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| **GLADYS CATCHINGS AWARD** |

**PURPOSE:**

To provide an expression of appreciation and acknowledgement to a Soror or Frater who has demonstrated an above average commitment to Alpha Eta Chapter, Inc. The Gladys Catchings Award was established in memory of one of the 12 Jewels of the Sorority, Soror Gladys Catchings. In her later years, Soror Catchings resided in Chicago, Illinois, and she has special meaning to Alpha Eta Chapter. During this time Alpha Eta Chapter members were actively involved in assisting with her health and social needs. Soror Catching’s family contributed to Alpha Eta’s Emergency Scholarship Fund which was established in her name before and continued after her death.

**POLICY STATEMENT:**

The recipient of this award shall be a member who demonstrates love, extended support of the Chapter, and who has been a faithful worker for Alpha Eta Chapter. They should not presently be an elected officer when nominated.

**CRITERIA:**

Candidates must:

1. Be an active member for a minimum of 2 consecutive years since their induction.
2. Have attended 9 out 12 Chapter meetings and or 50% of meetings held within one calendar year.
3. Demonstrated leadership by having participated as a member of a chapter committee and has demonstrated willingness to serve when called upon above participation expected.
4. Exemplify a caring attitude and demonstrate positive communication skills.

**PROCEDURE:**

1. The Soror Gladys Catching Committee will be activated and send out nomination packets two months before Founders Day or as designated by the Basileus in collaboration with the committee.
2. The recipient of this award must be nominated by an active member.
3. Nominations are to be submitted to the most recent awardee of the Gladys Catchings award.
4. The date for presentation will be Founders Day Celebration unless otherwise designated by the Basileus in collaboration with the committee.
5. The nominee must meet the designated criteria listed above.
6. Nominations for the award will be accepted within sixty days after activation of the committee.
7. The committee will receive, review and evaluate the nominee submissions. The committee will then select an award recipient whom best meets the criteria listed above.
8. The Award, in the form of a plaque, will be presented at Founders Day Celebration or a date designated by the Basileus in collaboration with the Awards Committee.
9. The committee chairperson will provide the Chapter Historian (or designee) with the name of the award recipient to promote maintenance of an on-going record of the award recipients.