Alpha Epsilon Lambda Honor Society Description and Application Process

Description: Alpha Epsilon Lambda (AEL) is a national graduate student honor society (http://www.ael.gradschools.org/) that promotes ethics, intellectual achievement, and leadership among graduate and professional students. Student nominees should be in the top 10% of their department or program, hold a GPA greater than 3.8, and have demonstrated excellence in leadership and service to the VCU and Richmond community.

Application Process
1. Each M.S. program can nominate one student and each Ph.D. program can nominate one student. Interested students should contact their program.
2. Eligible students should be in the top 10% of their department or program, hold a GPA greater than 3.8, and have demonstrated excellence in leadership and service to the VCU and Richmond community.
3. Program directors can nominate students that meet <u>all</u> eligibility criteria to the Associate Dean for Graduate Education (ADGE) by sending <u>a single e-mail</u> that contains all of the following for all nominees:
    a. V number
    b. first name
    c. last name
    d. degree level and program
    e. e-mail address
    f. a single one-page letter of support from the program director, advisor or department chair
4. Nominations from programs are due to the ADGE by **November 1st**.
5. The SOM's Graduate Education Executive Committee will review nominations considering the award's eligibility criteria.
6. Based on the Committee's recommendations, the ADGE will select nominees and forward them to the Graduate School by their deadline in mid-November.
7. The Graduate School selects inductees.
8. The SOM will pay for required membership fees for Alpha Epsilon Lambda Honor Society inductees.
9. Alpha Epsilon Lambda Honor Society inductees and nominees may be eligible for SOM discretionary awards later in the academic year (historically $250 and $100, for Ph.D. and M.S. nominees, respectively).
10. Students can be nominated multiple times, but can be inducted only one time.

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