

The Pilot

Ahoy Mates! Every year the Residential Student Leader Honorary (RSLH), University of Southern California's NRHH chapter, decides on a theme to carry out our recognition with, and this year it is pirates. We use this theme in several ways so it is almost natural to use it now. The theme of pirates takes place in several different instances and it will become clear.

RSLH is not an organization of bad pirates. Instead, we are a group of individuals that come together to help recognize leadership and service among the Residential Community. We do not treasure gold, or steal from others. Instead, we treasure the recognition of the residents and give back to the community.



The Articles



According to the *Pirate's Code*, also known as RSLH's Constitution, the purpose of our NRHH is to recognize those living in University Housing for their achievements in exceptional leadership, service, and scholarship. We also strive to encourage leadership among all of the students living in USC Housing and provide opportunities for growth.

We follow the *Pirate's Code* in several ways. First, we ensure that everyone involved in Residential Life has the opportunity to write an OTM. Each month RSLH receives OTM nominations from Resident Advisors, Resident Coordinators, Area Directors, Building Government members, and of course RSLH members. Since we receive so many OTM nominations each month, it is not easy to determine a winner. In order to recognize as many outstanding people as we can, RSLH developed a system to have both University wide winners and those who would continue on to the Regional level. When we receive the nominations, the *Jury Mast* (or RSLH Executive Board members) and the *Crew* (the General Board members) meet to determine winners and which winners will go on to a regional level.

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RSLH has recognized a number of Regional as well as National level winners. Une Soiree Spectaculare won on the National level for August 2003 and Diversity Beat Box won on the Regional level for November 2003.

To emphasize the importance of writing OTMs, RSLH and University Residential Student Community (URSC), USC's chapter of RHA, created a URSC OTM award. The URSC OTM award is due the same time that regular OTM awards are due. The only difference is that members of URSC nominate each other to recognize leadership and service. Just as RSLH determines OTM winners, they also do so for URSC OTM winners. The purpose of this is to create a stronger relationship between RSLH and URSC as well as increase the number of OTMs written by the Residential Community. This serves a dual purpose of bring our organizations together and also making members of both organizations aware that recognition is important and easy.

Finally, we follow the *Pirate's Code* by encouraging leaders within USC Housing to join the organization through nomination. We acquire our *Crew* (or members) through organizations that create and encourage leaders such as URSC as well as Resident Life staff members, or Resident Advisors. Much of the *Crew* is currently a part of or was actively involved in URSC or a Resident Advisor.

The Map

Any good pirate knows that he must have a trusty map to lead the way. In RSLH our map is comprised of tried and true methods of recognizing combined with some goals as lofty as that of reaching buried treasure. At the beginning of our quest we knew that in order to help people recognize each other we would have to make recognition as easy and accessible as possible. We also wanted to create a place where the *Crew* could get updated information and find out what is going on with our many projects. Through the creation of a new *Jury Mast* position, the technology chair, we developed a *Map*, or website, that met and exceeded all of our hopes and expectations. While quickly realizing it's potential, the *Map* became our number one goal of the year, in addition to our continual search to make recognizing more prominent and exciting.

The RSLH *Map* has been one of the greatest influences on our increase in OTM's. With the nomination forms available on line and the added ability to submit them electronically, we have found a great increase in the number of OTM's that we are seeing each month.

Aside from OTM forms, the *Map* also offers great recognition ideas such as 98 Ways To Recognize. This is a place for our *Crew* to come and get ideas that allow them to keep recognition going around the clock and not just during

our meetings and socials. It gives the *Jury Mast* great pleasure in seeing the Pirate Love spread throughout campus by our *Crew*.

The *Map* also serves as a resource for both the *Jury Mast* and the *Crew*. With relevant links such as PACURH, NACURH, NRHH and URSC it has become a treasure chest of information and resources for all of the residential community.

Every good pirate knows that the tradition must be kept by the younger generation. In order to keep up with the youngsters coming up, the *Map* also has an area for nominating new *Crew* members as well as the *Crew* application for those who wish to take the plunge into membership. For those who already have taken the plunge, there is also a calendar of events to help keep the *Crew* up to speed on what is happening. There is also a link to the *Pirate's Code* and the history of our piracy all at the touch of a button!

