



Press Release

Dr. Jack W. Thornton Outstanding Chapter Advisor Award

On Saturday, May 20th, 2017 the National Council of Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity unanimously passed a motion to formally name the Outstanding Chapter Advisor Award as the Dr. Jack W. Thornton Outstanding Chapter Advisor Award. Originally created in 2001, nominations for this award are submitted by Phi Sigma Pi Members to recognize excellence in Chapter advising.

Dr. Jack W. Thornton received his Bachelor of Arts from Blackburn College in Carlinville, Illinois in 1960 and his PhD in Resource Economics in 1968 from University of Missouri. Dr. Thornton joined the faculty of East Carolina University in 1965. He was inducted as an Honorary Brother in the winter of 1977 and was named Tau Chapter Faculty Advisor in the spring of 1977. He would continue to serve in that role for twenty-one years until his retirement from East Carolina University in 1998. During this same period he was elected and served as Phi Sigma Pi's National Historian (1977-1978), National Vice President (1978-1980) and two terms as Phi Sigma Pi's National President (1980-1982, 1986-1988). He was awarded a Tau Chapter Service Key in 1998 and a Distinguished Service Key in 2008. Dr. Thornton passed away peacefully on May 5, 2017. He was a beloved advisor, mentor and Alumnus of the Tau Chapter and his dedication to the Chapter and national organization was profound and inspiring.



Dr. Jack W. Thornton receiving the Distinguished Service Key at the 2008 National Convention.