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2014 National COY Nick Rizzi attended GCC with fellow Denver brothers. From left: Alexis Cohen, Megan Long, Caroline Blakney, Emily Burdett and Rizzi.

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Let's Not Waste Our Fraternity



“Fraternity is wasted on undergraduates.” This is what the national president of Phi Gamma Delta (FIJI) Fraternity, Scott Mikulecky, wrote to his membership in the spring 2014 issue of their magazine. He stated that many undergraduates do not fully appreciate and utilize the skills they gain by actively participating in the fraternity during their college years. He stated many undergraduates do not value everything they learn from their experiences until after they’ve graduated, started careers and looked back at all they accomplished.

I agree with FIJI President Mikulecky. Many of us do not realize what we have until it is gone. But I do have one question for him. Why does the learning need to stop when we graduate?

Our Fraternity, and I assume Phi Gamma Delta too, has many opportunities for alumni to continue to learn, grow and succeed. As stated in our pledge manual and eloquently reiterated in our Ritual, the more you give to Delta Sigma Pi, both as a collegiate and as an alumni brother, the more you will gain in return.

Having worked for the Fraternity for 11 years, I can say (or at least I like to think) that I continue to grow. After working as an Educational and Leadership Consultant, I am proud to say that I can pack a suitcase for a week of travel in less than 30 minutes. (I tend to over pack nowadays, but I have still avoided overweight baggage fees!) By serving on a number of permanent and temporary committees and task forces for the Fraternity, I have a better understanding of what you can and cannot fit into a 60 minute conference call with 4-10 people. I also learned that you have to prepare for that call, because if you don’t, inevitably, the chair will call

on you first for input. And having worked with many alumni groups, I can say that alumni chapters are like cornfields in Iowa—if you build them, they will come. It may take some time, but eventually brothers will be coming in carloads. And last, but definitely not least, I try and gain at least one new piece of information from educational sessions at LEAD events and our online webinars. Whether it is a new connection, a great new website, a book of inspiration to read or just a tip in life, I try to gain something from each of these events.

I am the first to say that I am not one of our alumni “greats”. (This might be because I am employed by the Fraternity so I get paid for most of what I previously talked about.) Fortunately, you do not have work at the Central Office to have many of the same experiences I have had. You can serve on committees at local and national levels. The members of these committees have great impact on the future of our Fraternity. You can join an alumni chapter. You can attend local and national events. You can write an article for the next issue of this magazine.

Any way you choose, I believe that every brother in this Fraternity, whether an “ideal member” or not, can and should continue to learn new things, meet new people and insure that the Fraternity and its brotherhood are not wasted on any of us.

Fraternally,

Heather Troyer
Director of Member Services

“Fraternal Forum” allows elected leaders, staff, and interested members to offer updates, viewpoints and commentaries on issues facing the Fraternity. Contact the Central Office if you have an interest in contributing a column. Final determination of content rests with the editorial staff.

COLLEGIANS

Congratulations to the 2014 Collegians of the Year!

The Collegian of the Year is a humbling honor bestowed upon members when their peers distinguish them for exemplifying the values inherent in Delta Sigma Pi's Ritual. These members perpetuate the ideals as set forth in the Purpose of the Fraternity. For more than forty years this award has given chapters the opportunity to recognize their most outstanding members. After setting an all-time record for the number of chapter COYs nominated last year at 196, the record was broken again this year when 207 were nominated.

These 207 collegiate members were eligible to be their region's COY, as chosen by committees appointed by each of the 31 Regional Vice Presidents. Since committee members had more chapter COYs to choose from, the pool of applicants made it that much more difficult to select who would receive the honor of regional COY and become eligible to be selected as a provincial COY. Each of the Provincial Scholastic Development and Awards Committees selected a provincial COY from the pool and these five became eligible for the national COY award--chosen by the national committee. That member was Nick Rizzi, *Denver*.

The 31 members who were distinguished after being nominated as the chapter COY were rewarded for their dedication to the Fraternity through support from the Leadership Foundation. The Foundation awards scholarships totaling in excess of \$18,000 annually to these members. This is made possible by the National COY Scholarship endowed by Sidney "Sparky" and Ruth "Buttercup" Sparks. Throughout the years the scholarship grew through a re-endowment, a generous Living Legacy gift made by Sparky and more support from Buttercup. Today this fund supports the COY program at the provincial and national level. The regional level is funded through the Mr. and Mrs. Sidney A. Sparks Fund and the Clyde Kitchens/Thoben Elrod Foundation.

As the applicants were reviewed, the following criteria were considered in order

of importance: Fraternity involvement; attendance at inter-chapter Fraternity events including but not limited to Grand Chapter Congress, LEAD Schools and LEAD Provincial Conferences, regional initiations, chapter installations, etc.; essay outlining goals if selected as National Collegian of the Year; degree of leadership exhibited in Delta Sigma Pi; university/community involvement and leadership; scholastic aptitude/GPA; additional essays required by the application and letters of recommendation. Other criteria considered include: ability to represent the Fraternity on the National Board of Directors, leadership ability, dependability, responsibility, honesty, integrity and sincerity, moral character, personality and professional attitude. ▲

NATIONAL

Nick Rizzi, *Denver*, Western Province



2014 National Collegian of the Year Nick Rizzi, *Denver*, was recognized at the Western LEAD Provincial Conference in March. From left: ED Bill Schilling, 2013 National COY Richie Brandt, VP-Finance Shane Borden, PGP Mark Chiacchiari, Rizzi, GP Onuka Ibe and Western PVP Patrick Bonfrisco.

PROVINCIAL



NORTH CENTRAL
Thomas Florian
Drake



NORTHEASTERN
Brendan O'Brien
Cincinnati



SOUTH CENTRAL
David Steffens
Truman State



SOUTHERN
Alex Ham
Central Florida

OF THE YEAR

REGIONAL

Atlantic Coast – Alex Ham, *Central Florida*
Bay Area – Ellen Johns, *Cal State-East Bay*
Capital – Rachel Stanley, *George Washington*
Central – Geoff Pole, *Purdue*
Central Gulf – Holly Vernon, *Troy*
Desert Mountain – Estevan Astorga, *Arizona State*
East Central – Brendan O'Brien, *Cincinnati*
Eastern – Shane Heckman, *Penn State-State College*
Empire – Dhimitra Papadimitri, *Adelphi*
Gateway – David Steffens, *Truman State*
Great Lakes – Thomas Kneifel, *Northern Illinois*
Great Plains – Thomas Florian, *Drake*
Gulf South – Angela Rubin, *Louisiana State*
Gulf Western – John Sandoval, *St. Mary's*
Huron – Nicholas Edwards, *Indiana-Purdue at Ft. Wayne*
Mid-Atlantic – Colleen Tobin, *Richmond*
Mid-South – Taylor Seaman, *Christian Brothers*
Midwestern – Andrea Alden, *Kansas*
New England – Brett Mahoney, *Massachusetts-Boston*
Niagara – Shannon Harrington, *Rochester Tech*
North Central – Larissa Speerstra, *Minnesota*
Northwestern – Michelle Hara, *Washington (WA)*
Pacific Coast – Carley Haro, *Cal State-Fullerton*
Rocky Mountain – Nick Rizzi, *Denver*
Sierra Nevada – Joshua Smith, *Nevada-Reno*
South Atlantic – Lierin Reinhard, *Tampa*

South Pacific – Alex DeAngelis, *Loyola Marymount*
Southeastern – Jessica Robinson, *Georgia*
Southwestern – Sara Baker, *Texas-Arlington*
Steel Valley – Maria Roth, *Akron*
Tornado Valley – Marcela Engles, *Oklahoma*

CHAPTER

Adelphi (NY) – Dhimitra Papadimitri
Akron (OH) – Maria Roth
Alabama – Troy Victor
Albany (NY) – Colin Gerner
Albion (MI) – Sandra Myint
Angelo State (TX) – Cara Sefcik
Arizona – Isabella Whalen
Arizona State – Estevan Astorga
Auburn (AL) – Benjamin Stewart
Babson (MA) – Jen Huynh
Ball State (IN) – Ashlee Felts
Baylor (TX) – Sophie Chor
Bellarmine (KY) – Tyler Wobbrock
Bentley (MA) – Wayne Trinh
Binghamton (NY) – Alexander Weinrauch
Boston U. – Taylor Reustle
Bowling Green State (OH) – Trevor Bischoff
Bryant (RI) – Kevin Kelly
Buffalo – Tyler Zimmerman
Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo – Ryan Singer
Cal State-Berkeley – Priyanka Mishra
Cal State-Chico – Alena Lawson
Cal State-East Bay – Ellen Johns
Cal State-Fresno – Matt Renfro
Cal State-Fullerton – Carley Haro
Cal State-Long Beach – Felicia Young

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It's incredible to see what can happen in two years. That's half of college for many students. For me, my time as Collegian of the Year has almost hit its two-year term. What an incredible experience it has been. I will forever cherish the friendships I've made and the unique opportunity I've had to serve on the Board of Directors.



Between LEAD events, Board meetings, and everything in between, my time as COY has been nothing short of fulfilling. I've had the chance to connect with brothers from all over the country and experience the rich diversity, albeit unity, that our Fraternity has. It's really amazing to experience first-hand the caliber of people in this organization and the culture we have to help fellow brothers achieve their goals.