Avast Ye!

Avast Ye! In pirate terminology means to stop and give attention to someone or something. RSLH has a unique way of giving attention to amazing events and recognizing people within Residential living for their accomplishments. RSLH uses a different theme when we recognize those who have won OTMs; our current theme is Pirates!
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One of our *Jury Mast* members, the Recognition Chair, creates a certificate that acknowledges the resident as the OTM winner. But that is just the beginning. Included with that certificate is a white flag with *skull and crossbones* drawn on it, also known as the “booty bag.” Inside of this booty bag there are lots of goodies such as candy, treasure, a small inflatable blow up raft (just in case they have to abandon their ship), and no pirate would be complete without their trusty stuffed toy parrot side kick, which is also included.

“RSLH draws from the top student leaders on campus, which through recognition, motivate other students to further their success.”
-Tracy Jessner



This year RSLH’s recognition chair came up with another way to recognize leadership on campus. Seeing the need for an outreach to the entire population, not just the students, that benefit the Residential Community, the Outstanding Leadership Service Award was created. A letter was sent out over many list serves as well as advertising in our Student Center and a poster was also created. It was made clear that this is also a great way to recognize those making a difference by nominating others. The letter said:
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Dear ResLife Family-

The Residential Student Leadership Honorary is honored to announce the 1st annual Outstanding Leadership Service Award. The Outstanding Leadership Service Award celebrates individuals who have demonstrated a high standard of leadership and service to the residential student community at the University of Southern California.

The award selection committee will be looking for significant dedication to the residential student community, not limited to members of the University Residential Student Community (URSC) or Resident Advisors (RA). The committee is also looking for candidates who have shown commitment to and support for the Residential Student Leadership Honorary (RSLH). Also, the committee is looking for contributions that have primarily occurred during the last year.

The University of Southern California residential student community has been made a success by countless hours of individuals aimed at improving the experience of other students and the community. Please take the opportunity to recognize and give something back to an individual who has given so much of themselves to benefit the overall quality of student life at the University.

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Shiver Me Timbers!

The OTM winners are surprised with the certificate and prize during Building Government meetings, Resident Advisor Staff Meetings, and even URSC General Board Meetings. RSLH tries to recognize the winners in front of other residents, but on occasion we are unable to do that. In such a case, we leave the *treasure* on their door so at least the passersby can acknowledge their achievements.

RSLH takes the theme of pirates and recognition seriously. For example, the Jury Mast and Crew dress up as pirates to hand out the certificate and treasure to the OTM winners. Not only do we dress up, but we also sing this song:



Happy OTM Winner,
Happy OTM Winner,
Happy OTM Winner
Happy OTM Winner!
Happy Happy Happy OTM Winner!
Happy Happy Happy OTM Winner!

Residents do not forget this experience! RSLH, however, has no problem letting the resident know that they are doing a wonderful job and that someone recognized them.

Yardarm

In Pirate talk, a *yardarm* is an important part of the ship because it holds up the sails. Therefore, the stronger the *yardarm*, the better the ship sails. RSLH's *yardarm*, such as social events, philanthropy events, and fundraising opportunities also makes the organization strong.

Socials:



Although the Pirate's Code only requires one of our *Jury Mast* members, the Social Chair, to plan two social events throughout the year, this year RSLH has had a social event every month. The purpose of these events is to give the members a chance to interact with each other without a formal setting. All of the socials are open to the entire Residential Community, which increases membership, the possibility of recognition as well as the relationships of those already in RSLH. The social events so far this yea have included:

"Socials give the members a chance to interact with each other outside of their busy lives. Our members are always open to fun and games when things get a little stressful in their personal lives."
-*Krystal Toles*

- Clue Night
- Halloween Social
- Birthday Party
- Poker Night
- Ice Blocking

Clue Night – In honor of the movie and the classic board game, the *Jury Mast* and the *Crew* gathered to play the game as well as watch the movie. To feed our appetite while we were trying to figure out the mystery, we had a platter of a various Subway sandwiches.



Halloween – This party was a combination of a costume party and potluck dinner.

