



Date February 23, 2026

**INITIAL CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR HONORARY NAMING OF 34<sup>th</sup> STREET BETWEEN UNIVERSITY AVENUE AND FOREST AVENUE AS “AGHA STREET”**

**WHEREAS**, a petition has been received from Kalsoom Asif, on behalf of members of the Drake University community, Greek Street organizations, alumni, residents, and others in support, requesting that the City street located at 34<sup>th</sup> Street between University Avenue and Forest Avenue be named “Agha Street” in honor of Agha Noor Ahmed Khan, the former President of Phi Gamma Delta (“Fiji”) fraternity at Drake University who made meaningful contributions to student safety, community cohesion, and civic responsibility within the Greek Street corridor and the broader Drake University community; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Council policy adopted on May 4, 2009, the city Council of the City of Des Moines shall receive and give initial consideration to such request.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that upon initial consideration of the aforementioned request to name the City street located at 34<sup>th</sup> Street between University Avenue and Forest Avenue be named “Agha Street” in honor of Agha Noor Ahmed Khan, the Council hereby **REFERS** such request to the Plan and Zoning Commission for further review in accordance with the Council policy.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that following review, the recommendation of the Plan and Zoning Commission shall be returned to Council for final consideration.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ to adopt.

Second by \_\_\_\_\_.

*/s/ Emily A. Duffy*

Emily A. Duffy  
Assistant City Attorney



**Roll Call Number**

**Agenda Item Number**

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**Date** ..... February 23, 2026 .....

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
BOESEN				
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MOTION CARRIED		APPROVED		
_____ Mayor				

**CERTIFICATE**

I, LAURA BAUMGARTNER, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

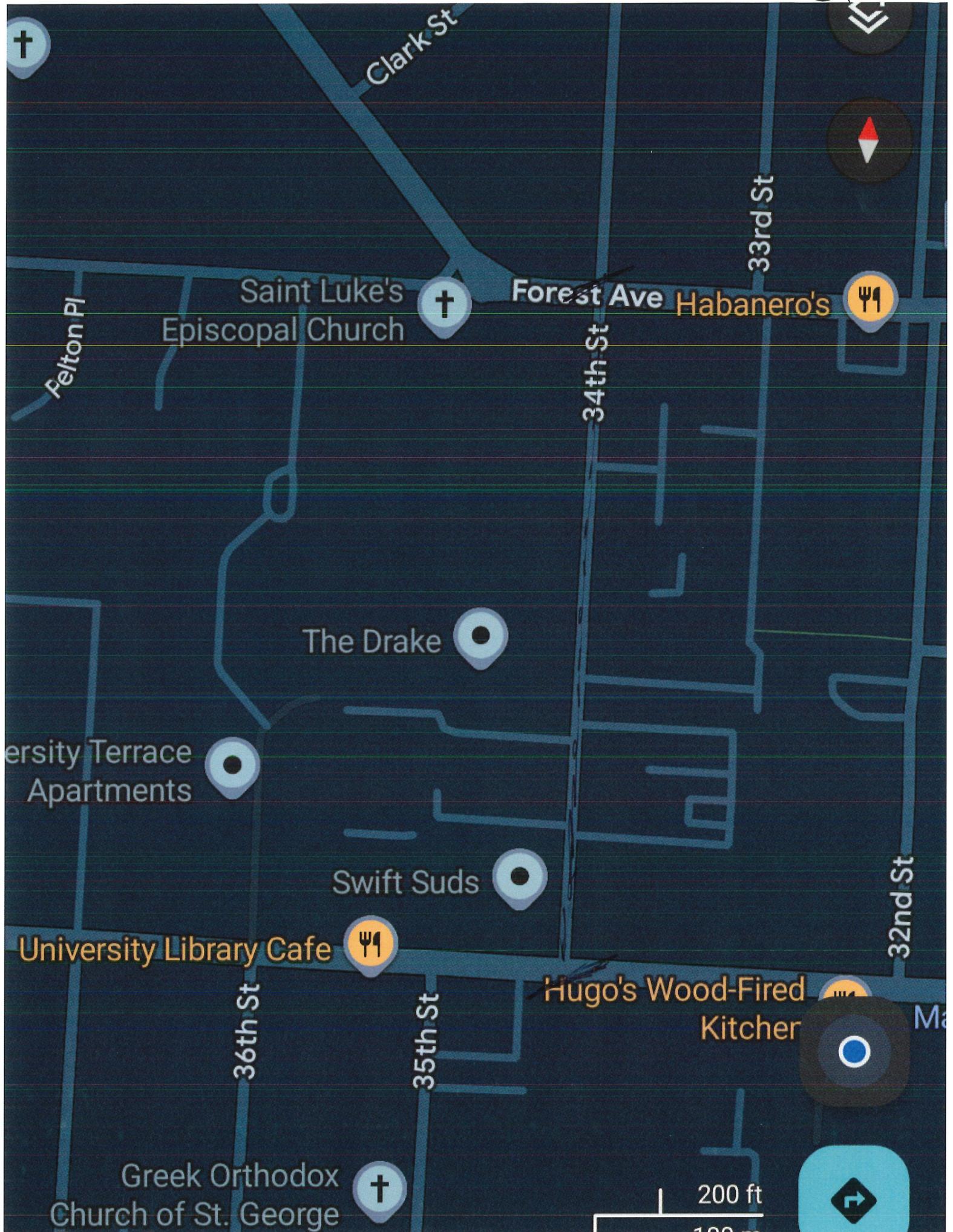
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