Becoming part of Delta Sigma Pi a few short years ago in college has been a truly life-changing experience for me, and I look forward to helping current and future brothers have an equally amazing experience. What has especially inspired me these last couple of years has been all of the alumni volunteers that are using their free time to support the Fraternity. I remember hearing the all-to-common phrase "Delta Sigma Pi is not four years, it's for life" and imagining what the Fraternity would be like as an alumnus. Being in that position now, it's remarkable to see the strength of the post-college bond. The lifelong Fraternity we are a part of provides the opportunity to connect with new friends around the globe, get a foot in the door for career opportunities, and have countless other opportunities to get involved in the local community.

Though my term on the Board is expiring, my passion and dedication to making the Fraternity great is as strong as ever and I'll always have a hand out to help my brothers in need. To all the brothers reading this, best of luck with your endeavors and keep in touch! Until next time.

Fraternally,

Cody Candee,
Wisconsin-Madison
2012 National Collegian of the Year
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Cal State-Northridge – Angel Bribiesca
Cal State-Sacramento – Moriah Rene
California-Davis – Anne Tu
California-Irvine – Molly Greathouse
California-Los Angeles – Julien Debonnet
California-Riverside – Arjun Patel
California-San Diego – Ruby Wong
California-Santa Barbara – Lokesh Vishvakarma
California-Santa Cruz – Nune Mesropyan
Central Florida – Alex Ham
Central Missouri – Tina Guier
Chapman (CA) – Rechenna Lo
Christian Brothers (TN) – Taylor Seaman
Cincinnati – Brendan O'Brien
Clemson (SC) – Alyssa Daniel
Colorado State – A.J. Goodenow
Colorado-Boulder – Andy Guidas
Colorado-Colorado Springs – Chen Zhao
Concordia (CA) – Sarah Whitehair
Connecticut – Kevin Shin
Cornell (NY) – Olivia Krebs
CUNY-Baruch – Denise Tuan
Dayton (OH) – Daniel Tetelman
Delaware – Ryan Gillespie
Denver – Nick Rizzi
DePaul (IL) – Rimsha Baig
Drake (IA) – Thomas Florian
Duke (NC) – Kristen Brown
Duquesne (PA) – Anne McConnell
Eastern Illinois – Chris Hartz
Evansville (IN) – Kelby Jenkins
Ferris State (MI) – Kevin Baldwin
Florida – Opeola Bukola
Florida Atlantic – Stephen Wright
Florida International – Nick Severdija
Florida Southern – Jessie Viesta
Florida State – Rinsha Prophete
Francis Marion (SC) – Shakila Reid
Frostburg State (MD) – Cierra Dupree
George Mason (VA) – Stephanie Lin

George Washington (D.C.) – Rachel Stanley
Georgia – Jessica Robinson
Georgia College and State – Mark Lichtenwalner
Georgia Southern – Leah Coquerel
Georgia State – Justin Morgan
Grand Valley State (MI) – Steve Murphy
Hawaii-Hilo – Pele Thomas
Hawaii-Manoa – Connie Choy
Houston – Lilly Truong
Howard (D.C.) – Krista Cezair
Illinois-Urbana – Zachary Quan
Indiana State – Jasmine Finnell
Indiana – Sara Broadwater
Indiana-Purdue at Ft. Wayne – Nick Edwards
Indiana-Purdue at Indianapolis – Ali Khan
Iowa – Jackson Yancey
Iowa State – Elisabeth Bulver
James Madison (VA) – Jeremy Mento
Kansas – Andrea Alden
Kennesaw State (GA) – Josh Reneau
Kent State (OH) – Alberto Lopes-Oropeza
Lewis (IL) – Samantha Adams
Longwood (VA) – Jennifer Wiley
Louisiana State – Angela Rubin
Louisiana Tech – Hope Martin
Louisiana-Lafayette – Quynh Van
Loyola Marymount (CA) – Alex DeAngelis
Loyola-Chicago – Shannon Garavaglia
Loyola-New Orleans – Kristi Weston
Lynchburg (VA) – Camila Zhang
Marquette (WI) – Dan Adamonis
Marshall (WV) – Madison Saelens
Massachusetts-Amherst – Colin Fischer
Massachusetts-Boston – Brett Mahoney
McNeese State (LA) – Manuel Fontenot
Mercer (GA) – Taylor Garrett
Miami-Florida – Miranda Goot

What is a COY's reward for their commitment to Delta Sigma Pi?

Regional winners receive:

- A pearl and ruby badge.
- A \$250 cash award from the Delta Sigma Pi Leadership Foundation made possible by Mr. and Mrs. Sidney A. Sparks Scholarship and Clyde Kitchens/Thoben Elrod funds.
- Recognition at a spring LEAD Provincial Conference and in *The DELTASIG* magazine.
- A certificate in recognition of their accomplishments.

The provincial and national winners also may receive \$500 and \$5,000 educational scholarships, respectively. The national winner also serves on the Fraternity's Board of Directors for a two-year term. ▲

Miami-Ohio – Wade Coffin
Michigan – Rachael Brunk
Michigan State – Carrie Zhang
Midwestern State (TX) – Ray Waggoner
Minnesota – Larissa Speerstra
Minnesota State – James Cooper
Missouri State – Russell Wood
Missouri-Columbia – Martin Ruzicka
Missouri-Kansas City – Traci Lyons
Missouri-St. Louis – Bob Rice
Nebraska-Lincoln – Melissa Dragoo
Nebraska-Omaha – Ellie Pelto
Nevada-Reno – Joshua Smith
New Mexico – Cameron Barnes
New Mexico State – David Austin
New York – Sharleen Salim
North Carolina-Chapel Hill – Jasmine Cho
North Carolina-Greensboro – Ebony Pratt
North Florida – Joseph Farinacci
North Texas – Charlie Kenney
Northern Arizona – Kevin Wright
Northern Colorado – Rebecca Hartley
Northern Illinois – Thomas Kneifel
Northwestern-Evanston – Varun Bhatnager
Ohio – Abby Stauffenger
Ohio Dominican – Rachel Collins

Ohio State – Eric Christy
Oklahoma – Marcela Engles
Oklahoma State – Madelyn Keating
Pace-Westchester (NY) – Antonella Aceto
Pacific (CA) – Danielle Rinck
Penn State-Erie – Corey Hudson
Penn State-State College – Shane Heckman
Pennsylvania – Trevor Crombie
Pepperdine (CA) – Kali Jelen
Philadelphia – Keisha Rigby
Pittsburgh – Chelsea Limbacher
Purdue (IN) – Geoff Pole
Radford (VA) – Alitalia Adams
Redlands (CA) – Raymond Causey
Richmond (VA) – Colleen Tobin
Rider (NJ) – Taffy Le
Rochester Tech (NY) – Shannon Harrington
Rockhurst (MO) – Anna Juenemann
Roger Williams (RI) – Nora Bisaccio
Rutgers-New Brunswick (NJ) – Alicia Quirolo
Saginaw Valley State (MI) – Nikki Jamison
Saint Louis – Jon Morris
San Diego – Courtney Boyer
San Diego State – Natalie Meehan
San Francisco – Luke Adkins
San Francisco State – Terri Ha

San Jose State (CA) – Eunice Buenaflor
Santa Clara (CA) – Alex Quek
Savannah State (GA) – Aleisha Donald
Shepherd (WV) – Emma Snyder
Siena (NY) – Sarah Michalka
South Carolina – Jenn Frazee
South Dakota – Jeremy Jacques
South Florida-St. Petersburg – Thomas Skidmore
South Florida-Tampa – Robinson Vancol
Southern California – Jay Berajawala
Southern Illinois-Edwardsville – Benjamin Posmanick
Southern Methodist (TX) – Andrew Pinkowitz
Southern Mississippi – Jordan Smalley
St. Cloud State (MN) – Chad Robinson
St. Edward's (TX) – Brenda Sanchez
St. Joseph's (PA) – Jim Kantner
St. Mary's (TX) – John Sandoval
St. Peter's (NJ) – Richard Palma
St. Thomas (MN) – Alyssa Hewes
Syracuse – Kyle Coleman
Tampa – Lierin Reinhard
Tennessee – John Stewart
Texas A&M-College Station – Ava Grove
Texas A&M-Corpus Christi – Abbey Fay

Texas A&M-Kingsville – Leticia Covarrubias
Texas Christian – James Glunt
Texas Tech – Christina Rael
Texas-Arlington – Sara Baker
Texas-Austin – Eileen Kao
Texas-El Paso – Robert Ordonez
Texas-San Antonio – Luther Mayberry
Trinity-San Antonio – Lil Ritger
Troy (AL) – Holly Vernon
Truman State (MO) – David Steffens
Valparaiso (IN) – Christopher Frankel
Virginia Tech – Madeline Welch
Washington – Michelle Hara
Washington State – Chelsea Trefren
Washington-St. Louis – Katie Bush
Wayne State-Michigan – Sayeema Bhuiyan
Wayne State-Nebraska – Katie Jacobsen
West Florida – Laurena Brazell
West Virginia – Kristen Quade
Western Illinois – Devin Hacker
Western Kentucky – Erika Klosterman
Western Michigan – Tushar Gadhok
Wingate (NC) – William Lewis
Winona State (MN) – Megan Houdek
Wisconsin-LaCrosse – Kenzie Fermanich
Wisconsin-Madison – Anthony Falk
Wisconsin-Milwaukee – Nicole Green
Xavier (OH) – Tracy Minich

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It is an incredible honor that I am writing this as your 2014 National Collegian of the Year. If you had told me about the unbelievable experience I would have with this Fraternity when I joined, I would have chuckled. Yet four years later, through the Fraternity, I met my best friends, mentors, inspiring individuals, and even found employment opportunities. All of this because of the incredible opportunities that Delta Sigma Pi provides.