All of the *Jury Mast* and *Crew* were dressed up in costumes from



a 1980 exercise guru to a cloud. We offered the prize, *Pirates of the Caribbean*, to the best dressed. Not only were there great costumes but great food as well. The *Jury Mast* brought food such as pumpkin smoothies and pie, and mummy cookies. Good costumes, good food, followed by fun games made this a fun Halloween night.

Ice Blocking – In Southern California, we never see snow or ice. Therefore, in



order to get that wintry feel we freeze multiple blocks of ice on trays and then ride on them down a hill.



Birthday Party - In honor of a number of birthdays going on among the *Crew*, we threw an old-fashioned birthday party. We missed the old days when birthday parties were a child's dream. As a result, we had a party with Pin the Tail on the Donkey, Twister, and even goody bags for all of the *Crew* to take home with them at the end the night.

Poker Night - One of our newly inducted *Crew*members decided that playing Poker is a great way to socialize...and he was right! We gathered poker chips and several decks of cards and held a Poker Tournament. We played Poker, Texas Hold 'Em, and held another table to teach others how to play the game. In the end, we gave away three prizes for the top three winners in the tournament.

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Pirate Games

One of the biggest things that one of our *Jury Mast* members, the Philanthropy Chair, does is plan Clash of the Trojans. During Clash of the Trojans, RSLH invites the children in Troy Camp (USC's official philanthropy)



to come to our campus and participate in numerous wacky Olympic games such as pass the bucket, balloon tower, plate stomp and greased melon. We invite teams from all over campus including Greeks and Residential Life to come together and raise money while having a great time with the kids.

RSLH's Clash of the Trojans was presented as a program during the PACURH 2003 Conference where it received the honor of being named as one of the Top Ten Programs.



Not only does RSLH organize Clash of the Trojans, but also we try to give back in other ways to the Los Angeles community. During one of our meetings, we made Halloween cards for LA Children's Hospital and delivered to them just in time for Halloween.

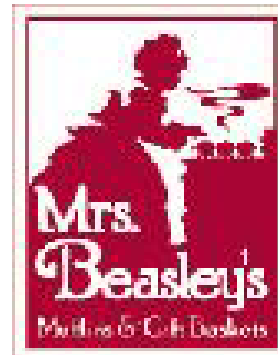
*"RSLH's philanthropic projects allow its members, and the university as a whole, to give back to the greater Los Angeles community."
-Tracy Jessner*

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Treasure Hunting

One of the jobs of our *Jury Mast* member, the Treasurer, is to coordinate USC Cakes and maintain its website. USC Cakes is a program that was started last year and it is going stronger than ever. USC Cakes allows parents an opportunity to give their son or daughter an order from one Mrs. Beasley's decadent cakes. USC Cakes operates completely online at www.usccakes.com so it is available 24 hours a day. The



parents can order any type of cake that they choose for their son or daughter and it is delivered right to the student's Customer Service Center. Since this program



is run completely online we are now giving parents the opportunity to use Paypal. With this, parents can use their credit cards and pay for their order more quickly, which allows their sons and daughters to receive their orders faster.

Going to the Account

Going to the Account is the process of one becoming a pirate, or being inducted into RSLH. The membership initiation is a big process for the *Jury Mast*, the *Crew*, and those being inducted. One of our *Jury Mast* members, the Membership Chair, organizes the process of *Going to the Account*.

We hold two membership drives, one in the Fall semester and one in the Spring semester. The membership process begins with the *Jury Mast* and *Crew* nominating anyone they feel that would make a good contribution to RSLH and is living in the residential community. The nomination process means a lot to those getting the nominations because it is a way to show that they were recognized for the things that they were doing in their community.



After they are nominated and have applied, the *Jury Mast* and the *Crew*

*“Having input from current members about who should be a member helps to broaden our applicant pool.”
-Erica Brauer*

select their new members. RSLH has a GPA requirement of 0.2 above the university average. During the last semester, the university average was a 3.2 ensuring that our members are actually the top 1 % of those living in USC Housing.