\_\_\_\_\_ City Clerk

# Petition for Honorary Street Naming Designation "Agha Street"

We, the undersigned members of the Drake University community, Greek Street organizations, alumni, and residents of Des Moines, respectfully support the request to designate a segment of 34th Street near Drake University as "Agha Street" in honor of Agha Noor Ahmed Khan for his leadership, community service, and positive impact on student life and neighborhood unity.

Name	Affiliation	City
Emily Carter	Drake University Student	Des Moines, IA
Jacob Hernandez	Phi Gamma Delta Member	Des Moines, IA
Sophia Lin	Drake Student Government	Des Moines, IA
Michael O'Connor	Drake Alumni	West Des Moines, IA
Aisha Rahman	Community Volunteer	Des Moines, IA
Daniel Brooks	Greek Life Leader	Des Moines, IA
Hannah Whitaker	Drake Neighborhood Resident	Des Moines, IA
Ryan Patel	Interfraternity Council Member	Des Moines, IA
Lauren Mitchell	Student Leader	Des Moines, IA
Noah Anderson	Drake Alumni	Urbandale, IA
Fatima Khan	Community Member	Des Moines, IA
Tyler Johnson	Greek Street Resident	Des Moines, IA
Isabella Martinez	Drake Student	Des Moines, IA
Christopher Lee	Volunteer Organizer	Des Moines, IA
Madison Clark	Neighborhood Association Supporter	Des Moines, IA
Ethan Walker	Student Mentor	Des Moines, IA
Nadia Hussain	Community Advocate	Des Moines, IA
Brandon Scott	Drake Alumni	Clive, IA
Olivia Turner	Student Ambassador	Des Moines, IA
Kevin Zhang	Drake Student	Des Moines, IA



Saint Luke's Episcopal Church

Forest Ave Habanero's

The Drake

University Terrace Apartments

Swift Suds

University Library Cafe

Hugo's Wood-Fired Kitcher

Greek Orthodox Church of St. George

200 ft  
100 m

Mayor and City Council  
c/o Office of the City Clerk  
City of Des Moines  
400 Robert D. Ray Drive  
Des Moines, IA 50309

Date: January 22, 2026

Subject: Formal Petition for Honorary Street Naming Designation – “Agha Street”

Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council,

On behalf of members of the Drake University community, Greek Street organizations, alumni, residents, and supporters of positive youth leadership in Des Moines, I respectfully submit this formal petition requesting the honorary naming of a segment of City street right-of-way on 34th Street in Des Moines.

The proposed honorary designation is:

“Agha Street”

The requested designation applies to the segment of 34th Street adjacent to Drake University, an area widely recognized as “Greek Street,” which serves as a central hub for student organizations, residential communities, and collaborative campus activities.

This request is made to honor Agha Noor Ahmed Khan, former President of the Phi Gamma Delta (Fiji) fraternity at Drake University, whose leadership and service have contributed meaningfully to student safety, community cohesion, and civic responsibility within the Greek Street corridor and the broader Drake University community.

I. Leadership and Institutional Impact

During his tenure as president of Phi Gamma Delta, Agha Noor Ahmed Khan demonstrated exceptional leadership in addressing longstanding challenges within fraternity culture. He played a significant role in discouraging hazing practices, strengthening accountability frameworks, and promoting ethical conduct within Greek life. Through policy reform, leadership training, and collaboration with student governance bodies, his efforts contributed to improved standards of conduct and a safer, more inclusive environment for students residing and participating in Greek Street communities.

