

# SGA Banquet 2026

Student Government Association Senate  
University of Arkansas at Little Rock

Date: February 20th, 2025

**Bill Title and Number:** SGA Banquet Bill

**Introduced By:** Special Events Committee-Primary Author: Jacey Hale

**Senate Bill Certified By:**

*Lindsey Koch*

**SGA Vice President**

**Senate Action Taken (Circle/Highlight):** **PASS** FAIL

**For SGA President Use Only (Circle/Highlight)**

**APPROVE**

VETO

*Ainsley Kendall*

**SGA President**

**WHEREAS**, the Student Government Association Special Events Committee would like to host a Senate banquet for all SGA members; and

**WHEREAS**, this event is intended to recognize and celebrate the hard work, dedication, and contributions of SGA members throughout the academic year, as well as highlight individual achievements within the Senate; and

**WHEREAS**, there is currently no formal event dedicated to honoring the efforts and accomplishments of SGA members in a unified and celebratory setting;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that each Senate member shall have the opportunity to be recognized through either one of six glass awards or one of ten certificates, as outlined in the table below; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Student Government Association Special Events Committee proposes to host the Senate Banquet on April 23rd at 5:00 PM in the Alumni Building; all materials required for this event must be ordered by April 3rd and received no later than April 20th to ensure proper planning and execution; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the special events committee proposes funding for this event as \$2,638.73, with \$270 dollars additionally for assumed taxes; and the cost breakdown for the materials is as follows:

**Room Reservation: (\$0)**

- Event will be held in the UALR Alumni Center

**Food Cost (\$1,589.27)**

- [Sodexo Junior Executive Buffet for 70 people](#) (\$1,259.30)
  - Classic Turkey Slider
  - Tandoori, Cauliflower and Pepper Wrap
  - Grilled Chicken and Gruyere Slider
  - Garden Salad
    - Ranch/Golden Italian
  - Chocolate Brownie/Sugar Cookies
  - Brewed Iced Tea
  - Lemonade
- 3 gallons of water with oranges and lemons and limes (\$29.97)
- 3 Sodexo service staff members for 2 hours (\$300)

**Decorations (\$546)**

- [Six Ivory Table Cloths](#) (\$79.99)
  - Color: Ivory
  - Size: 132" (6 Pack)
  - x1
- [3 packs of 3 Table Runners](#) (\$47.97)
  - Color: Dusty Blue x1
  - Color: Deep Pink x1
  - Color: Sage Green x1
- [1 pack of 8 Floral Center Piece](#) (\$26.99)
  - Lavender Rose Hydrangea
  - x1
- [9 LED Candles](#) (\$29.99)
  - Size: 3"D X 4"|5"|6"H - 9 Pack

- x1
- [24 pc Grass Panel](#) (\$46.99)
  - Size: 10"X10" 24P
  - x1
- [One 10x7FT photo background stand](#) (\$33.99)
  - Size: 10ft wide 7ft high
  - x1
- [24 pc Wisteria Flowers](#) (\$150.00)
  - Flowers in white (4 pack)
  - x6
- [Two arches](#) (\$54.00)
  - Color: Black+Standard Tube
  - x2
- [48 tea lights](#) (\$24.00)
  - Color: Warm White Glow – White Body
  - x2
- [One drape](#) (\$12.00)
  - In Burgundy red
- [Two long tablecloths](#) (\$22.00)
  - Color: Ivory
- [One 8pc floral garland](#) (\$18.00)
  - Spring-pink-8pcs

**Miscellaneous (6 awards)**

- [6 Elegant Faceted Edge Octagon Crystal Awards](#): \$503.46

Glass Awards (six)	Criteria	Rating
Commitment to Service Award	This award will go to the SGA member with the highest amount of service hours for the year.	
	Hours must be confirmed by Vice President-Lindsey Koch; submitted by April 7th at 5:00 PM	
Presidential Award of Excellence	This award will be decided by the President to highlight a member who has stood out and been an excellent representative of SGA and its values.	
	Can go to any member of the Student Government (Proxy, Associate justices, Senate)	

Legacy of Leadership Award	Must be awarded to a graduating senator	
	Must have shown visible participation in senate activities and meetings and continues to show promise in future endeavors, leaving a legacy for SGA to remember	
Trojan Impact Award	Highlights a member who has shown dedication to the campus through service, impact and overall heart for the UA Little Rock campus and its students	
Scholarly Trailblazer Award	This award highlights a member who is committed to SGA and Advocacy, but also making a difference in Academic Excellence. This could be in the form of research, academic awards/ honors, recommendations from Faculty, etc.	
Dean's Award of Leadership	Goes to an executive who has shown dedication and leadership. Will be decided by Dean Harper	

These rubrics have been created by Jacey Hale and evaluated by President Ainsley Kendall.

Ten Certificates	Criteria/ Expectation
Signature Style Award	This member has shown great effort in maintaining professional attire throughout the year with their own personal flare.
Rising Star	This member is a rising freshman senator who shows great promise as they further their career in SGA, and has shown a dedication to their position as well as the desire to work
The "Good Point" Award	This member contributed to senate functions through constructive feedback, intellectual debate, and informational conversations
Senate Jester	This member brought a light and positive joking attitude to each senate meeting while remaining professional

Best Bill	This member wrote and passed a highly beneficial bill that created lasting impact within the senate
Retreat Stars	These members won the bill writing contest at the SGA retreat through hard work and collaboration
Behind the Scenes	This member went above and beyond by helping the senate function behind the scenes through outside-office-hours work, in addition they showed great dedication to their job during off hours
Workhorse	This member showed dedication to the senate through hard work in the bill writing and passing process, senate debate, and event participation
Justice Award	This member went above and beyond in performance in the student courts and as an associate justice
Perfect Attendance	This senate member attended every meeting without need for a proxy or virtual option

The six glass awards, excluding the Presidential Award of Excellence and the Dean's Award of Leadership, will be decided by the Executive Board;

- Ainsley Kendall- President
- Lindsey Koch - Vice President
- Xavier Parker - Chief of Staff
- Gabriel Wilmoth - Chief Justice
- Ella Campbell - Secretary
- Carlee Felty - Communications Director
- Braden Carr - Legislative Affairs Officer

The ten certificates will be decided by a group of SGA Representatives - volunteer based only (in the case of a lack of volunteers, the obligation will be transferred to the Executive Board with the assistance from any SGA member volunteers).

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** The Student Government Association at UA Little Rock will allocate \$2,908.73 total to purchase the materials needed for the hosting of an SGA Banquet.