

Valparaiso University Fraternity & Sorority Life 2014-2015 Annual Report



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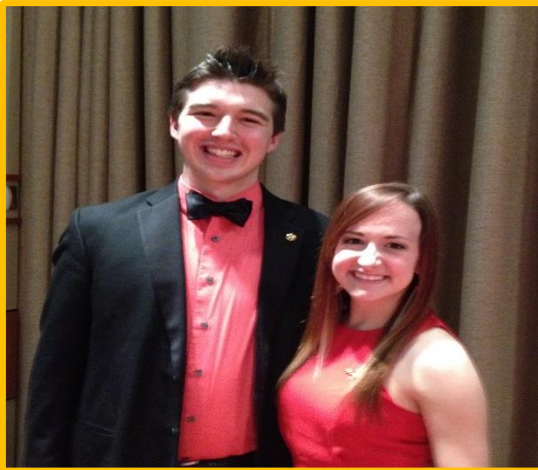
A Year In Review

The 2014-2015 academic year was incredibly successful for the Valparaiso University fraternity and sorority community. We welcomed the return of the Epsilon Beta Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha while also welcoming the Valparaiso University Colony of Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority, Inc. The women of this group worked long and hard to achieve their goal of colony status through forming an interest group and petitioning to be recognized as an associate member of Panhellenic. As a community, we are ecstatic to continue the colonization process with these bright and determined men and women and to enrich our fraternity and sorority community with all that they bring.

The fraternity and sorority community welcomed more than 250 new members into the community during the fall and spring semesters. A few notable anniversaries happened this academic year with Phi Sigma Kappa celebrating 50 years of brotherhood in 2014 and Sigma Chi celebrating their 25th anniversary in April 2015. Sigma Chi has also joined Phi Kappa Psi and Sigma Phi Epsilon in reserving land for a future chapter facility on Union Street!

The fraternity community continues to lead men on campus in academics with an average 3.139 GPA, and the sorority community tops the all-women's average with a 3.331. The entire community also donated over 12,000 hours of community service and raised more than \$72,500 for local and national non-profit organizations. The inaugural Fraternity and Sorority Spring Service Trip was a success as 16 members participated with two staff members. The students and staff served at the Mid-South Food Bank and at Alpha Omega Veteran Services throughout the week, all while forging close bonds across affiliations.

Finally, plans have been finalized and furniture chosen for the new sorority housing facilities to be opened in 2016. The groundbreaking ceremony took place in March of 2015, and construction begins over the summer.



The future is bright for the Valparaiso University fraternity and sorority community and the past year provides us with a glimpse of what is to come. We are very excited to continue our growth and success in conjunction with Valparaiso University.

Lauren Skiniotes
President
Panhellenic Council

Richard Schraeger, III
President
Interfraternity Council

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2014-2015 Highlights

Valparaiso University Approves Sorority Housing Initiative



In July 2014, the Valparaiso University Board of Directors approved a plan to build six new sorority housing units on campus in the near future. Each of the new housing units would house 25 women from each sorority and include a chapter room and other chapter amenities.

In March 2015, the official groundbreaking ceremony took place involving Valparaiso University President Mark Heckler, Assistant Dean of Students Carrie Whittier, Panhellenic President Lauren Skiniotes, and the five sorority chapter presidents.

Construction on the new sorority facilities will begin in the summer of 2015 and is scheduled to be completed in 2016.

Pi Kappa Alpha Returns to Valparaiso University

The Valparaiso University fraternity and sorority community officially welcomed the Epsilon Beta colony of Pi Kappa Alpha (PIKE) back to campus in February 2015. At the “Meet the PIKES” night on February 25, 2015, the 50 new members of PIKE were introduced to over a hundred other members of the fraternity and sorority community, and they were welcomed with open arms.

The colonization process for PIKE continued through the spring semester with PIKE hosting events with Sigma Phi Epsilon and the Black Student Organization. Members of Pi Kappa Alpha participated in the annual St. Baldrick’s event as well as many of the other fraternity and sorority philanthropy events.



Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority, Inc. Comes to Valpo



The Valparaiso University Fraternity and Sorority Community is thrilled to announce that Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority, Inc., a historically Latina based sorority, has been officially recognized by the national organization as the Valparaiso University Colony!