Those accepted go through the initiation process. The day of, the *Jury Mast* and the *Crew* gather to see the inductees *Walk the Plank*. Well, we do not exactly make them *Walk the Plank*. Instead, the inductees are required to participate in a communication exercise where they are either blindfolded and they trust the person ahead of them to lead them to safety or they have to work together and answer trivia questions. Of course, the *Jury Mast* is not making it easy for them. In the end however, the new inductees gather to a secret location where the *Jury Mast* and the *Crew* gather around with lit blue candles. The inductees are given blue candles and if they choose to accept RSLH, they light their white candles with the blue candles.

*"Between being blindfolded for who knows how long and opening my eyes to a circle of people with flaming candles, RSLH possesses some of the most charismatic, inspirational, fun-loving leaders it is my privilege to be a part of at USC."
-Gabe Barrera*

Swing the Lead?

Swing the Lead is a pirate's term meaning to be a slacker or following behind in a pirate's work. There are no slackers in RSLH, however. The following is a list of activities and awards that current members of RSLH are a part of or have received.

- RHA President
- RHA Representatives
- Emerging Leaders Program
- LeaderShape Program
- Helenes and Trojan Knights
- Golden Key International Honor Society
- Omicron Delta Kappa
- Skull and Dagger
- Associated Trustee & Presidential Scholar
- Resident Advisors
- Blackstonians Pre-Law Honor Society
- National Society of Collegiate Scholars
- Presidential Ambassadors
- USC Order of the Torch
- Outstanding Leadership Award
- Student Senate (Directors and Senators)
- Student of the Year for PACURH 2003
- Phi Kappa Phi
- Presidential Student Service Award
- Joint Educational Project

RSLH takes pride in the fact that the Crew is so dedicated to not only the organization, but to their Academics and other leadership, service, and scholar organizations.

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PACURH Regional Board of Directors
And the NRHH Representatives of the PACURH Region

To Whom It May Concern:

I am excited to have an opportunity to support the University of Southern California's Residential Student Leader Honorary in its bid for National Residence Halls Honorary Chapter-of-the-Year for 2003-04. I was involved with the establishment of this chapter and have participated each year as an "honorary" member. Certainly, the current year stands out as a truly strong year in this organization's 20-year history.

The Residential Student Leader Honorary (RSLH) at USC has accomplished many things this year through its outstanding leadership and active membership. Its events have been well organized and its fund-raiser has had unparalleled success. The membership drive completed in the fall attracted a lot of interest and that in itself is always a sign that an honorary is highly successful. A spring semester recruitment effort is about to be initiated in an effort to capture interest amongst younger residential leaders who are now becoming eligible. RSLH is hard at work on its largest program of the year, the Clash of the Trojans. This spring semester event is now in its 10th year. It is perhaps the only student event at USC that successfully attracts teams from both the fraternity and sorority chapters on the Row with the residential student government groups in each hall and apartment building. Teams representing various communities paired with local school children gather for a day of fun and activities. Clash of the Trojans builds community, which is at the very heart of NACURH and the goals of the National Residence Halls Honorary. But most of all, RSLH has conducted recognition programs throughout all of university housing, including the establishment in the past year of a new recognition program within our RHA-group, the University Residential Student Community.

I thoroughly endorse the selection of USC's Residential Student Leader Honorary as NRHH Chapter-of-the-Year.

Sincerely,

Carol Schmitz, Ph.D.
Associate Director for Residential Life



To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation for the Residential Student Leader Honorary (RSLH) to receive the prestigious National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) Outstanding Chapter of the Year award. I believe that RSLH is deserving of this honor due to the caliber of its members, recognition programs, community service involvement and development of community within RSLH.

I have had the privilege of serving as the advisor for RSLH since June of 2003 and being a member of RSLH since 1996. In this past year, the members of RSLH have continued to impress me by their strong leadership skills, innovative ideas, passion for the mission of RSLH, and dedication. Comprised of the top 1% of leaders in the residential community, the current members of RSLH are also leaders at USC and are involved in a myriad of campus groups such as Helenes (the official hostesses of USC), Troy Camp (USC's official philanthropy), Building Government, and Student Senate.

