



Award Categories:

Overall Programs/Large Club (alumni population of 1,501 or more)

Overall Programs/Small Club (alumni population of 1,500 or less)

New/Reorganized Club

Individual Club Program (service to university or community or unique programs or events)

Volunteer of the Year (individual recognized for outstanding service through his/her club)

Contact the UIAA with questions regarding eligibility for these categories

RULES OF SUBMISSION:

- o Programs sponsored between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016 are eligible for awards.
- o Mark only one category on each nomination form. Forms may be copied for multiple entries.
- o Clubs may submit more than one nomination for the Individual Club Program category.
- o Nominations **MUST** include this form and a brief description of the club's qualifications, specifically addressing required criteria.
- o Multiple nominations may be submitted in one envelope.
- o Nominations will be reviewed by the IOWA Club Award Selection Committee.
- o All clubs will receive the selection results by Monday, October 3, 2016.
- o **Nomination deadline is Friday, September 2, 2016.**

2015-16 IOWA Club Awards Nomination Form

Award Category (please check one) Overall Programs/Large Club
 Overall Programs/Small Club
 New/Reorganized Club
 Individual Club Program
 Volunteer of the Year

Club Name Houston Iowa Club

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Nomination completed by (if different than club leader) _____

Nomination deadline is Friday, September 2, 2016.

Send your form along with description to: UI Alumni Association, IOWA Club Awards, P. O. Box 1970, Iowa City, IA 52244-1970.

Forms also available on the IOWA Club website at <http://www.iowalum.com/clubs/leaderforms/NominationForm2016.pdf>

August 27, 2016

University of Iowa Awards

Houston Iowa Club

The Houston Iowa Club has made great strides in the past year. The club has chosen to take our level from a C club to a B club within the framework of the Iowa Recognized Iowa Club qualifications. Before this decision, the board of directors mainly functioned with Nancy, Gene Gealow and Mark Leiserowitz. The group was very happy to exist very minimally.

Last fall, there was a lot of volunteer interest and growth in the board was expressed. We expanded our board to include a communications chair, t-shirt chair, and 2 at large members. We completed our paperwork and required information to become a B Club and began to sell t-shirts.

Our participation in game watches has become phenomenal. We are partners with Buffalo Wild Wings and they offer a program where they give us a monetary reward for our receipts during certain quarters of the year. We are able to offer a scholarship to a student from the Houston area for the first time!

In addition to offering a scholarship, we participated in a mailing to the Houston area students attending the University of Iowa. We have plans to expand this by doing a student send off next July.

We also hope to do a scholarship fund raising banquet early in 2017. We are receiving advice and the support of Bo Porter, one of our very successful alumni. He has offered to be a keynote speaker for our event. We are still in the planning stages as Bo has his own foundation and we are hosting the Super Bowl in Houston in February. His MLB baseball schedule also is a consideration. We still are planning and may have to do it the next year if schedules are not compatible. Drew Tate, another alumni has offered support in any capacity with this event and any others as well. Brett Dolan, another alumni will also do whatever he can to support our club.

We hosted Annabell Vinson and others from U of I in April to talk about ASIST and supporting our students from the area. We had more participation than we have ever had for this program. We have staffed our first 4 college fairs in October already.

We have 2 venues that we are using for our game watches as we have gotten so large for our prime time games. Larger games and prime time will be at the Houston Texan Grille and smaller games at BWW. The overflow game attendance will be accommodated at BWW on all games. The manager of BWW has become an Iowa fan and is attending the Houston Grille for our larger games with us! The cooperation between this venture has been incredible.

We have purchased a wireless sound system to use at our games to play Iowa songs and to use for announcements and for any events that we may have. We are trying to give our members the best "out of Iowa" game time experience we can!

We have hosted a monthly get together for our group each month. It is mostly a dinner where we all meet and keep in touch. This has been a wonderful addition to our club. Instead of just meeting for games, we meet all year round. The friendships and comraderies are so important. I have seen this grow and grow.

We have participated in a Corn Drive for any corn products during the month of October for our philanthropic event. Due to massive flooding in April and May the past two years we had to change our month. We donated to the Houston Food Bank. We are working on an event for this April that I am very excited about. It has to do with the Ronald McDonald House. We are in talks about that currently.

We have added a communication position. Kristy Olin, is heading up the Facebook and Twitter accounts. She is very current and mindful of the positive of impact we must make out there in social media.


T-shirts are being head up by Tara Moore. I am helping with that now as she is taking a short leave of absence due to a job change. Our sales are great and add to our scholarship fund.

Mark Leiserowitz takes care of the treasury. He was instrumental in getting our club the Class B level.

We have added Angelica Hernandez and Michele Blythe in at large positions to support the club.

I feel that in the 23 years I have worked for the University of Iowa for the Houston Iowa Club that we are making great strides and have more interest than ever before and in different areas besides sports. I am so proud of our group and the friendships that we have made and are making. Please consider the Houston Iowa Club for the small club program award. We are "heating it up" in Houston.

Respectfully submitted,


Nancy J. Gealow

President- Houston Iowa Club

**Houston Iowa Club
Participation Numbers**

August 7, 2015	Happy Hour BWW	10
September 5, 2015	Southern Illinois FB BWW	62
September 12, 2015	ISU FB BWW	95
September 19, 2015	Pittsburg FB BWW	74
September 26, 2015	UNT FB BWW	63
October 3, 2015	Wisconsin FB BWW	76
October 10, 2015	Illinois FB BWW	59
October 17, 2015	NW FB BWW	66
October 31, 2015	Maryland FB BWW	62
November 7, 2015	Indiana FB BWW	67
November 14, 2015	Minnesota FB BWW	63
November 21, 2015	Purdue FB BWW	70
November 27, 2015	Nebraska FB BWW	52
December 5, 2015	Championship Game FB BWW	118
January 1, 2016	Rose Bowl FB BWW	75

Basketball Game Watches

January 24, 2016	Purdue BB BWW	8
January 31, 2016	NW BB BWW	10
February 7, 2016	Illinois BB BWW	12
March 5, 2016	Michigan	10
March 18, 2016	Temple	10
March 20, 2016	Villanova	10

Summer Get Togethers

June 28, 2016	Canyon Creek – Steak Night	13
July 26, 2016	Tia Maria Mexican	10
August 31, 2016	Mucky Duck	TBA