An interest group of 20 women worked with the Panhellenic Council and the Fraternity and Sorority Life office to complete the expansion process and the Sigma Lambda Gamma colony application. The Valparaiso University Colony of Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority, Inc. will begin their member intake process in the fall 2015 semester.

2014-2015 Highlights

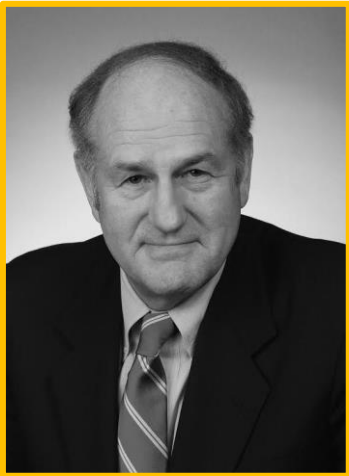
Inaugural Fraternity & Sorority Spring Service Trip

The inaugural Fraternity and Sorority Life Spring Service Trip took place March 1-7, 2015 with 18 participants traveling to Memphis, TN with one mission in mind: serving others. The trip participants worked with the Mid-South Food Bank located in the heart of Memphis. There, the students sorted over 22,000 lbs. of food, packaged over 14,000 lbs. of food and sorted over 11,000 lbs. of rice, totaling 39,166 meals able to be distributed to the 300 local food pantries in need of food. The participants were then able to work with Alpha Omega Veteran Services Inc. to hear the stories of individuals who have risked their lives for our country.



While in Memphis, the group took a day to connect to the rich history of fraternity and sorority life by visiting the National Headquarters of three different organizations located in Memphis: Chi Omega, Kappa Delta, and Pi Kappa Alpha. Each organization provided a tour of the facilities, introduced the staff, and provided a brief introduction to the history of each organization. The group was also able to tour the campus of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and visit the Civil Rights Museum. Overall, each student appreciated the opportunity to meet one another and make new friends, reconnect to history, and serve the Memphis community. Each member greatly enjoyed their time on the trip and is looking forward to what next years' service trip has in store!

Phi Kappa Psi Alumnus Receives National Award of Distinction



The North-American Interfraternity Conference (NIC) announced that Donald Fites of Phi Kappa Psi is a recipient of the 2015 Alumni Award of Distinction. The Alumni Award of Distinction recognizes a fraternity man who has given specifically of his time, talents, and service to the betterment of the fraternity. The service can be given at the local, regional, or national level.

Mr. Fites exemplifies the idea of life-long engagement to fraternity and his alma mater. As a member of Valparaiso University Board of Directors and Greek Housing Task Force, he has helped to bring new sorority housing to campus. Within Phi Kappa Psi, Mr. Fites has served as the campaign chairman for one of the Foundation's largest campaigns while providing sponsorship to send students to leadership development opportunities. While he has served in many leadership roles outside the fraternity, he always finds time to give his service to Phi Kappa Psi.

Dr. Carolyn Whittier, Valparaiso Assistant Dean of Students, added, "Phi Kappa Psi celebrates 'the great joy of serving others,' and Mr. Fites is an excellent example of living a life in the service of others. He is one of the best examples of lifelong membership that I have witnessed, and it is a true pleasure to work with him at Valparaiso University."

NIC President and CEO Pete Smithhisler commended all of this year's award recipients saying, "The Awards of Distinction allow the NIC to recognize outstanding achievement and to publicize best practices among its members. This year, we had a record number of qualified nominations and we are proud to honor these individuals and chapters for their accomplishments."

Membership Growth

Fraternities and sororities have experienced a 17% growth in membership from the spring of 2012 through the spring of 2015. With increasing chapter sizes and expansion of two fraternities during that time, more and more Valparaiso University students are expressing interest in joining fraternities and sororities. The following is a report of the chapter membership statistics as for 2014-2015.

