



The Magis Medal was founded as part of the Centennial celebration of Alpha Sigma Nu in 2015. To honor the 100th anniversary of the Society, 100 members were awarded the Magis Medal. The original 100 Magis Medal winners embodied their Jesuit roots in their daily work in varied ways. Many started or contributed significantly to non-profit organizations, some with Jesuit connections, which directly addressed social justice issues. Others advocated for social justice through their professional work, such as attorneys making pro bono work a priority. Winners focused their work on social justice issues from the environment to disaster relief to refugee aid programs. Through this annual award, Alpha Sigma Nu hopes to highlight the great work being done by fellow members living their pledge out in the world after graduation and inspire new members to carry that flame with them as they begin their careers.

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Jerome Bongiorno & Marylou Tibaldo-Bongiorno (NYU Graduate Film) are a husband/wife team of Emmy-nominated, award-winning filmmakers who focus their lens on social justice issues. Their critically-acclaimed 3Rs Documentary Trilogy on urban America does just that, examining the microcosm of their home city of Newark, NJ. *Revolution '67*, broadcast nationally on PBS and STARZ, depicts factors that precipitated the 1967 Newark Riots, the explosive urban rebellion caused by similar factors that sparked "race riots" across America. *The Rule*, currently on national PBS, is about Newark Abbey and St. Benedict's Prep, and the Benedictine monks' amazing success with the most vulnerable population: inner city African American and Latino teenage males. The film details how their "recipe for success" follows the 6th century rule of Saint Benedict and how this rule can serve as a model for cities nationwide. Upcoming is *Rust*, presenting solutions to reduce inner city poverty. The Bongornos are also developing the fiction films based on this Trilogy, are in production on their *End Dependence* documentary that follows the construction of a zero energy home prototype for sustainable living, and are completing a series of city symphony films in 3D for museum exhibitions.

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