarship to

[REDACTED].

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Closing - [REDACTED] **BMS Chairman**

That concludes this evening's ceremony. We would like to once again thank all of you for attending and we hope that you enjoyed tonight's Balanced Man Scholarship banquet. Lastly, to the finalists -- we hope you understand how truly proud your schools, communities and especially your parents are of you all. We were sincerely impressed by the quality of the applicants this year. You should be proud of your outstanding accomplishments but also remember that you have a great journey ahead of you in college. I strongly encourage you to continue striving for excellence in your everyday lives and take advantage of opportunities that present themselves. You should also surround yourself with others who would do the same. Thank you and goodnight.