

Press Release

Matthew Sheppard Recognized with 2022 Mizzou G.O.L.D. Award

Mizzou Alumni Association – Northeast Florida Chapter

Jacksonville, FL, July 21, 2022: The Northeast Florida Chapter of the Mizzou Alumni Association has received formal notification that Matthew Sheppard, a member of the Chapter's Executive Committee has been recognized as the 2022 Mizzou G.O.L.D. award for out-of-state alumni.

In 1996, the Mizzou Alumni Association created the Volunteer Leader Awards. These awards honor alumni who exemplify leadership and service to the University through their volunteer work with the MAA. The Mizzou G.O.L.D. Award is for graduates of the last ten years who have donated laudable time and talents on behalf of Mizzou. Two awards are presented one for Missouri residents, and one for volunteers outside the state.

In submitting his nomination for the Award, the NEFL Executive Committee acknowledged that Matt has displayed the same passion he acquired and cultivated as a student to support and grow the Mizzou family here in Northeast Florida. Matt's contributions are completely selfless. His dedication is not out of obligation, a feeling of indebtedness, or any other motivation other than the pure joy he receives from being a "True Son".

While serving as Chairman of the Events & Activities Committee, Matt's many contributions include: managing the Chapter's community service projects including the sponsorship of the annual One Spark event in downtown Jacksonville, co-hosting the SEC Women's Basketball Tournament in held in Jacksonville, organizing weekly football watch parties, managing an annual Mizzou Night with the Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp minor league baseball team, orchestrating multiple Freshman Send-offs for the Chapter's scholarship recipients and he has hosted the Alternative Spring Break students working in Jacksonville. Through Matt's tireless efforts, the Northeast Florida Chapter is now one of only seven out-of-state Chapter's funded to award an Endowed Scholarship to a deserving local northeast Florida student attending the University of Missouri.

Matthew Sheppard will be recognized during the MAA's annual Leadership Conference banquet on Friday, September 16, 2022, in the Reynolds Alumni Center on the campus of the University of Missouri.

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