Chi Omega:

Fall New Members: 5

Spring New Members: 15

Total Membership Spring 2015: 70

Initiation percentage: 93%

Gamma Phi Beta:

Fall New Members: 8

Spring New Members: 14

Total Membership Spring 2015: 73

Initiation percentage: 93%

Kappa Delta:

Fall New Members: 12

Spring New Members: 17

Total Membership Spring 2015: 73

Initiation percentage: 100%

Kappa Kappa Gamma:

Fall New Members: 8

Spring New Members: 18

Total Membership Spring 2015: 73

Initiation percentage: 100%

Pi Beta Phi:

Fall New Members: 6

Spring New Members: 17

Total Membership Spring 2015: 63

Initiation percentage: 100%

Lambda Chi Alpha:

Fall New Members: 1

Spring New Members: 6

Total Membership Spring 2015: 33

Initiation percentage: 100%

Phi Delta Theta:

Fall New Members: 0

Spring New Members: 9

Total Membership Spring 2015: 37

Initiation percentage: 100%

Phi Kappa Psi:

Fall New Members: 5

Spring New Members: 17

Total Membership Spring 2015: 54

Initiation percentage: 94%

Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia:

Fall New Members: 4

Spring New Members: 9

Total Membership Spring 2015: 46

Initiation percentage: 92%

Phi Sigma Kappa:

Fall New Members: 2

Spring New Members: 10

Total Membership Spring 2015: 26

Initiation percentage: 100%

Pi Kappa Alpha:

Fall New Members: NA

Spring New Members: 38

Total Membership Spring 2015: 38

Initiation percentage: NA

Sigma Chi:

Fall New Members: 1

Spring New Members: 8

Total Membership Spring 2015: 55

Initiation percentage: 88%

Sigma Phi Epsilon:

Fall New Members: 1

Spring New Members: 11

Total Membership Spring 2015: 61

Initiation percentage: 100%

Sigma Pi:

Fall New Members: 5

Spring New Members: 5

Total Membership Spring 2015: 27

Initiation percentage: 87%



Personal and Chapter Growth

Providing opportunities for personal development is a fundamental principle of fraternity and sorority membership. Fraternities and sororities offer a wide range of programming for members to learn and grow both as a member and as a student at Valparaiso University.

The following is a sample listing of the over 300 educational programs offered by the chapters in 2014-2015.

Chi Omega: 21 programs

Indiana Lifeline Law
Title IV and VAWA Law
Genius in Jeans

Gamma Phi Beta: 25 programs

Self Defense Workshop
Suicide Prevention Training
Benefits of Studying Abroad

Kappa Delta: 27 programs

Career Preparation
Confidence Workshops
Personal Presence

Kappa Kappa Gamma: 32 programs

Academic Success Tips
Personal Budgeting
Risk Management

Lambda Chi Alpha: 28 programs

Crisis Management
Dale Carnegie Presentation
Time Management Workshop

Phi Delta Theta: 13 programs

It Happened Here Documentary
SAE Incident Discussion
Summer Internship Preparation

Phi Kappa Psi: 14 programs

Chapter Retreat
GreekLife.Edu
Risk Management Policy Review

Overall Community Programming:

Academic and Scholarship: 17
Alcohol and Other Drug: 27
Brother and Sisterhood Development: 15
Career Development: 12
Chapter Development: 19
Diversity Education: 5
Financial Education: 2
Hazing: 29
Leadership Development: 27
Personal Development: 20
Sexual Assault Education: 38
Recruitment: 37
Risk Management: 9
Ritual Education: 26
Values: 19
Wellness: 3

In addition, chapter members attended 34 different programs offered by inter/national fraternities and sororities.

Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia: 16 programs

Equity and Inclusion Training
Changing Campus Culture
Time Management

Phi Sigma Kappa: 17 programs

Alumni Jobs Panel
Realizing the Dream
Ritual and Fraternal Values

Pi Beta Phi: 18 programs

Circle of 6 App
GreekLife.Edu
Leading With Values: Diversity

Pi Kappa Alpha: 4 programs

Colony Development
Risk Management
Sexual Assault and Harassment

Sigma Chi: 28 programs

Could It Happen Here?
Journey Programming
Networking

Sigma Phi Epsilon: 48 programs

Christianity in Adult Life
Managing Conflict
Unselfish Acts of Tolerance

Sigma Pi: 14 programs

Donate Life Event
Indiana Lifeline Law
Social Media and Risk Management



Fraternity and Sorority Judicial Board:

The Fraternity and Sorority Judicial Board met three times in 2014-2015 for the following violations:

- 2 hearings for Failure to Comply with *Standards and Expectations*
- 1 hearing for Failure to Comply with a previous hearing sanction

Valpo Gives Back

Fraternities and sororities at Valparaiso University are actively engaged in community service and philanthropy throughout the year. The following is a report for each chapter for the 2014-2015 academic year.