He also led initiatives to increase student engagement and recruitment, foster inter-organizational cooperation among fraternities and sororities, and strengthen collaboration between Greek Street organizations and the Interfraternity Council. His leadership helped transform Greek Street from a collection of individual organizations into a more unified and cooperative student community.

II. Community, Philanthropic, and Humanitarian Contributions

Beyond organizational leadership, Agha Noor Ahmed Khan has demonstrated a sustained commitment to service and community engagement. He encouraged fraternity members to participate in volunteer initiatives, community outreach activities, and charitable programs benefiting students and local residents. Under his leadership, Greek Street organizations increased participation in service-oriented events, student mentorship, and philanthropic initiatives supporting education, social welfare, and

community well-being.

His approach to leadership emphasized social responsibility, ethical citizenship, and constructive engagement between students and the surrounding community, aligning with the City of Des Moines' broader goals of youth leadership development, neighborhood stability, and community partnership.

### III. Relevance of 34th Street and Public Benefit

34th Street holds particular relevance to this honor as the historic and functional center of Greek life at Drake University. Agha Noor Ahmed Khan's leadership was directly connected to this corridor, where he worked with student leaders, university stakeholders, and organizations to improve culture, safety, and collaboration. The honorary designation of "Agha Street" would serve not only as recognition of individual leadership but also as a symbol of the values of unity, service, accountability, and positive youth engagement within the Greek Street community.

The proposed designation would provide a lasting civic acknowledgment of constructive student leadership and reinforce the City's commitment to recognizing individuals who contribute positively to community culture and public safety.

### IV. Responsible Entity and Financial Commitment

This request is submitted by a responsible entity representing members of the Drake University and Greek Street community. The responsible entity fully understands and agrees to cover the costs associated with the fabrication and installation of honorary signage should the designation be approved. We also acknowledge the City's Right-of-Way Request Fee of \$100 required for processing the request if referred for further consideration by the Plan and Zoning Commission.

### V. Supporting Documentation and Community Endorsement

A map identifying the requested street segment is included with this petition to clarify the proposed signage location. Letters of support from Drake University students, Greek Street organizations, alumni, and community stakeholders can be provided to demonstrate broad-based community endorsement of this request. Additional documentation detailing leadership initiatives, service activities, and community engagement efforts is available upon request.

### Conclusion

Honoring Agha Noor Ahmed Khan through an honorary street designation would recognize meaningful contributions to student safety, community unity, and civic engagement along Greek Street and within the Drake University community. This designation would serve as a positive and enduring symbol of leadership, service, and collaboration between students and the City of Des Moines.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration of this petition. I would be pleased to provide any additional information, documentation, or testimony that may assist the City Council and Plan and Zoning Commission in their review.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Office of the City Clerk

Erik Lundy, Deputy Director, Neighborhood Services

Laura Baumgartner, City Clerk

Letter of Support – Drake University Student Leadership

January 22, 2026

Mayor and City Council  
c/o Office of the City Clerk  
City of Des Moines  
400 Robert D. Ray Drive  
Des Moines, IA 50309

Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council,

I am writing to express my strong support for the request to designate an honorary street name, “Agha Street,” for a segment of 34th Street near Drake University.

My name is Michael R. Thompson, and I currently serve as a Student Senator and Vice Chair of the Drake University Student Senate. I had the opportunity to work closely with Agha Noor Ahmed Khan during his tenure as President of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, and I witnessed firsthand the positive impact of his leadership on the Drake University community.

Agha Noor Ahmed Khan demonstrated exceptional commitment to student safety, ethical leadership, and unity among student organizations. His efforts to discourage hazing, promote accountability, and foster collaboration across Greek Street significantly improved the culture and environment of 34th Street. His leadership strengthened relationships among fraternities, sororities, and student leaders, creating a safer and more inclusive community.

In addition, Agha Noor Ahmed Khan encouraged student involvement in service initiatives and community engagement projects. His leadership inspired students to participate in volunteerism and constructive dialogue, contributing to a more connected and responsible student community.

Honoring Agha Noor Ahmed Khan with an honorary street designation would recognize meaningful student leadership and serve as a lasting symbol of positive youth engagement and community values within Des Moines.

Respectfully,

Michael R. Thompson  
Student Senator and Vice Chair, Drake University Student Senate  
Drake University  
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Letter of Support – Greek Street Organizations and Alumni

January 22, 2026

Mayor and City Council  
c/o Office of the City Clerk  
City of Des Moines  
400 Robert D. Ray Drive  
Des Moines, IA 50309

Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council,

I am writing to formally support the proposed honorary designation of “Agha Street” on 34th Street near Drake University.

