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**Lehigh University Receives Outstanding Change Initiative Award  
from the Association of Fraternity Advisors**

During the 2007 Association of Fraternity Advisors Annual Meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio, Lehigh University received the Outstanding Change Initiative Award.

Established in 1996, this award is presented to institutions of higher education that have made tremendous progress and improvement in their fraternity/sorority community within the past year. The award recognizes major initiatives or long term plans that have led to positive changes within the fraternity and sorority community and measured improvements, results and positive outcomes in all or some of the following areas: scholarship, educational programs, leadership development, risk management, retention and membership recruitment.

Lehigh University recently established a task force to develop a plan to strengthen the 125 year-old fraternity/sorority community. The University President and Board of Trustees appointed fourteen staff, faculty, students, and alumni to serve on this task force. They developed ten areas of recommendation, including housing, chapter oversight, and chapter accreditation.

Accomplishments to date include a new member program, significant changes in the housing program, renewed involvement of alumni, changes in recruitment, and diversity and inclusion initiatives. The successes of the program are a work in progress. Future goals include a new member certification, peer alcohol training, perceptions assessment, expansion of multi-cultural chapters, and a continued emphasis on chapter academic programming.

The Association of Fraternity Advisors is a multifaceted professional organization providing resources, recognition, and support for over 1,600 fraternity/sorority professionals and volunteers throughout the United States and Canada. Approximately 1,000 people attended the 2007 AFA Annual Meeting. For more information about AFA, please visit [www.fraternityadvisors.org](http://www.fraternityadvisors.org).

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