The mission of RSLH is to "improve and promote leadership in the university residential community." This year RSLH took this mission to a new level by infusing their traditional "Of-The-Month" awards (OTMS) with fun themes and by implementing the Outstanding Leadership Service award. Utilizing a "pirate theme" in the fall semester and a "western" theme in the spring semester, the RSLH members who present the OTM awards are dressed in themed costumes and the awards themselves come complete with pirate or western paraphernalia. The recipients of the OTMs have been appreciative of the added pirate or western theme which in turns encourages other members of the university residential community to submit nominations and strive to receive an OTM. This spring semester, RSLH introduced the Outstanding Leadership Service award to the USC community. This award recognizes individuals who have demonstrated a high standard of leadership and service to the residential student community. Recipients of this prestigious award will receive a nationally recognized pin that can be worn on graduation day. It should be noted that part of the administrative costs of these recognition programs are generated by the "USC Cakes" program. This year the RSLH members have worked diligently in this on-going fundraiser, updating the website and adding features to improve the program.

In addition to recognition, this year the members of RSLH have been very supportive of community service. Aside from participating in university wide philanthropies such as Spirits of Troy (Halloween event for neighborhood children), Spirits in Action (games for persons with disabilities) and Swim with Mike (fundraiser for athletes with disabilities) and smaller philanthropies such as creating Halloween cards for children in the hospital, RSLH also sponsors a large-scale community service program entitled "Clash of the Trojans." Clash of the Trojans, which will occur this spring, is a "wacky Olympics" style event that brings

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together different components of the USC community (residential life, Greek life, and community members).

This year, the RSLH executive board has implemented programming aimed at creating a community within RSLH. The executive board has organized monthly social events that create a setting conducive to members interacting and build relationships. With all of the demands and stresses of college life, it is comforting for the members to have a network of supportive friends.

Overall, I strongly feel that RSLH has gone above and beyond in their recognition programs, community service endeavors, and in developing a community within RSLH. I hope that you will award RSLH with the NRHH Outstanding Chapter of the Year award.

Sincerely,

Jane Ann Martino Gaskill
Residential Student Leader Honorary Advisor
Area Director
Office of Residential and Greek Life

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January 28, 2004

Dear PACURH NRHH representatives,

Throughout my years of involvement and student leadership on my campus I have never come across a more dedicated, organized, or fun group of people than those I met through the Residential Student Leader Honorary, the University of Southern California's NRHH chapter. RSLH is a strong organization on our campus and it has been both my privileged and my honor to help carry on that legacy by serving and the president of RSLH for the 2003-2004 academic year. RSLH is an organization founded on the great student leaders who are its members. One of the most special things about our NRHH chapter is the special environment it provides to its members. Not only do the weekly meetings afford the general membership with opportunities to help recognize within the university community, through OTMs and special events, but it is also a place to see old friends and learn about the other organizations on campus. Many students join RSLH early in their university careers and then move on to be leaders of other organizations. Even after moving out of housing RSLH members continue to come back. They return both to reacquaint themselves with friends but also because RSLH provides an environment that allows people to talk about difficulties or triumphs they are having in other areas and receive helpful support from fellow 'RSLHers' who understand the nuances associated with student leadership.

As if that were not enough RSLH members are not content with simply recognizing and supporting their peers but instead take a very active philanthropic stance. One of the three main parts of RSLH is its philanthropy board. The main philanthropic event, Clash of the Trojans, is a fun and meaningful annual event that does double duty as both a philanthropy and support for Troy Camp a student organization that works with the children who attend 'Clash' all year long. This true dedication: to giving back to the community through recognition and philanthropy; and support, to the university and each other, both in leadership and academics is what makes RSLH the amazing organization that it is. I am proud to call myself a member of RSLH and through that be associated with NRHH.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Emily Ogle".

Emily Ogle
President RSLH

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PACURH Regional Board of Directors & NRHH Representatives,

I'm writing this letter on behalf of the University Residential Student Community of the University of Southern California. This year we've seen our sister organization, the Residential Student Leader Honorary, accomplish some spectacular things. At USC, RSLH is not only an organization of service and recognition, but also one of family, support, creativity, and integrity. All of these aspects have shown through phenomenally this year, from our regional OTM winners to the increased interactions with URSC to the continued dedication of both the old and new members.

This year, RSLH has found a way to make recognition fun for everyone. With their pirate theme, members have fun at meetings putting together tattered certificates, RSLH pirate flags, and booty bags fully of treasures to congratulate the winners. They then go off to meetings with parrots on their shoulders and patches over their eyes to sing to the winners and recognize them in front of their organization for a job well done. Doing this has really made RSLH more of a presence on campus, as well as reminding students and organizations how appreciated they are in the community.

Along with RSLH's work with the USC community, RSLH has brought a special dynamic to URSC. Implemented in full swing this school year, RSLH developed a special Of The Month award for URSC members. This award – written by URSC members for URSC members – gets General Board members in the habit of writing at least one OTM every month, along with giving them a chance to give the spotlight to their peers who have been working hard. The URSC OTM has really helped to pull the members of our organization together and create a community where no one goes unnoticed.

RSLH has my full support in bidding for NRHH Chapter of the Year because of all of the reasons stated above, and more. It is an organization that truly cares about the residents of University Housing at USC, and shows this in everything they do. This year, they have really reached out to the community through their creative recognition, numerous social events, and innovative ideas. RSLH is comprised of loyal and dedicated students who deserve to be recognized for their hard work this year, the way they've recognized others each month.

Sincerely,

Karen E. Umeki
President
University Residential Student Community
University of Southern California

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Constitution

Residential Student Leader Honorary

Article I: Name

The name of this organization shall be the Residential Student Leader Honorary, hereafter "The Honorary," recognized as the official name of the USC chapter of the National Residence Hall Honorary, of the National Association of College and University Residence Halls, at the University of Southern California.

Article II: Purpose

The main purpose of The Honorary shall be to provide recognition to those individuals living in USC owned residence halls and apartments who have contributed outstanding leadership. The further purpose of this organization is to promote leadership among all resident students at USC.

Article III: Fundraising

The Honorary shall be responsible for fundraising to support activities of The Honorary.

Article IV: Relationships With Other Organizations

Section 1 - University Residential Student Community

The Honorary shall be considered and recognized as separate from URSC, yet cooperatively working toward common goals of improving and promoting leadership in the university residential community.

Section 2 - Relationship with the University of Southern California

The Honorary acknowledges that the University assumes no legal liability for the actions of the Honorary, and the University is not providing blanket indemnification insurance coverage for any activities of The Honorary, unless those activities expressly benefit and further the goals of the University and have received prior review, approval, and consent of the Office of Student Activities, Risk Management and/or general counsel.

Article V: Membership

There shall be three types of membership in The Honorary: Active, Alumni and Honorary Members. At no time shall the active membership exceed one percent of the total number of residents in university housing, as specified by the bylaws/constitution of the National Residence Hall Honorary.

Section 1 - Active Membership

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An active member shall have the following qualification:

- A. - Be currently residing in university owned housing.
- B. - Be a current full-time student as defined by the Office of the Registrar.
- C. - Must maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA as an undergraduate student and a 3.2 cumulative GPA as a graduate student. If an Active falls below the minimum GPA, then the member is placed on academic probation for two semester. Upon completion of the probation period, if the Active does not have the minimum GPA, then the member is given Alumni status.

Section 2 - Involvement and Accountability

- A. - Active members must have 50% attendance at meetings and participate in at least one RSLH event per semester. Attendance and participation will be reviewed on a semester basis.
- B. - Members who achieve these goals will remain active members. All others will be placed on a semester of probation and will have one semester to meet the aforementioned goals.
- C. - After a semester of probation, those members who have met the goals listed above will return to achieve membership, free of probation. All others will lose their membership.
- D. - Executives and/or chair positions will count toward the above goals.

Section 3 - Alumni Membership

An Alumni member shall be a former active member of good standing who has left the university housing system.

Section 4 - Honorary Membership

An Honorary member shall be chosen for his or her outstanding contribution to the university housing system, but should not be someone who qualifies for Active membership. No more than two Honorary memberships may be given out in any one academic year.

Section 5 - Voting Rights

- A. - All Active members as defined by Article V, Section 1, shall have one vote of equal weight.
- B. - Alumni members, as defined by Article V, Section 2, and Honorary members, as defined by Article V, Section 3, are not extended the right to vote on decisions that affect The Honorary.