My name is Daniel J. Carter, and I am an alumnus of Drake University and a former member of the Interfraternity Council. During Agha Noor Ahmed Khan’s tenure as President of Phi Gamma Delta, I observed his leadership and his role in fostering cooperation among fraternities and sororities on Greek Street.

Agha Noor Ahmed Khan’s efforts strengthened relationships between Greek organizations, encouraged responsible conduct, and promoted a culture of respect and accountability. He worked closely with the Interfraternity Council and student leaders to promote unity and constructive engagement across Greek Street, helping create a more collaborative and positive environment for students and residents alike.

Recognizing his contributions through an honorary street designation would honor not only his leadership but also the broader values of service, responsibility, and unity within the Drake University Greek community.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Carter  
Drake University Alumni and Former IFC Representative  
Des Moines, Iowa  
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Letter of Support – Community and Civic Perspective

January 22, 2026

Mayor and City Council  
c/o Office of the City Clerk  
City of Des Moines  
400 Robert D. Ray Drive  
Des Moines, IA 50309

Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council,

I am pleased to offer my support for the honorary naming of a segment of 34th Street as “Agha Street” in recognition of Agha Noor Ahmed Khan’s contributions to the Drake University and Greek Street community.

My name is Laura M. Reynolds, and I am a resident of the Drake neighborhood and a member of the Drake Neighborhood Association. From a community perspective, Agha Noor Ahmed Khan exemplified positive youth leadership and civic responsibility. His initiatives encouraged student engagement, volunteerism, and constructive interaction between students and the surrounding neighborhood.

Through his leadership, Agha Noor Ahmed Khan helped strengthen relationships between student organizations and the broader community of Des Moines. His efforts contributed to a safer, more respectful, and collaborative environment along 34th Street and within the Drake neighborhood.

Honoring individuals who promote safety, unity, and service among young people aligns with the City of Des Moines’ commitment to community development and youth leadership. An honorary street designation would serve as a meaningful acknowledgment of these contributions and inspire future generations of student leaders.

Respectfully,

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Des Moines, Iowa  
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Official Biography

Agha Noor Ahmed Khan

Agha Noor Ahmed Khan is a student leader, community advocate, and former President of the Phi Gamma Delta (Fiji) fraternity at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. He is widely recognized for his leadership in strengthening student safety, fostering unity across Greek Street, and promoting ethical, inclusive, and service-oriented campus culture.

During his tenure as President of Phi Gamma Delta, Agha Noor Ahmed Khan played a central role in addressing and discouraging hazing practices, strengthening accountability within fraternity operations, and promoting responsible leadership among students. Under his leadership, the fraternity emphasized transparency, mentorship, and adherence to institutional standards, contributing to a safer and more respectful environment for students living and participating in Greek life along 34th Street.

Agha Noor Ahmed Khan also led initiatives that strengthened collaboration among fraternities and sororities and enhanced coordination with the Interfraternity Council. He worked to bridge divisions among student organizations, encouraging dialogue, cooperation, and shared leadership across Greek Street. His efforts helped transform Greek Street into a more unified and collaborative student community, benefiting both students and the surrounding neighborhood.

Beyond organizational leadership, Agha Noor Ahmed Khan demonstrated a strong commitment to service, philanthropy, and community engagement. He encouraged fraternity members and student leaders to participate in charitable initiatives, volunteer programs, and community outreach activities. Through these efforts, students were motivated to contribute positively to the Drake neighborhood and the broader Des Moines community, reinforcing values of civic responsibility and social impact.

Agha Noor Ahmed Khan's leadership extended beyond his own organization. He served as a connector between student groups, university stakeholders, and community members, advocating for responsible student leadership and constructive engagement between campus life and the surrounding community. His work reflected a commitment to youth leadership development, ethical citizenship, and community partnership.

34th Street, commonly known as "Greek Street," holds particular significance in Agha Noor Ahmed Khan's leadership legacy. It was along this corridor that his impact was most visible, where he worked to improve the culture, safety, and unity of student organizations. His contributions helped shape a more respectful and cohesive Greek Street environment, leaving a lasting positive influence on Drake University's student community.

Today, Agha Noor Ahmed Khan is recognized as a leader who exemplified integrity, collaboration, and service. His contributions to student leadership and community engagement continue to inspire members of the Drake University community and reflect the values of unity, responsibility, and positive civic involvement within Des Moines.