I was introduced to Alpha Nu Chapter at Denver during my first week of school. One of my soon-to-be-brothers and floormate heard about the Fraternity through his orientation leader and invited me to some recruiting events the chapter was holding. From the first event on, I was hooked. I got heavily involved, and in my first year of membership, I served as vice president-professional activities and president. It was the summer before this presidency that I attended my first national event, Grand Chapter Congress in Louisville. I was happy with the Fraternity, its opportunities, my brothers and friends, but it was not until this event that I saw the true scope of our Fraternity and everything we can accomplish. It was a great opportunity to meet brothers from all over the country!

As the 2014 COY there is much I would like to accomplish for our Fraternity, but most of all I want to give back and ensure everyone gets out what they put in. While I have my own plans and ideas, I want to be the voice of the collegians and help implement what you all want to see. I highly encourage you to reach out, introduce yourself and share your goals for Delta Sigma Pi. I really am looking forward to shaking your hand!

Fraternally,

Nick Rizzi

Nick Rizzi, Denver
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Will You Be One of Next Year's COYs?

Each chapter may annually nominate one collegiate member for the Collegian of the Year award. A chapter member other than the nominee must complete the nomination form through the Hub no later than October 15. The nominee must complete an online application (for higher levels of recognition) no later than November 15. For complete guidelines, review the Awards and Recognition Guide at dspnet.org/awards. ▲

Spring LEAD Provincial Conferences—



The spring 2014 LEAD Provincial Conferences left a lasting mark on nearly 2,000 Deltasigs. The events held in Rochester, N.Y., Little Rock, Ark., Chicago, Orlando and Long Beach, Calif. provided numerous opportunities for brothers to learn and network. The knowledge gained from personal, professional, leadership and fraternal development sessions, will resonate with members as they relay the information to their chapters and utilize it in their professional careers.

Regional and Provincial Collegians of the Year learned of their new honors while surrounded by their peers. Donors and Legacy Chapters were recognized for their support of the Leadership Foundation at all events. For their demonstrated leadership training and experience, 72 new and renewed Certified Deltasig Leaders were also recognized. While honors were given throughout the events, collegians and alumni alike took the time to remember members who passed away with the Memorial Ritual.

To begin the LEAD season, Adam Carroll, *Phoenix-Thunderbird*, presented *Why Your Friends Matter* in Rochester. Attendees participated in two community service events: collecting pop tabs to support the local Ronald McDonald House and writing valentines to give to Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospitals.

In Little Rock, Jackie Mueckenheim with ERC Training returned to the Deltasig stage to discuss leadership and inspire brothers to remember values and attitudes when leading. In support of the provincial community service initiative, paracord bracelets and letters were collected for Operation Gratitude.

The crowd in Chicago was treated to an all-star line-up panel discussion with Carroll, Tim Augustine, *Kent State*, and Chris Motley with Better Weekdays. With over 500

attendees, this was the largest event this spring and it took place just 15 miles from the location of our 2015 Grand Chapter Congress. Attendees

donated pop tabs for a local Ronald McDonald House and sold pins and hula-hooped to support the North Central provincial community service initiative, American Heart Association.

In Orlando, Matt Tenney inspired attendees with *Serve to Be Great: Leadership Insights from My Journey as a Prisoner, Monk and Social Entrepreneur*. Pop tabs were collected as in Rochester and Chicago, all to support a local Ronald McDonald House and attendees hula-hooped to raise awareness for American Cancer Society. Brothers were awed on Saturday, when comedian magician Erick Olson provided laughter-filled entertainment.

The final event of the season in Long Beach began with Josh Ochs with MediaLeaders.com speaking about how to manage one's presence on social media and closed with a superhero themed banquet. The community service events included collecting letters to the troops to benefit Operation Gratitude and a penny war to benefit National MS Society. During the weekend, Nick Rizzi, *Denver*, was announced as our 2014 National Collegian of the Year. Nick, who was elated to receive this honor, is looking forward to serving on the Board of Directors.

Thank you to all who helped make this year's conferences a success! A special thank you to all the partners who joined us including Better Weekdays, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Fraternal Composite Service, GEICO Careers, GEICO Insurance, How Hard Are You Knocking?, MediaLeaders.com, National Financial Educators and Paycom.

This fall the LEAD Schools will have new sessions and networking opportunities, plan now to attend! ▲



The networking lunches at LEAD Events are great opportunities to meet brothers from across the country and discuss career interests and chapter operations. From left: Michael Elliott, Cincinnati; Vivian Lau, CUNY-Baruch; Natalie Cooke, Connecticut; Sarah Michalka, Siena; John Turschman, Bryant; Kelsey Music, Bowling Green State; and David Bader, Bryant.



In Long Beach, Calif. keynote speaker Josh Ochs with MediaLeaders.com shared memorable advice. Brothers from Northern Colorado won his book "Light, Bright and Polite: How Businesses And Professionals Can Safely And Effectively Navigate Social Media". From left: Sarah Cerini, Bryan Manley, Katie Cyr, Ochs, Brian Frachiseur, Sierra Roise, Whitney Bistline, Sarah Duncan and Amelia Mawlawi.

Where Memories are Made



The North Central LEAD Provincial Conference in Chicago, with more than 550 attendees, provided endless networking opportunities for collegians and alumni alike.



More than 20 members from Illinois-Urbana attended the North Central LEAD Provincial Conference in Chicago. From left: Rachel Fogel, Shannon Bonds, Mallory Lynn and Michelle Poulsen.



Enterprise Rent-A-Car representative Amanda Barnes presents at the Northeastern LEAD Provincial Conference in Rochester, Ny. Enterprise attended all five LEADs to present professional programming and discuss career opportunities with brothers.

From left: Jessica Schulte, Jessica Crosby and Sarah Travis; all Arizona, showed their spirit for the Western LEAD Provincial Conference's superhero-themed banquet.



Foundation Trustee Jerry Hotwagner (left) explains to Seth Chavez and Jason Bingham, both Houston, the mutual benefits of Grand President's Circle for members and the Leadership Foundation.



Orlando attendees hula-hooped to raise awareness for the American Cancer Society.

Rachel Echternacht and Justin Rottnek, both Truman State, sold chapter merchandise at the South Central LEAD Provincial Conference in Little Rock, Ark. At all LEADs, there is no cost to the chapter to sell merchandise and any profits from selling T-shirts, ties, etc. support chapter activities.



Members from South Carolina attended the Southern LEAD Provincial Conference in Orlando. The attendance of pledges, collegians and alumni show that LEAD events are for all Deltasigs. From left: Joseph Palermo, Caitlin Mahoney, Gabriel Cossio, Kelly Faria, Kevin Jackson and Hannah West.

JOIN US IN CHICAGO FOR THE 2015 GCC!

©City of Chicago

Chicago is home to our second chapter and our original Central Office. It is also the most-visited city in the Midwest, buzzing with energy and excitement—a great location for our 50th Grand Chapter Congress. With plenty to see and do, Deltasigs will not be disappointed!

There are many sightseeing opportunities for you, your family and your brothers! Whether you arrive early, stay late or spend a few evenings in the city, be sure to see the Second City. Take a tour on a boat, bus or Segway, see the neighborhoods or go on a food tour (think pizza!), the opportunities are endless! Chicago museums to discover include art, culture, science and much, much more. You can also climb to the top of Sears (now Willis) Tower or John Hancock Observatory. The latter, which offers similar views, is located near the popular Oak Street Beach, south of North Avenue Beach. Bookend your Congress trip with a music festival and a visit to the Lincoln Park Zoo. A lasting memory will be attending a game at the “The Friendly Confines” of Wrigley Field, home of the Chicago Cubs, or U.S. Cellular Field to see the Chicago White Sox play.



Millennium and Grant Parks

Millennium Park encompasses 25-acres and is Chicago's premier green space. Lurie Garden, “The Bean” and Crown Fountain are main attractions to see. You can attend a free concert at the award-winning Pritzker Pavilion all summer long. Don't miss Buckingham Fountain.

Navy Pier

Navy Pier's name is a tribute to Navy personnel who served during World War I. The 1.5 mile pier is now home to entertainment, museums, activities, restaurants and shops. The whole family can enjoy the Ferris wheel, other rides, a miniature golf course, Chicago Children's Museum and Amazing Chicago's Funhouse Maze.

Chicago's Award-Winning Museums

The Adler Planetarium · Art Institute of Chicago - Voted #1 museum in the US by TripAdvisor · Chicago Architecture Foundation - #1 best thing to do in Chicago rated by U.S. News and World Report · Chicago History Museum · Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago · The Field Museum · Museum of Science and Industry · Museum of Contemporary Art · Shedd Aquarium

Shopping the Second City

The Magnificent Mile is what its name entails—superb! You'll find department stores, megamalls, luxury boutiques and brand name stores all in a row!

The Loop is where the iconic Macy's (formerly Marshall Fields) on State Street stands. With a mix of luxury and bargains and everything in between this shopping destination has it all!

Chicago's diverse neighborhoods have their own unique boutiques—explore and shop till you drop!

Area Attractions

There are many attractions to explore just outside the Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center Hotel, our hotel headquarters (reservations available in late August). Do a little shopping at the local world renowned Woodfield Mall, IKEA, LEGO Store Schaumburg, or other endless outlets. For some sporting fun, enjoy the nearby Boomers Baseball or the Arlington Park Race Track or try Medieval Times and Grand Victoria Casino.

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Visit dspnet.org and click on the
“GCC” Quick Link for more details—
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And now... leading off for the Delta Sigma Pi Leadership Foundation...

"Baseball is like church. Many attend, few understand."

—Leo Durocher, Baseball Hall of Famer

Just like baseball attendees, very few brothers fully understand the impact of donations to the Leadership Foundation. Your gifts truly help the brothers who received over \$80,000 in scholarships last year. Your gifts, which can come through many different means, provide financial support to Delta Sigma Pi Fraternity's educational and charitable programs, programs that help brothers achieve professional excellence in business. Learn more at dspnet.org/foundation.

Deltasig For Life Donor Program



STATS:

Year of Founding:	2013
Number of Members:	183

Highlights:

- Set up your credit card once for automatic gifts on a monthly/quarterly basis at dspnet.org/joinDFLD.
- Get recognized for your level of support! DFLD Star Fund levels align with the Foundation's annual giving levels and Grand President's Circle program minimum requirements.

Matching Gifts and Volunteer Grants



STATS:

Number of Matching Companies: Thousands available!

Highlights:

- Ask your employer if they will match, or even multiply, your gifts to the Leadership Foundation.
- Request support of your Delta Sigma Pi volunteer efforts with gifts to the Leadership Foundation in your name.
- Reach donor levels sooner when your money is doubled!

Living Legacy Society



STATS:

Names Include:	Charles "Buzz" & Ruth "Stonie" Sutton
Number of Members:	87

Highlights:

- Make a planned gift to the Foundation through a will, or name the Leadership Foundation as a beneficiary on a life insurance policy. Committed gifts must be of at least \$10,000.
- Such bequests distribute your assets according to your wishes, save on estate taxes, and leave your Delta Sigma Pi legacy without giving up assets now.

Stock & Securities



Highlights:

- Donate a gift of stock or a security to receive an income tax deduction.
- By giving the stock, you can avoid capital gains tax on its appreciation in value, as allowed by law.

The Ordinary Secret to Living an

The difference between living an ordinary life and an extraordinary life is simple. For those who believe in personal responsibility, it is what path you choose to follow in life. When I was 15, I lost my mother. My parents divorced when I was young and like all children, I believed my mother would always be there for me to make sure I was safe and raise me to adulthood. In an unexpected chain of events, all of that was taken away. My "safety net" had been stolen. The foundation of my life cracked and I experienced an involuntary change in the trajectory of my life. Overnight I had to take responsibility for myself and the person I was bound to become.

I realized life is not random and that a higher power exists to provide you the tools to succeed in life. The trick is you need to be aware enough to understand these tools and how they can be helpful.

In my 10th grade philosophy class when we were learning the teachings of Joseph Campbell, I realized I had found the first tool to change my path for the better. Campbell was an anthropologist and comparative mythologist. He had studied the ancient civilizations and discovered a common thread that he observed in each culture's stories. Myths or narratives have been shared in every culture as a means of entertainment, education and cultural preservation.

Historically there were specific people that filled the role of storyteller. In many ancient cultures there was not even a written language so the story-teller fulfilled a crucial role by informing the public of news and major events and by providing information. Our media evolved from this tradition, as myths and stories were passed from one generation to the next. In the past this was all there was and because the storytellers worked in an engaging and interesting manner, people paid attention and learned.

Over the years, there has been a dramatic shift in how stories are passed from person to person. Now due to social media, we have all become storytellers.

When I was 15 and experiencing this life transition, through the teachings of Joseph Campbell, I was shown that these stories are not personal and individual, but global and touch us all. His teachings are a way to understand the human condition.

Campbell articulated the "Hero's Journey", a template for every hero story that was ever written or told, in his book "Hero with a Thousand Faces". This was culled from Campbell's studies of ancient civilizations.

Archetypes like the hero, the wise old man, and the trickster, could be found all over the world in sacred myths and rituals of very different societies.

As a young filmmaker, George Lucas read Campbell's template and wrote a futuristic story about another universe that follows Campbell's archetypes. This movie was "Star Wars". Let's take a look at this portrayal of the hero archetype.

The Mundane World – In Star Wars, Luke Skywalker lived on the desert planet Tatooine longing for adventure. Many of us feel we live in a mundane situation. Instead of changing that fact by our own actions or decisions, we long for some external event or influence that will someday change our environment and make life more exciting.

The Call to Adventure – At some point we receive a "call" that beckons us to leave our mundane situation of normality and invites us to journey outside what is known. It calls the hero to leave his comfort zone. Luke Skywalker intercepted a recorded hologram from Princess Leia.

Refusal of the Call – Nonetheless, it is our psychological makeup to initially refuse the call to adventure, usually from fear of change, a sense of duty or obligation, fear, insecurity, a sense of inadequacy, or any of a range of reasons that work to hold the person in his or her current circumstances. There are consequences for the refusal. Luke lost his Tatooine family, which changed his path.

Supernatural Aid – As the hero travels on his journey, he may meet a wise person, a god or messenger who gives the hero a weapon or other magical item that will aid them later in their quest. If you don't connect with Yoda, think of all the role playing games that start with a wise person giving the hero advice, weapons and/or powers.

The Road of Trials – This is a series of tests, tasks, or ordeals that the hero must undergo to transform. Often the person fails one or more of these tests. For Luke, he was taught how to wield a light saber and harness his powers by Obi Wan, Yoda and finally his nemesis, Darth Vader.

The Ultimate Boon – Finally, the achievement of the goal of the quest. All the previous steps serve to prepare and purify the person for this, since in many myths the boon is something transcendent like the elixir of life itself, a plant that supplies immortality, or the Holy Grail. In Star Wars, it was the destruction of the Death Star.

Extraordinary Life

Eddie Stephens, Miami-Florida

These patterns are not just found in movies, but in all hero stories since the existence of time.

Once I understood that hero stories were a blueprint for living an extraordinary life, my life changed in beautiful ways that are hard to put into words. Campbell was right, when you make a conscious decision to follow your bliss, instead of someone else's path, doors will open where there previously were none. You will find people come into your life who have similar beliefs and will aid you on your journey. (Think Han Solo and Chewbacca).

Leaving your mundane world is not always easy, sometimes you need a push. We call it a "comfort zone" for a reason; it can be difficult to leave our comfortable routine. If your path is well traveled or you've been pushed onto a path and you can see clearly where you are going, it is not your path. Just when you think your path is clear and goals are attainable, life starts to change your path. Do not panic. This only enhances your goal, your bliss, when you do achieve it. An obstacle is an opportunity in disguise.

For me, it was a combination of losing my support system and shortly thereafter, being exposed to these concepts. It has been proven to me that everything happens for a reason. That might not be clear at the time, but eventually the truth will be revealed. Sometimes you have to put yourself in a vulnerable position to find your truth.

I have more questions than answers. But I am on my path. I am influenced by those around me and would like to think, maybe I have influenced others to lead a positive, productive life. Maybe that is my purpose.

Because of these experiences and teachings, I have learned to enjoy my journey. I don't know if this leads to a destination, but I do know my attitude about life has shaped my actions and has led me to lead an extraordinary life. Life rarely turns out according to a plan. No one expects to be rejected from a school they have applied to, be diagnosed with cancer, be fired from a job, or lose a parent at a young age, but life has a tendency of throwing you these curve balls



when you least expect them. We must be willing to let go of the life we planned to have the life that is waiting for us. ▲

Editor's note: Eddie Stephens is a Board Certified Trial attorney living in Palm Beach County Florida, and is partner in the law firm Ward Damon. He is married and has two children. He was initiated into Delta Sigma Pi in 1991, is a Golden Council member and is a Trustee Emeritus, having previously served as President of the Leadership Foundation.

Applying the Hero Story To Your Life

The Mundane World: Your everyday routine can become dull if you repeat it day after day. Don't wait for an external event or influence to change this, figure out how to change your life for the better.

The Call to Adventure: When you see your opportunity to change your dull days, accept it into your life.

Refusal of the Call: Seek new experiences, at any age or phase in life. Don't be afraid of change.

Supernatural Aid: Mentors are all around you, seek them out. He or she is a professor, Deltasig, alumni of your school, coworker, etc.

The Road of Trials: Don't let insecurities hold you back. Learn from your mentor and remember your goals/path.

The Ultimate Boon: Reflect on what you've achieved; don't become complacent.

Congratulations to Theresa Drew— *Deltasig's 2014 Career Achievement Award Honoree*

Theresa J. Drew, *Northern Arizona*, is our 2014 Career Achievement Award honoree! Brother Drew has held numerous offices, including first female on our Fraternity's Board of Directors, and has supported the Fraternity and Leadership Foundation with her poise and invaluable reasoning.

Brother Drew is the managing partner for the Carolinas practice of Deloitte, one of the largest accounting firms in the region, with more than 825 employees. As the only woman to lead a Big Four accounting firm in Charlotte, Drew has proven her leadership skills within a largely male dominated profession. She was promoted to partner in 1991, and serves clients in the consumer business, manufacturing and distribution industries.

Brother Drew serves on the Board of Directors of the Arts & Science Council, the YMCA of Greater Charlotte, and the Charlotte Chamber. She is also a member of the Board of Trustees of North Carolina-Charlotte. Drew served as the Chair of the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women 2012-2013 Charlotte campaign, which raised over \$500,000. She is also a member of the International Women's Forum, Women Executives, and the National Association of Corporate Directors.

Before her move to Charlotte, this exceptional brother served for ten years as managing partner of Deloitte's San Diego practice, where she was a recognized leader in the business community. She served on the Board of Directors of the YMCA, Young Presidents' Organization, BIOCUM, and as Chair of the San Diego Symphony. She also served as the 2005 Campaign Chair for United Way of San Diego County, raising \$24 million. Additionally, she was

a board member of the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Corporate Directors Forum.

During her 35-year career in the accounting profession, Brother Drew has received various regional and national recognitions. San Diego magazine named her the "2010 Woman of the Year" for her work to create positive change in the local community. She was also recognized by accounting fraternity Beta Alpha Psi as their "2005 Professional of the Year," and by Athena San Diego with the "2005 Pinnacle Award," in recognition of her efforts to hire, mentor and promote women within a professional services organization.

In 1995, Drew received the "Outstanding Woman CPA of the Year" award from the American Woman's Society of CPAs, a national recognition for her contributions to the accounting profession and the advancement of women in the profession. She is a member of the American Institute of CPAs and the North Carolina, California and Arizona Societies of CPAs.

Brother Drew joined Deloitte's Phoenix practice in 1979, after graduating with highest honors from Northern Arizona with a bachelor's degree in accountancy, where she was a 1977 initiate of Zeta Omega Chapter. As a collegiate member, Drew served as pledge class president, secretary, CEI Chairman, senior vice president and president. Her hard work and dedication led her to be the 1979 National Collegian of the Year, being the first female to serve as a board member of Delta Sigma Pi. According to past



Theresa Drew, Northern Arizona, will be recognized as our 2014 Career Achievement honoree later this year for her professional accomplishments and service to both our Fraternity and Foundation.

Executive Director Mike Mazur, "although right out of college, she demonstrated her sound business and personal judgment and earned the respect of the entire Board in a very short period of time. As the first female member of these bodies, she paved the way for numerous female Delta Sigma Pi leaders who followed."

Brother Drew also remains active as an alumni member. She served as treasurer and district director for Phoenix-Thunderbird Alumni Chapter. She also served as a Trustee of the Leadership Foundation and was elected as a Trustee Emeritus in 1997.

Theresa, her husband Douglas and their son Alexander, enjoy being part of the Charlotte community. The Fraternity will recognize Brother Drew's accomplishments at an event in her honor still being finalized. ▲

**New job? Start a new business? Get promoted or recognized for an achievement?
Share your news with us! Email magazine@dspnet.org.**

Courtney Coleman, *Alabama*, is production planning coordinator at Coca-Cola Bottling Company United in Birmingham.

Seth Crawford, *Arizona State*, is director, global customer and product support at John Deere in Moline, Ill.

David Byers, *Buffalo*, is senior territory manager – food & beverage at Parker Domnick Hunter Process Filtration. He lives in Rolesville, N.C.

Rick Boner, *Cal State-Fullerton*, is president, founder and tax preparer at Quantum Business Tax Solutions Inc. in Cypress, Calif.

Erik Schellerup, *Cal State-Northridge*, is IT business analyst at 20th Century Fox in Los Angeles.

Eric King, *Cal Poly-Pomona*, is service relationship manager at Boeing in Hazelwood, Mo.

Chris Dunavent, *Cal State-Sacramento*, is implementation consultant at GT Nexus in Oakland, Calif.

Jerry Bowhay, *Central Missouri*, is regional sales manager at Air King Fastening Systems in Circle Pines, Minn.

Natasha Conley, *Central Missouri*, is president at PSRI Technologies LLC in Chesterfield, Mo.

Tracy Darby, *Central Missouri*, is technical support analyst at ScriptPro in Mission, Kan.

Guray Kucukkocaoglu, *Central Missouri*, is professor of finance at Baskent University in Ankara, Turkey.

Chris Prezioso, *DePaul*, is senior vice president, chief fiduciary risk office at Northern Trust Company in Chicago.

Ulises Ruelas, *DePaul*, is financial advisor at Northwestern Mutual in Chicago.

Katharine Phillips, *Duquesne*, is marketing coordinator at San Diego Home Garden Lifestyle Magazine in San Diego.

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Conference Crushing Your Way to Success

Tyler Wagner, *South Carolina*, grew up with more energy and passion than most people know how to handle. He continuously found ways to push his limits as far as he could. He refused to take the “normal path” and sit on the sidelines of his own life. Joining Delta Sigma Pi further helped him succeed. For him, being surrounded by an amazing group of people all the time has changed everything for the better. He is now the bestselling author of *Conference Crushing*, a speaker, coach and serial entrepreneur.



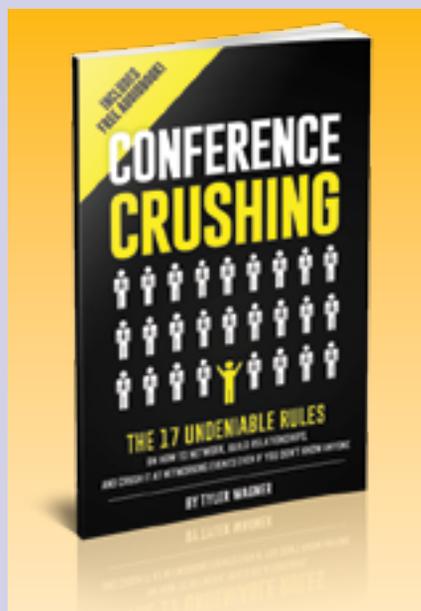
During his sophomore year at South Carolina, Wagner started his own painting business with Young Entrepreneurs Across America. The following year, he mentored five students, teaching them how to run their own successful businesses. It became apparent that helping others and showing them a different way to be “successful” was his passion.

Tyler then took a leap of faith and moved to Canada to intern under Jayson Gagnard, the founder of MastermindTalks. He helped plan multiple conferences, events, and retreats and learned what made an exceptional conference that delivered the most value to its attendees.

While putting on and attending many conferences, Tyler studied what type of attendees were getting the most out of these events. He wanted everyone to maximize their ROI at these events so he wrote, *Conference Crushing*.

Conference Crushing has already helped thousands of people with networking and building relationships. It is a step-by-step action guide to make the most out of any and every conference you attend. Tyler now speaks to and consults with students, businesses, and entrepreneurs across the country, teaching them the lessons he’s learned on crushing conferences, expanding networks and nurturing relationships.

Conference Crushing is available in the Kindle Store and free for Deltasigs, just contact tyler@conferencecrushing.com. ▲



“The richest people in the world build their networks, while everyone else just looks for work. And with *Conference Crushing*, you’ll get the best secrets to do it.”

— Dane Maxwell, Partner at TheFoundation.com

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John Burnett, *Florida Southern*, is special assistant to the president for equal educational employment opportunities at California-Pennsylvania in California, Pa.

Leadership Foundation Trustee Emeritus **J. Barrett Carter**, *Georgia State*, is CCO and director of strategic land management at Timbervest in Atlanta.

Adam Katch, *Iowa State*, is business operations analyst at U.S. Bank in Minneapolis.

Jessica Lambert, *Kansas*, is category supervisor at Victoria's Secret. She lives in Waukegan, Ill.

Meghan Hill, *Kennesaw State*, is marketing/sales specialist at Watts Water Technologies. She lives in Marietta, Ga.

Joe Mann, *Lewis*, is a personal banker at BMO Harris Bank in Surprise, Ariz.

John Edgar, *Louisiana State*, is chief financial officer at Inland Pipeline Rehabilitation in The Woodlands, Texas.

Michelle Edgar, *Louisiana State*, is controller at Probe Holdings Inc. in Houston.

Betsy Fischer, *Loyola-New Orleans*, is an attorney at Betsy A. Fischer, LLC in Metairie, La.

Leonard Thomas, Jr., *Lynchburg*, is residential advisor at Old Dominion Job Corps Center in Monroe, Va.

Megan Valencia, *McNeese State*, is contractor cost management site lead at Furmanite Technical Solutions in Westlake, La.

Ken Vaudo, *McNeese State*, is principal sales engineer at Nuance Communications in Birmingham.

Dan Friedman, *Michigan*, is director of business development at Watchsend in San Francisco.

Lara Liu, *Michigan*, is an analyst at Morgan Stanley in New York.

James Lange, *Michigan State*, retired from Wells Fargo Bank in Lakewood, Colo.

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Küdzoo: *Turning Classroom Sense into Real World Dollars*



Logan Cohen, *Florida International*, is co-founder and COO of a nationally acclaimed mobile app program, Küdzoo.

Küdzoo is a loyalty program that grants students access to rewards based on their grades, grade average improvement, attendance and participation in daily trivia rounds. Through its extensive partnerships with national brands, sports organizations and travel companies,

Küdzoo Cash can be redeemed for deals to students' favorite brands, giveaways, scholarship opportunities, concert tickets and once-in-a-lifetime experiences.

Küdzoo works together with schools and businesses to improve student engagement while bringing communities together with an educational focus. Logan and her business partner, Trevor Wilkins, developed the app while volunteering at a Philadelphia high school, "We found students understand that getting an education is their job, but like adults they worked harder when offered bonuses," said Cohen.

Through such incentives as discounts and rewards to local and national businesses, Küdzoo creates a platform that positively reinforces academic achievement in an appealing and relative manner. At the same time, Küdzoo creates a philanthropic and sustainable avenue for businesses to establish a new, positive channel of interaction with target customers by adding their name to the Küdzoo roster. Küdzoo works with businesses to achieve a goal that everyone can get behind: showing students that hard work and targeted grades can pay off in fun, tangible ways.

Küdzoo was nominated for the 2014 Edison Awards, which globally recognizes, honors, and fosters innovation and innovators who create a positive impact in the world. You can download the free Küdzoo app from the Apple App Store and Google Play Store today! Learn more at KudzooApp.com or contact Küdzoo at info@KudzooApp.com. ▲



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Milestones

Did you recently tie the knot? Welcome a new bundle of joy? Do you know a brother who has passed away? If so, please tell us. Email your mergers, gains or losses to magazine@dspnet.org.

Mergers

Geoffrey Silverstein, *Connecticut*, and **Amy Rabinowitz** on October 27. They live in Bloomfield, N.J.

Ashley Theisen, *Indiana-Purdue at Indianapolis*, and **Jesse Ford**, *South Carolina*, on March 15. They live in Charlotte, N.C.

Joe Mann, *Lewis*, and **Angelica McDaniel** on February 28. They live in Glendale, Ariz.

Morgann Haake and Alex Carlon, both *Minnesota*, on June 13, 2013. They live in Minneapolis.

Rocky Mountain RVP Crystal Simmons, *New Mexico*, and **Eddie Varela** on May 3. They live in Riverton, Utah.

Gains

Lisa and Robert Rojano, both *Cal State-Fullerton*, in February – **Gianna Estelle**. They live in Yorba Linda, Calif.

Jenni and Jacob Talbott, *Iowa State*, on December 13 – **Aaron Campbell**. They live in Ames, Iowa.

Stephanie Wolff, *Philadelphia*, and **John** on February 6 – **Dylan Bennett**. They live in Warrington, Pa.

Missy, *St. Thomas*, and **Jason Campbell**, *Penn State-Erie*, on March 12 – **Eva Caroline**. They live in Circle Pines, Minn.

Laura, *San Francisco State*, and **Austin Radus**, *Roger Williams*, on March 21 – **Brooklyn Louise**. They live in Alameda, Calif.

Melissa Beek, *South Dakota*, and **Justin** on November 22 – **Tavyn**. They live in Sioux Falls, S.D.

Christina Wilson, *Wayne State-Nebraska*, and **Aaron** on November 14 – **Bennett Dean**. They live in Neligh, Neb.

Dana Tougas, *West Florida*, and **John** on November 6 – **Michael Alan**. They live in Winterville, Ga.

Ashley and Alex Boone, both *Western Illinois*, on January 25 – **George A.** They live in New Lenox, Ill.

Losses

Alabama
Juston Martin (February 2)
Cal State-Sacramento
Robert Kraften (January 5)
Central Florida
Charles Lako (January 13)

Frostburg State
Lateef Gazal (February 14)
Indiana State
Catherine Akers (February 26)
James Madison
Andrew Yanishak (February 21)
Johns Hopkins
Fred Karr (February 21)
Louisiana State
David Pederson (March 19)
Loyola Marymount
John Garstka (January 12)
Nebraska-Lincoln
Robert Hall (June 28, 2013)
North Carolina-Chapel Hill
Wayman Leftwich (June 20, 2013)
Pacific
Ray Sylvester (February 6)
Penn State-State College
J. Kenneth Jones (December 17)
Radford
Joshua Beach (January 5)
Reno
Robert McGowan (March 22)
Rider
Harry Gamble (January 28)
Rutgers
Bob Busse (April 11)
San Francisco
James Disney (December 13)

Fraternity Mourns Loss of Past Grand President Bob Busse

Past Grand President Robert G. Busse, *Rutgers*, passed away April 11 at the age of 100. Brother Busse attended his first Grand Chapter Congress in 1936 before he was even initiated and his dedication to the Fraternity never wavered. Busse was a charter member of Beta Omicron Chapter at Rutgers, served as chapter president, Regional Director and Grand President. He helped endow the Bob and Dorothy Busse Scholarship Fund, was honored with the 1996 Lifetime Achievement Award and received his Diamond Helmet for 75 years of service last November.

Busse worked for Burroughs Adding Machine Company for 36 years in six states. He was married to Dorothy (Dottie) for 57 years before she passed away. They are parents to son Ronald and daughter Laurie who joined the Fraternity when she was a student at Georgia College—making the two the first father-daughter combination in the Fraternity. Busse also served the Special Olympics Georgia and the Ladies Professional Golf Association, whose annual golf tournament was renamed the “Bob Busse Classic” in his honor. Bob also



From left: PGP's Mitch Simmons, Bob Busse and Mark Chiacchiari.

joined Rotary in New Jersey almost 70 years ago, served in seven different clubs and was chief consultant to the Atlanta Rotary office for 35 years.

One of our true “Great Brothers”, Bob’s influence and contributions to Delta Sigma Pi will carry on as the Fraternity and Foundation continue to grow and prosper. Memorials in honor of Bob are suggested to the Foundation’s Bob and Dorothy Busse Scholarship Fund. ▲

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Susan Yanka, *Missouri State*, is tax account CPA at Cannon and Company LLP in Winston Salem, N.C.

Matt Richmond, *Nebraska-Lincoln*, is vice president and portfolio manager at Securian Financial Group in St. Paul, Minn.

Gina Mensay, *New Mexico*, is member services program manager at USA Swimming in Colorado Springs.

Michael Sandoval, *New Mexico*, is an attorney at Michael R. Sandoval PC in Portland, Ore.

Jay Delehanty, *New York*, is a criminal defense and traffic lawyer in Washington, D.C.

Sandy Salinas, *North Texas*, is branch manager at Morgan Stanley in Washington, D.C.

Shondell Coleman, *Northern Illinois*, is career services intern at Career Services at Northern Illinois University.

Mike Heys, *Ohio State*, retired from Central Ohio Counseling, Inc. He lives in Columbus, Ohio.

Cassidy Shafer, *Oklahoma*, is division order analyst at ConocoPhillips in Bartlesville, Okla.

Marlaine Bolger, *Redlands*, is director of tax returns preparation at JAG Tax and Financial Services Inc. in Victorville, Calif.

Eastern RVP **Howie Furman**, *Rider*, is HR coordinator at Spencer Gifts. He lives in Cherry Hill, N.J.

Teresa Schudrowitz, *St. Ambrose*, is application support manager at Healthgrades in Madison, Wis.

Crystal DeVries, *St. Cloud State*, is claims generalist at Progressive in Burnsville, Minn.

Steven Mui, *San Francisco State*, is CEO at BCS Media Studio in San Francisco, Calif.

John Szkaradek, *Siena*, is first vice president at SunTrust in Coral Gables, Fla.

Jesse Ford, *South Carolina*, is vice president/city officer at State Employees' Credit Union in Charlotte, N.C.

Dennis McCuistion, *Southern Methodist*, is clinical professor at Texas-Dallas in Richardson, Texas.

2013 National COY **Richie Brandt**, *Tampa*, is futures associate at Franklin Templeton Investments in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Priscilla Decker, *Tennessee*, is a realtor at McColly Real Estate in Crown Point, Ind.

Shane Elkins, *Texas A&M-College Station*, is graphic designer at Network Communications Inc. in Plano, Texas.

Musanna Al-Muntasir, *Texas A&M-Corpus Christi*, is research analyst and web developer at Sellmark Corporation in Mansfield, Texas.

Jim Tabor, *Texas-Austin*, is owner of River Oaks RV Ranch in Plano, Texas.

Chris Byrd, *West Florida*, is financial management associate at Ernst & Young in Houston.

Bob Holloway, *West Florida*, is owner of Holloway and Company in Ramona, Calif.

Betsy Bowers Brother Honored for Volunteerism

The Association of College and University Auditors awarded Betsy Bowers, *East Tennessee State*, the Member of Excellence in Service Award. She is the University of West Florida Associate Vice President for Internal Auditing and Management Consulting. The award, originated in 1997, recognizes a member who has made outstanding contributions to ACUA through exceptional volunteer service in fulfilling its mission.

In 2013, Brother Bowers was awarded a Silver Helmet for her 25 years of service to the Fraternity.



Her history of serving began when she was a vp-pledge education while completing her accounting degree. She went on to earn an MBA and continued to volunteer for the Fraternity as a district director. Most recently Brother Bowers served as the chapter advisor

for West Florida, a position she also held 2005-2006.

Bowers is a past national president of the ACUA, past editor for the ACUA Journal and coordinator for ACUA faculty. She serves on the Board of Directors for the Northwest Florida Institute of Internal Auditors and the Northwest Florida Association of Certified Fraud Examiners.

Bowers has worked in higher education for more than 30 years as a grant accountant, internal auditor and internal audit director/chief audit executive. Prior to joining West Florida, Bowers worked at East Tennessee State and Northeast State Technical Community College.

ACUA is a premier international professional organization for internal auditors in higher education. Its 521 member institutions, across North America and around the world, look to ACUA as the foremost resource for leading practices in internal auditing, regulatory compliance and risk management for higher education.

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Source: *The Association of College and University Auditors*

Become a CDL today and join more than 100 of your brothers!

The Certified Deltasig Leader (CDL) program is an online volunteer training program for Deltasigs. Certification recognizes alumni members for their demonstrated leadership training and experience.

How do you become a Certified Deltasig Leader (CDL)-Tier I?

Participate in at least two national Fraternity events in the past five years; complete 11 CDL presentations—all found at deltasiglearning.org; support the Leadership Foundation; and apply online at dspnet.org/awards.

Already a CDL and want to take it one step farther? Advanced Certification Tier II is also available!

To be eligible, alumni members must: complete Tier I certification; serve the Fraternity for at least one year in a volunteer leadership position; complete the four advanced training presentations at deltasiglearning.org; and apply online at dspnet.org/awards.

Congratulations to the CDLs who earned Tier I or Tier II certification for 2014-15 as of between February 8 and May 1. (Tier II CDLs are marked with a *.)

J. Dean Craig*, *Texas-Arlington*
 Linda Dorn*, *Winona State*
 Hannah Hoes*, *St. Thomas*
 Mar Hoyos*, *Pacific*
 Philip Kreznor*, *Drake*
 Erika Lakey*, *New Mexico*

Michael Mallonee, *Oklahoma*
 Tricia J. Mensing*, *St. Cloud State*
 Tina Mistry, *Cal State-Fresno*
 James Prescott, *Loyola-Chicago*
 Adekunle E. Samuel, *Wisconsin-LaCrosse*
 Levi Wade*, *Oklahoma*



Bob Mann, *West Florida*, is owner of White Sands Physical Therapy in Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.

Jason Mannion, *West Florida*, is regional manager of distribution and sales at Hershey Creamery Company. He lives in Pensacola, Fla.

Geri Murrey, *West Florida*, is employee relations officer at Boise State University in Boise, Idaho.

Brad Newman, *West Florida*, is vice president strategic partnerships

at Advanced Clinical Concepts in Bridgewater, N.J.

Michael Varljen, *West Florida*, is national sales manager at Mayer Fabrics in Indianapolis.

Heather Wood, *West Florida*, is co-manager at Walmart in Jupiter, Fla.

Steel Valley RVP **Aimee Underwood**, *West Virginia*, is senior associate, regional sales at Mylan Pharmaceuticals in Morgantown, W.Va.

Alex Boone, *Western Illinois*, is futures and options analyst at BP in Chicago.

Drew McCracken, *Western Kentucky*, is a personal banker at Fifth Third Bank in Hendersonville, Tenn.

Mike Doherty, *Wisconsin-LaCrosse*, is corporate internal auditor, treasury and financial at Volkswagen Aktiengesellschaft in Lehre, Germany. ▲

SIGMA CHI INSTALLED AT CAMERON

The 283rd chapter of Delta Sigma Pi was installed at Cameron University in Lawton, Okla. on April 26, 2014. The new chapter began as a colony in the fall of 2011 following support and student referrals by faculty member Roxanne Gooch who was the charter advisor at Midwestern State (TX). At the installation, 29 students and two faculty became the charter members initiated by GP Onuka Ibe along with collegiate members from Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, and Midwestern State.

The installation banquet was held at the Apache Casino and Hotel in Lawton with Tornado Alley RVP Mark Wernette serving as Master of Ceremonies. Vice President for Student Services Jennifer Holland presented a history of the University and Dr. John Camey, Dean of the School of Business, presented a history of the business school. Other Deltasig leaders participating in the installation included South Central PVP Henry McDaniel, District Director and Foundation Trustee Jerry Hotwagner, District Director Avery Moore, and fellow Golden Council members Jeff and Joelle Berlat, and Ashley Henry McCormick. Jeremy Levine, Director of Information and Operational Services, represented the Central Office.

During the colony phase, the group began an annual Financial Bootcamp hosting a series of four speaker events every Monday in October. They also established rapport with the local Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club by hosting engaging speakers and participating in various leadership networking events. A service program of 15 events included hosting a blood drive and working for homeless children. They also volunteered at the Business Women's fashion show, the local Cub Scouts Festival and the Roller Girls Derby. Colony members also helped the local community



Charter members of Sigma Chi Chapter at Cameron gleam with joy at the installation banquet in April. Members stand proudly with our letters and proudly display their membership certificates. Many non-traditional students helped the colony achieve chapter status.

by participating in food drives, living in a 'box city' to benefit the homeless and a back to school bash. They also celebrated our Founders' Day with free cookie distribution, colored with kids at Halloween and supported a mission that provides free dental care to those in need. Colony members attended LEAD events in Dallas, Houston, Las Vegas, Little Rock and Grand Chapter Congress in Seattle.

Today's Cameron University began as Cameron State School of Agriculture in 1908, a high school in Lawton. It was named after Rev. E. D. Cameron, a Baptist minister and Oklahoma's first State Superintendent of Schools. The first classes were held in the basement of a bank building while a campus was being built. In 1927, the academic institution changed its name to Cameron State Agricultural College to reflect the addition of junior college classes. Fourteen years later Cameron became exclusively a junior college and then in 1966 began offering Bachelor's degrees. After becoming Cameron College in 1971, the institution adopted

today's name, Cameron University in 1974. The University enrolls approximately 6,000 students from 45 countries in 50 degree programs.

The School of Business has long offered courses and degrees in business, but greatly expanded in 2009 with the addition of a new state-of-the-art building, Cynthia S. Ross Hall. There are nearly 500 undergraduates enrolled in accounting, general business, management, marketing, finance, and actuarial science. An MBA is also offered.

Welcome, Sigma Chi! ▲



GP Onuka Ibe (right) presents Colony President Waheed Gbadamosi with the chapter charter.

SIGMA PSI IS FOURTH CHAPTER IN ST. LOUIS AREA

Sigma Psi Chapter was installed at Lindenwood University in St. Charles, Mo. on May 3, 2014 with one faculty and 23 collegiate initiates. GP Onuka Ibe led initiation ceremonies with South Central PVP Henry McDaniel, Gateway RVP Jeanette Buie, District Directors Will Conner and Matt Hudson, and the colony Pledge Educator and Golden Council member Kevin Weber. Collegiate participants included members from Washington-St. Louis, Missouri-St. Louis, and Saint Louis.

The installation of the 284th chapter occurred during an evening banquet at the Embassy Suites of St. Charles and was emceed by Gateway RVP Jeanette Buie. Additional guests who attended the installation weekend event include School of Business & Entrepreneurship Dean Roger Ellis, PGP Randy Hultz, North Central PVP Jodi Schoh, Mid-South RVP Erin Lee, Leadership Foundation Trustees Brian Krippner and Corey Polton, and Golden Council members Jenny Terbrock, Heather Lewis, Wendy Eilers, Lou Maull, Bill Stebelski, and Sandy Shoemaker and several other alumni and collegiate members from a wide variety of chapters. Educational and Leadership Consultant Kyle Rinderle and Associate Executive Director Shanda Gray represented the Central Office.

Kappa Delta Iota colony officially began October 25, 2011 and reorganized a few times before reaching petitioning status. Some of the colony's professional events included tours of Edward Jones and Crown Valley Winery along with speakers who covered resumes, interviewing, anti-hazing, finance and investments, entrepreneurship, and a *Shark Tank* presentation.

The colony participated in more than 12 community service programs including charitable events for bone marrow donations, St. Jude Children's



The initiating class of Lindenwood was assisted by DDs Will Conner and Matt Hudson, and Pledge Educator Kevin Weber, who were instrumental in the installation of Sigma Psi.

Research Hospital, and a blood drive. Other projects included making paracord bracelets, a project with the St. Louis Veteran's Home, a weekly clothing drive for St. Patrick's Center, and managing set-up and registrations for the Career Services Etiquette Dinner.

The new chapter attended many area alumni events, building their network with local professionals in the St. Louis Alumni Chapter. They attended four LEAD events and joint regional conferences for chapters in Missouri and Kansas.

Lindenwood is an independent institution that began in a log cabin in 1827 as a school for girls. In 1853, it was dedicated to the St. Louis Presbytery and incorporated by Missouri Legislature, receiving its charter from the state in 1856. In 1913, it was accredited as a Junior College and later began awarding Bachelor's degrees in 1921. The college first admitted men in 1969, transitioned to university status in 1997 and now enrolls 7,400 undergraduates and 3,600 graduate students.



GP Onuka Ibe presented colony president Rebecca Piel with the chapter charter. From left: School of Business and Entrepreneurship Dean Roger Ellis, Piel, Faculty Advisor and initiate Kimberly Bricker-Ulrich and Ibe.

Lindenwood created the Department of Economics and Business in 1963 to provide a foundation for the development of graduate and professional studies. It grew into a Division of Management and later acquired its current name, The School of Business and Entrepreneurship, in 2007. In addition to the traditional business concentrations, its 1,550 undergraduates and 550 graduates may also choose majors in retail merchandising, sports management, personal financial planning, and non-profit administration.

