

2008 Leadership Award Committee  
SIU Student Development  
SIU Mail Code 4407  
Carbondale, IL 62901

April 24, 2008

Dear Sir/Madam,

I write today to recommend Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) for the 2008 Leadership Award – Outstanding RSO Award. Over the past twelve months, TKE has undertaken many projects, both major and minor, to benefit SIUC, the Southern Illinois community and the benefit of others.

Twelve months ago, (after nominations were taken for this award last year) TKE held a World Record Breaking Twister game at McAndrew Stadium (<http://www.worldrecordtwister.com>) which raised \$2,000 for the Ronald and Nancy Reagan Institute for Alzheimer's Research. Many students, faculty, and staff and children were involved in the effort, which was a fun time for all ages, in addition to raising awareness (and money) for such a worthy cause.

In preparation for an Alternative Spring Break 2008, members of TKE volunteered their time and effort making toy cars out of scrap wood in conjunction with the Happy Factory at the SIUC Student Center Wood Shop (<http://tinyurl.com/5axs6f>). These cars were then donated to Educ8Kdz - a College of Education-based RSO, who in turn took them to New Orleans (<http://tinyurl.com/5upn58>) and donated them to child care facilities in the Lower Ninth Ward.

This spring, TKE has been a consistent leader in the effort to raise money for Relay for Life. As of this writing, Team TKE (anchored by Bill Mau, the number one fundraiser for this event) has raised \$1,470 (the third highest amount among all teams at SIUC) for the American Cancer Society.

In addition to a distinct commitment to public service, TKE works effortlessly to provide leadership in raising the profile of Greek Life at SIUC. Greek Life is about more than having an active social calendar. Greek Life is about promoting diversity within the fraternity as well as between fraternities. Not only has TKE shown this through recruitment of a diverse membership, but also by winning Greek Sing this past fall with a Step Show which was appreciated and applauded by men and women of all races and creeds. TKE is consistently at the top of the recruiting lists and membership list in numbers, proving that they are offering a program of which undergraduate men want to be a part.

For these and many, many other reasons, I submit the members of Tau Kappa Epsilon for the 2008 Leadership Award – Outstanding RSO.

Sincerely,

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