

The Rollins Society

The MU Graduate & Professional Honorary

Established in 1994 by the Graduate Professional Council (GPC), the Rollins Society recognizes graduate and professional students who have significantly advanced the well-being of self-defined communities beyond the scope of their academic work. GPC named this honorary after James S. Rollins, the former Missouri Senator, celebrated as the “Father of the University.” Throughout his career, Mr. Rollins advanced the welfare of the University of Missouri through generous financial contributions and numerous legislative efforts, most notably his sponsorship of the bill that established the Columbia campus as the official university of the state. During Mizzou Tap Day, the Rollins Society will continue its tradition of honoring Mr. Rollins’ memory by inducting a select group of graduate and professional students who follow his example of dedication to public service and whose record of service affirms the importance of the Society’s watchwords Officium (Duty), Fides (Faithfulness), and Ductus (Leadership).

Selections will be based primarily upon the quality of a nominee’s service and not the nominee’s number of contributions made or communities served.

Mizzou Tap Day, Friday – April 17th, 2020:

Every spring, for more than sixty years, Mizzou has sponsored a Tap Day ceremony to recognize new initiates of several campus organizations. Membership of these groups is open to upper-class and graduate students regardless of their academic school or college. Tap Day, named because of the “tapping” of new members, is held in Jesse Auditorium. Tap Day recognizes the exemplary performance of students in the academic and non-academic arena. Students are selected based on their academic, leadership, and/or service achievements. Each honorary group also “honor taps” a faculty, staff, or community member whom they feel has significantly contributed to the educational experience of students at the University of Missouri. Like all traditions, certain aspects of the ceremony have remained constant throughout the history of Tap Day. The identity of the initiates is held secret. As the new initiates’ names are announced, a current member or designee “taps” the initiate. The ceremony officially closes with the singing of the Alma Mater, “Old Missouri.”

Criteria for Nomination:

- Must be enrolled at the University of Missouri-Columbia as a graduate or professional student
- Must be in good standing (as defined by each department/college/school)
- Must be nominated by another person associated with Mizzou or Rollins Society

Incomplete nominations will not be accepted; all required materials must be received on or before the deadline.

Submission Requirements:

PLEASE COMBINE THE BELOW ITEMS INTO ONE DOCUMENT, AND SAVE AS A PDF WITH THE FOLLOWING FILE NAME: Last Name_First Name_RollinsApplication2020

1. Completed nomination form, signed by chief nominator
2. Nominee’s resume, curriculum vita, or alternate activities form
3. One nominating letter (2-page maximum) from the chief nominator acquainted with the nominee’s record of service to their self-defined community
4. Three, one-page recommendation letters from others acquainted with the nominee’s service record

Required materials MUST be submitted electronically to the Rollins Society Selection Committee at rollinsociety@missouri.edu

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS 5:00 PM ON Thursday, February 20, 2020

Rollins Society Nomination Form

Section 1: Nominee Information

Name:

Last

First

Middle

Student Number:

Department or College:

Local Address:

Campus Address:

Hometown Name and State:

Campus Phone:

Home Phone:

Campus Email:

Areas, Groups, or Defined Communities which nominee has served:

Brief List of nominee's contributions toward advancing the community's purpose (include length of service):

Section II: Nominating Letter

Please attach a nominating letter not to exceed two written pages in length. The letter should include the following:

- An explanation of the relationship between nominator and nominee.
- Full name (and abbreviation or nickname) of defined community and an explanation of its purpose.
- Personal observations concerning the nominee's contributions.

Section III: Nominator Information

Name:

Occupation:

Address:

Campus Email:

Phone Number:

Signature:

Date: