Best of SFA Awards honor students for leadership, scholarship

The Best of SFA Awards annually recognize students who excel in the areas of scholarship; participation and leadership in academic and co-curricular activities; and service and loyalty to the University.

These exemplary students are honored during the Lumberjack Achievement Awards Banquet each spring semester and represent SFA throughout the following academic year.

Inaugural winners in 2022 were Kelly Follie, Samuel Hackett, Connor Temple and Chinye Nwaobi.

To be eligible for the award, students must: have completed 90 earned credit hours by the end of the previous fall semester At least 48 of those hours must have been completed at SFA; have a minimum 2.5 cumulative grade-point average; be within 12 months of graduating from SFA; be enrolled for the current spring semester; and not have received a similar award from SFA or any other college or university.

Applicants must complete the online application accessible via the Campus Life tab on mySFA and submit two letters of support (one must be from a faculty or staff member at SFA). Students must be able to represent SFA well during the following academic year.

Winners are selected based on an in-person interview, scholarship, participation, and leadership in academic and co-curricular activities; service and loyalty to the university; and ability to represent SFA well during the following academic year.

For more information, visit sfasu.edu/student-life/student-engagement/leadership-service.

Kelly Follie

Samuel Hackett

Connor Temple

Chinye Nwaobi

Dr. Brandon Frye, SFA vice president of student affairs, right, poses with The Best of SFA Award winner Chinye Nwaobi during the 2022 Lumberjack Achievement Awards ceremony in the Grand Ballroom. Four students received The Best of SFA Awards, which recognize students who excel in the areas of scholarship; participation and leadership in academic and co-curricular activities; and service and loyalty to SFA.

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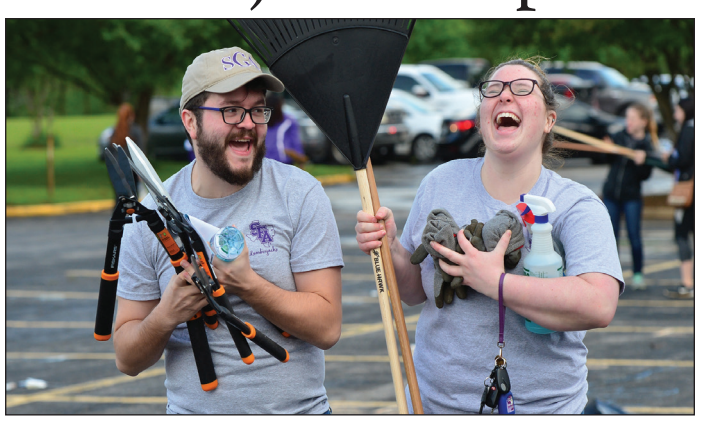
Lumberjacks help community



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Lumberjacks prepare to take part in The Big Event, an annual SFA day of service designed to show appreciation to the community.

The leadership and service opportunities offered through SFA's Office of Student Engagement allow Lumberjacks to help the local community and lay the foundation for a lifetime of contributions to the greater good.

SFA students raise more than $20,000 annually for the Children's Miracle Network through SFA Dance Marathon, and hundreds of Lumberjacks perform service projects across Nacogdoches County during The BIG Event each spring.

Small teams of students fan out across Nacogdoches County to complete projects for local residents and tell them "thank you." Projects include painting, yardwork, cleaning, trash collecting, window washing, and more. Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Honor Society recognizes top SFA student leaders from across campus. New ODK members are inducted each spring and enjoy scholarship opportunities, leadership development programs, career resources and access to a national network of like-minded students working to make a difference in their communities.

All student leaders are celebrated at the annual Lumberjack Achievement Awards, which include Top 23 Freshmen, Student Leader of the Year and Student Organization of the Year honors.

Get connected to campus, peers

Students who are connected and engaged within their institutions do better academically, feel a stronger connection to their school and peers, are more likely to persist to graduation, and develop key skills that make them more employable after college. SFA offers countless ways for Lumberjacks to get involved, starting the day they arrive on campus. Opportunities include Jack Camp, Fraternity and Sorority Life, Student Activities Association and more than 200 registered student organizations. (If we don't have the club you're looking for, you and a few friends can start your own!)

Visit the Involvement Center on the third floor of the Baker Pattillo Student Center, check out one of our involvement fairs or email getinvolved@sfasu.edu to schedule a meeting with one of our SFA involvement experts. We can help you connect with a student organization or find other engagement opportunities to help you get the most out of your Lumberjack experience.

Student Engagement is committed to providing support for students with disabilities. If you are a student who needs accommodation to attend or participate in one of our events or student organizations, you are encouraged to stop by Room 325 in the Human Services Building to make your request.

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Members of Student Activity Association take part in SAAChella, a music event organized by the group in spring 2022 .

The Handle is SFA's virtual student engagement platform, helping you make the most out of your college experience.

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SFA Career Fairs Fall 2022

Part-Time Job, Volunteer and Internship Fair: Aug. 31

Accounting Career Fair: Sept. 14

Construction Management and Interior Design Career Fair: Sept. 22

All Majors Career and Internship Fair: Oct. 12

Teacher Career Fair: Nov. 4

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