2014-2015 Community Totals:

Total Hours Donated: 12,098

**Total Dollars Raised:
\$72,581.55**

Chi Omega

Total Hours Donated: 2,003 hours
Total Dollars Raised: \$13,492.63
Primary Annual Event: Swishes for Wishes

Gamma Phi Beta

Total Hours Donated: 1,749 hours
Total Dollars Raised: \$8,969.71
Primary Annual Event: Gamma Phive K

Kappa Delta

Total Hours Donated: 994 hours
Total Dollars Raised: \$8,570.81
Primary Annual Event: KD Bed Races

Kappa Kappa Gamma

Total Hours Donated: 1,019 hours
Total Dollars Raised: \$7,208.84
Primary Annual Event: Kappa Carnival

Pi Beta Phi

Total Hours Donated: 741 hours
Total Dollars Raised: \$3,146.96
Primary Annual Event: Arrow Spike



Lambda Chi Alpha

Total Hours Donated: 543 hours
Total Dollars Raised: \$7,669.38
Primary Annual Event: PumpkinPalooza

Phi Delta Theta

Total Hours Donated: 828 hours
Total Dollars Raised: \$1,461.06
Primary Annual Event: Bags Tournament

Phi Kappa Psi

Total Hours Donated: 1,010 hours
Total Dollars Raised: \$2,661.20
Primary Annual Event: PhiPsi 500

Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia

Total Hours Donated: 174 hours
Total Dollars Raised: \$1,080.10
Primary Annual Event: Patterson Music Festival

Phi Sigma Kappa

Total Hours Donated: 302 hours
Total Dollars Raised: \$3,916.07
Primary Annual Event: Polar Plunge

Pi Kappa Alpha

Total Hours Donated: 76 hours
Total Dollars Raised: \$2,305.00
Primary Annual Event: TBD

Sigma Chi

Total Hours Donated: 940 hours
Total Dollars Raised: \$5,406.26
Primary Annual Event: Derby Days

Sigma Phi Epsilon

Total Hours Donated: 766 hours
Total Dollars Raised: \$5,213.12
Primary Annual Event: SigEp Christmas

Sigma Pi

Total Hours Donated: 953 hours
Total Dollars Raised: \$1,480.41
Primary Annual Event: Sigma Pi Amazing Day



Valpo Gives Back

A wide array of non-profit agencies benefit from the involvement of Valparaiso University fraternities and sororities. The following listing includes the primary agencies for which the individual chapters and the overall community worked in the 2014-2015 academic year.

Fraternity and Sorority Community

Dance Marathon benefitting the Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital

Relay for Life benefitting the American Cancer Society

United Way Day of Caring

Rebuilding Together Valparaiso

Chi Omega

Make A Wish Foundation
Lakeshore PAWS
St. Baldrick's

Kappa Delta

Prevent Child Abuse Porter Co.
Girl Scouts of America
Dunes State Park

Lambda Chi Alpha

Feeding America
St. Baldrick's
Lake Street Beach

Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia

Mills Music Mission
Patterson Memorial Scholarship
Housing Opportunities

Pi Kappa Alpha

St. Baldrick's

Sigma Pi

Amazing Day Foundation
St. Baldricks
Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore

Phi Delta Theta

ALS Foundation
Lake Street Beach
Opportunity Enterprises

Phi Sigma Kappa

Special Olympics
Lakeshore PAWS

Sigma Chi

Huntsman Cancer Institute
Lion's Club White Canes
Kid's Against Hunger

Panhellenic Council

Circle of Sisterhood
Opportunity Enterprises
Easter Egg Hunt

Gamma Phi Beta

Girls On the Run
Camp Tannadoonah
Lakeshore PAWS

Kappa Kappa Gamma

Reading is FUNdamental
St. Baldrick's
Lake Street Beach

Phi Kappa Psi

Boys and Girls Club
St. Baldricks
Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore

Pi Beta Phi

Read. Lead. Achieve.
Hilltop House
A Positive Approach to Teen Health

Sigma Phi Epsilon

Hilltop House
Rebuilding Together Ramp Project
Habitat for Humanity



Academic Excellence

Valparaiso University fraternities and sororities work to ensure alignment with the academic mission of the institution. In 2014-2015, the all-sorority and all-fraternity averages were higher than the all-women's and all-men's averages at the University. In addition, more than 40% of fraternity and sorority members achieved a 3.5 or better semester GPA in spring 2015.

	Fall 2014				Spring 2015		
	Rank	Members	GPA		Rank	Members	GPA
Chi Omega	1	57	3.368		2	70	3.428
Gamma Phi Beta	2	60	3.303		1	73	3.431
Kappa Delta	3	60	3.258		4	73	3.301
Kappa Kappa Gamma	4	59	3.201		5	73	3.169
Pi Beta Phi	5	56	3.143		3	63	3.341
Sorority Total		292	3.255			352	3.331
All-Women's Average		1577	3.171			1532	3.226



	Fall 2014				Spring 2015		
	Rank	Members	GPA		Rank	Members	GPA
Lambda Chi Alpha	7	30	3.024		5	33	3.075
Phi Delta Theta	1	29	3.293		1	37	3.434
Phi Kappa Psi	5	40	3.100		6	54	3.059
Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia	4	37	3.212		2	46	3.325
Phi Sigma Kappa	6	19	3.093		4	26	3.192
Pi Kappa Alpha					9	37	2.839
Sigma Chi	3	50	3.243		7	55	3.030
Sigma Phi Epsilon	2	53	3.249		3	61	3.266
Sigma Pi	8	24	2.684		8	27	2.953
Fraternity Total		282	3.143			376	3.139
All-Male Average		1440	2.970			1416	2.975



2014-2015 Awards and Recognition

President's Award for Fraternity and Sorority Excellence:

Kappa Delta, Sigma Chi and Sigma Phi Epsilon

Dean Delores Ruosch Sorority Woman of the Year

Lindsey Dever, ΔΔΔ

Kyle James Carson Fraternity Man of the Year

Michael Micek, ΦΣΚ

Fraternity and Sorority Pillars of Excellence:

ΓΦΒ, ΚΔ, ΛΧΑ, ΦΔΘ, ΦΚΨ, ΠΒΦ, ΣΧ, ΣΦΕ

Dr. Alan Harre Civic Engagement Award:

Kappa Delta

Dr. Roy Austensen Campus Involvement Award:

Gamma Phi Beta and Sigma Phi Epsilon

Most Improved Chapter Award:

Pi Beta Phi and Phi Sigma Kappa

Outstanding Fraternity and Sorority Chapter President:

Shayna Anglin, ΓΦΒ and William Olson, ΦΚΨ

Values in Action Award:

Sigma Pi for the Amazing Day Initiative

Living Your Values Award:

Gina Testolin, ΠΒΦ and Christopher Barnes, ΣΧ

George T. Kilavos Outstanding Chapter Advisor

Jacob Defassio, ΦΣΚ

Mark R. Schwehn Ph.D. Outstanding Faculty Advisor:

Dr. Lara Pudwell, ΦΔΘ

Outstanding Fraternity and Sorority Emerging Leader:

Rebekah Koehn, ΚΔ and Eric Smith, ΣΦΕ

Outstanding Individual Community Service:

Rachel Dabertin, ΚΔ and Jacob Yager, ΦΚΨ

Friend of the Community:

Ryan Bye

Area Excellence Awards

Overall Academic Performance:

ΧΩ, ΦΔΘ, ΣΦΕ

New Member Academic Performance:

ΓΦΒ and ΦΔΘ

Overall Academic Improvement:

ΚΚΓ and ΦΣΚ

Academic Programming:

ΠΒΦ and ΣΦΕ

Alumni/ae Development:

ΚΔ and ΦΔΘ

Chapter Management:

ΠΒΦ and ΦΔΘ

Community Service:

ΓΦΒ and ΦΚΨ

Member Development:

ΚΔ and ΣΦΕ

New Member Education:

ΚΔ and ΣΧ

Philanthropy:

ΧΩ and ΛΧΑ

Public Relations:

ΚΚΓ and ΛΧΑ

Recruitment:

ΠΒΦ and ΦΚΨ

Risk Management:

ΚΚΓ and ΦΣΚ

Intramural Championship:

ΚΔ and ΣΦΕ

2015 Council Achievements

The Valparaiso University Panhellenic and Interfraternity Councils were recognized for excellence at the 2015 Association of Fraternal Leadership and Values Central Fraternal Leadership Conference.

Annually the councils submit applications for the annual AFLV Awards and Assessment process that benchmarks the councils with other similar sized councils across the nation. The councils have previously received similar national level recognitions from AFLV, continuing the legacy of excellence at Valparaiso University.



Panhellenic Council Awards

Sutherland Award for Overall Excellence
Division II
Councils with 4-7 Chapters

Area Excellence Awards for:

Academic achievement
Council Management
Leadership and Educational Development
Membership Recruitment
Philanthropy and Community Service
Public Relations
Risk Reduction and management
Self-Governance and Judicial Affairs



Interfraternity Council Awards

Area Excellence Awards for:

Academic achievement
Council Management
Public Relations
Risk Reduction and management
Self-Governance and Judicial Affairs



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MEMBERS CAN CHANGE THE WORLD.

Acknowledgements



2014 Panhellenic Council Officers

President: Jeannette Paige, Chi Omega
Vice President of Standards: Kelli Farnan, Pi Beta Phi
Vice President of Operations: Kristine Gordon, Chi Omega
Vice President of Recruitment: Amber Neubauer, Pi Beta Phi
Vice President of Public Relations: Lauren Skiniotes, Kappa Kappa Gamma
Head Recruitment Counselor: Lindsey Dever, Delta Delta Delta



2014 Interfraternity Council Officers

President: Zachary Gray, Sigma Chi
Vice President of Standards: Kyle Brown, Sigma Phi Epsilon
Vice President of Operations: Austin Davis, Sigma Chi
Vice President of Recruitment: Richard Schraeger, III, Phi Kappa Psi
Vice President of Programming: Jon Rensberger, Sigma Pi
Vice President of Public Relations: Kyle Crawford, Phi Sigma Kappa

2015 Panhellenic and Interfraternity Council Officers

President: Lauren Skiniotes, Kappa Kappa Gamma
Vice President of Standards: Megan Cullinan, Chi Omega
Vice President of Operations: Haylee Westendorf, Pi Beta Phi
Vice President of Recruitment: Kaylin Foster, Kappa Delta
Vice President of Programming: Jessie Coapstick, Kappa Delta
Vice President of PR: Rachel Sturdevant, Kappa Kappa Gamma
Head Recruitment Counselor: Kathryn Rumptz, Gamma Phi Beta

President: Richard Schraeger, III, Phi Kappa Psi
Vice President of Standards: Syllas Buller, Sigma Chi
Vice President of Operations: Austin Davis, Sigma Chi
Vice President of Recruitment: Philip Biondo, Phi Sigma Kappa
Vice President of Programming: Taylor Krivas, Lambda Chi Alpha
Vice President of Public Relations: Caleb Liptak, Sigma Phi Epsilon



2014-2015 Fraternity and Sorority Chapter Presidents

Chi Omega: Grace Keller
Gamma Phi Beta: Shayna Anglin
Kappa Delta: Brittney Thurston
Kappa Kappa Gamma: Kristen Klippert
Pi Beta Phi: Erin McBride

Lambda Chi Alpha: Taylor Krivas
Phi Delta Theta: Eric Thompson
Phi Kappa Psi: William Olson
Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia: Elias Argueta
Phi Sigma Kappa: Nick Dziubasik
Sigma Chi: Benjamin Crowe
Sigma Phi Epsilon: Caleb Liptak
Sigma Pi: Domenico Libreri