Article VI: Selection of Active Members

Section 1 - Nomination Process

Persons may be nominated by one of the following:

- A. - Self nomination
- B. - Members of URSC
- C. - Members of The Honorary
- D. - Any professional or paraprofessional staff member of USC
- E. - Any faculty or staff member of USC
- F. - Members of building governments

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Section 2 - Selection Criteria

- A. - To be inducted into The Honorary, undergraduates must have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA and graduate students must have a minimum 3.2 GPA.
- B. - To be inducted into The Honorary, and individual must demonstrate outstanding leadership qualities in the university housing system.
- C. - Membership decisions will not discriminate on the basis of age, race, religion, creed, national origin, ethnicity, gender, disability or sexual orientation.

Section 3 - Process for Selection

Members shall be selected from applications received by the selection committee.

A. - The Selection Committee

- 1. - The selection committee shall be comprised of the following: President of The Honorary, Vice President of The Honorary, Selection Chair of The Honorary, a professional staff member from the Office for Residential and Greek Life as designated by the Selection Chair, at least two additional members of The Honorary.
- 2. - If a situation exists in which one of the aforementioned individuals is unable to participate in the selection process, the Selection Committee shall appoint an alternate.

B. - The exact method of selection shall be left to the discretion of the Selection Chair.

Article VII: Executive Committee

Section 1 - Election of Officers

Officers of The Honorary shall be elected during the latter part of the Spring Semester to serve for the following school year. All officers shall be elected by a plurality vote of the quorum present.

Section 2 - Quorum

Quorum is defined as 50% plus one of Active members present.

Section 3 - Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, the Vice President, the Selection Chair and the Treasurer. The advisor of The Honorary and the Committee Chairs shall be ex-officio members of the Executive Committee.

Section 4 - Officers of The Honorary

A. - The President

- 1. - To conduct and preside over meeting of The Honorary and the Executive Committee.

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2. - To be responsible for maintaining interaction with URSC.
3. - To be responsible for the maintenance of the finances of The Honorary.
4. - The President shall be an ex-officio member of URSC's Executive Board.

B. - The Vice President

1. - To preside over meetings of The Honorary in the Presidents absence.
2. - To coordinate the selection of Committee Chairs.
3. - To oversee the Committee Chairs.
4. - To coordinate the Summer Mailer.
5. - To inform members of RSLH news and events.

C. - The Selection Chair

1. - To be responsible for member selection.
2. - To create and abide with a schedule of notification, due dates, selection and induction of new members and to report those members to The Honorary and to NRHH.

D. - The Treasurer

1. - To be responsible for the maintenance of all records of The Honorary, including minutes, agendas, and financial documents.
2. - To coordinate all fundraising efforts.

Section 5 - The Committee of The Honorary

The Executive Committee shall create committees to assist The Honorary in its duties. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for appointing Chairs to head committees. Together, the Executive Committee and the Committee Chairs comprise the Executive Board. Of-The-Month (OTM) Committee shall be the only standing committee of The Honorary.

Section 6 - Advisor

The Advisor to The Honorary shall be a professional staff member from the Office of Residential and Greek Life as determined by the Executive Committee.

Article VIII: Fees and Dues

- A. - The Honorary shall receive funding from URSC to cover National Chapter Dues and miscellaneous expenses.
- B. - Membership dues shall be set at the discretion of the active membership.

Article IX: Amendments and Bylaws

Section 1 - Amendments

Amendments shall be enacted by a vote of two-thirds of the Active members of The Honorary.

Section 2 - Bylaws

Bylaws shall be enacted by a vote of two-thirds of the Active members of The Honorary.

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Section 3 - Decisions of The Honorary

Unless otherwise stated, all other decisions of The Honorary shall be ratified by a majority vote when quorum is present.

Article X: Enactment

This constitution shall go into effect immediately upon a two-thirds vote of the active membership of The Honorary.

Nomination Form

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Nominee's Name

Nominee's Email Address

Nominator's Name

Nominator's Email Address

Nominee's Housing Area

Please briefly describe the Nominee's qualifications for membership into RSLH.