Welcome, Sigma Psi Chapter! ▲

A Partnership of Business and Education

By Carol Burns, Cincinnati

The partnership between Cincinnati brothers and Junior Achievement as told by Cincinnati Honorary Initiate and Vice President of Education for Junior Achievement at the chapter's 90th Anniversary Celebration.

It all started on my first day at Junior Achievement when they gave me a list of 18 elementary classes and said, "Grow the program". That was Business Basics...30 years ago. Now it's 41,000 students from kindergarten through 12th grade.

My first recruitment presentation was to Delta Sigma Pi at the University of Cincinnati. There was such an enthusiastic response to the need for JA volunteers and

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the call to be a role model for students. At that time, I didn't have a place for the training so a Deltasig volunteered her apartment on the second floor of a funeral home. What a gracious welcome! Luckily, we were all in this together!

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We all know the message at Junior Achievement starts early. Volunteers convey this message at all grades with the students, "You have a job, right here, right now, and that job is to be a student. How well you do in that job will determine your next job."

When I first started with Junior Achievement, my own children's school did not have JA. I proceeded to share what I could by bringing \$10,000 of economic education materials to the school at no charge, taught two classes every year and found additional volunteers. I taught my daughter's class from first to eighth grade and also did the same for my son. One day, my son came home

from school and said, "Mom, you made me a hero at that school. They know that they will get Junior Achievement because of you."

Well, that son got married last summer and at one of the couples' showers, in walks one of those students who had JA during those eight years. She came up to me and said, "Mrs. Burns, my best memory of grade school is Junior Achievement."

It's all about heroes!

So we created heroes in the classroom with Deltasig. They taught children about needs and wants in first grade, taught about jobs in second grade, had students build a city in third grade and helped them create and run their own businesses by fifth grade. These JA volunteers taught workforce readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy. They became true role models to the students. When those JA volunteers entered the school, there was such excitement for their visits and such appreciation for their contributions.

One of the Deltasig brothers relayed the story to me of him running late for one of his JA classes. He called the school and asked the secretary to share his message with the teacher. He was concerned that the teacher might not have received the message so he ran up the steps of the school and ran down the hall. He arrived at the classroom door and the kids yelled, "He's here!" Then they all stood up and clapped. Now, unless you get this kind of reception at work, this really feels good!

Another Deltasig brother, Michael, made this comment about JA. "I was very nervous my first day of teaching. However, I had no idea how depressed I would be after my last. Junior Achievement was an



Carol Burns, Cincinnati, spoke at Alpha Theta's 90th Anniversary Celebration.

amazing experience that helped me learn a lot about children and myself. Believe it or not, the kids respect you as a teacher. The feeling you get makes it all the worthwhile to be the very best teacher you can be. It was a fantastic experience."

Delta Sigma Pi itself is no ordinary business fraternity, no ordinary organization—it has a wow factor. I have seen it in many, many meetings throughout the years, seen the professionalism of the students, the commitment level, the sense of business and the focus on goals and purpose. It is impressive to witness. When another business fraternity on campus witnessed Deltasig's level of success with the teaching of business and economics through Junior Achievement, they wanted to be involved. They challenged Deltasig to see who would provide the most classroom volunteers and, of course, Delta Sigma Pi always won!

I got to know so many students over the years and besides being partners in education, they became friends. Through the years, I recommended Deltasig to groups of incoming college students. I even shared their joy at several weddings. It is a true brotherhood. As an extra incentive for volunteering to teach two classes, I promised Deltasigs that they could use me as a personal reference. I have helped brothers get into Harvard Law School, the Peace Corps, and some excellent job positions! And, we have two Delta Sigma Pi brothers on our Junior Achievement Board of Directors!

Before I came to Junior Achievement, I taught fifth grade for several years. I had a student in my room by the name of Rob Ratterman, *Cincinnati*. Nice boy, good personality, fairly smart. Well, Rob had JA in fifth grade, eighth grade and in high school. By then, I had transitioned over to Junior Achievement and I ran into Rob at my recruitment for Delta Sigma Pi volunteers. He said he would love to teach and taught JA classes all five years of college. I didn't see him for a few years but then ran into him at a convenience store. I asked what he had

done since graduation and he stated that he had started his own business with two other Cincinnati graduates called, *Up for Sale*, an online auction company. He told how they really struggled for three years and money was tight. Things started working out for them and soon they received two important phone calls, one from Amazon and one from E-Bay. E-Bay offered to come to town and take them out to dinner. Well, those boys were hungry so, of course, they said, "Yes." So all of them had dinner at a very nice restaurant and during that dinner, E-Bay offered to buy them out. The boys said that they had to discuss it, walked down the hall to the restroom and jumped up and down high-fiving each other. E-Bay just offered them \$72 million. They said, "Yes."

It's been said that it takes a village to raise a child. Well, Junior Achievement is part of that village. We have built the JA success story:

- with every student whose life we have changed
- with every company that contributed
- with every volunteer who made a difference

In the words of one of our many volunteers who stated, "Thank you for allowing me to teach these classes. I strongly believe that you can create a better future by teaching kids to be great. Hopefully, I am teaching them to be better students, better citizens and a better person as a whole." Kids are our future. The time to take care of them is in the present.

Finally, I received a unique compliment on a note from the community liaison of Huntington Bank. She said, "Carol, You are a rock star in your field."

And that is what I wish for each of you...be a rock star in your field! ▲



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KENNESAW STATE (GA) honored faculty initiates with "Cupcakes for Coles College Faculty". Brothers baked 200 treats for the faculty initiates who volunteered and supported the chapter over the past 20 years. From left: Stephanie Weekes, Alexa Maley and Ashley Hughes.



ARIZONA raised chapter funds by organizing the Eller Business School Career Showcase, which also benefited University of Arizona and Eller College Student Council. Brothers Stephanie Dusso (left) and Lauren Findlow helped plan the successful event where brothers met exclusively with recruiters before the Showcase.

LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE won Organization of the Year at the University of Louisiana and academic program of the year for "Ragin' Business Week". From left: Monique Johnson, Terrence Jones and Lucy Williams.



CAL STATE-SACRAMENTO collegians, pledges, and alumni competed in their semiannual Broomball Event.

Arizona State/Gamma Omega

A sports/entertainment event included speakers from the Phoenix Suns, Idol Sports and Entertainment, and Endless Entertainment. Each company representative spoke about their past educational and work experience, how they got into the industry and company, what it is like to work in their company and position, and how a recent graduate could get into the industry. - *Julian Aziz*

Babson/Gamma Upsilon

To make donating clothes an easy task, the fall 2013 pledge class placed bins in the laundry rooms of all of the freshman dorms. Five brothers collected the clothes, organized and donated them to Cradles to Crayons, an organization that provides underprivileged Massachusetts youth with clothes and toys.

- *Nicole Marie Sun*

California-Davis/Nu Rho

We had a presentation about LinkedIn and a question and answer session about the company. Afterwards, we toured the headquarters, led by Bo Sun, California-Davis. - *Vivian Hoang*

Cal State-Sacramento/Epsilon Phi

At La Posh Salon in Elk Grove, Calif. an event was held to increase alopecia awareness and help the community organization Locks of Love. At La Posh Salon, there was a DJ, photo booth, food trucks, bounce houses, face painting and other interactive activities. Donors who gave more than 10" of hair to Locks of Love, received free haircuts and style courtesy of the salon. Brothers monitored outside activities, organized a raffle and supported the staff of the salon. - *Matthew Kramer*

Central Florida/Theta Sigma

We had 20 brothers attend a behind-the-scenes SeaWorld tour of the training facility and human resources building. The directors of finance, marketing, and human resources held a panel where they answered questions. - *Taylor Fekany*

Clemson/Kappa Tau

The chapter collaborated with the Office of Student Enrichment in the business school to bring Chris Westfall, a national elevator pitch champion, to

give his speech, "Making Your Message Matter". He gave an incredibly helpful presentation that informed students how to prove the value of their degree and of their messages and goals.

- *Ashley Snow*

Duquesne/Theta Rho

The chapter had a record pledge class of 22 new brothers this spring, previously their largest pledge class was 19. This surge, coupled with the 10 new members gained in the fall, will offset May's 28 graduating seniors. - *Taylor Mele*

North Florida/Kappa Pi and Florida State/Gamma Lambda

A co-sponsored presentation about SeaWorld and sought after employee qualities led to job and internship opportunities for brothers. After the presentation, members toured SeaWorld. - *Jesse Llano Fuentes*

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TRUMAN STATE (MO) won the Outstanding Large Organization Award at the university's Leadership Recognition Program. Additionally, many brothers garnered individual honors, from left: Joe Shaver earned the Verona S. Nichols Award; Outstanding Greek President was awarded to Andrew Ogle; chapter president Julie Bauer received the Outstanding President of a Large Organization Award; Justin Rottnek garnered the Outstanding Residence Leader Award; and Anh Do received the Excellence in Diversity Student Award and Outstanding Student Worker Award.

EASTERN ILLINOIS hosted a 50th anniversary gala. In attendance were Robert Mocella Jr. and his wife Marilyn, former Central Regional Director James Barger, and other alumni. Award winners from left: Jesse Green, Alyssa Stockton, Carlos Glenn, Taylor Turner and Jake Allen.



Brothers Going Beyond Business for Chapter Advisor

The Support of Brotherhood

By Wayne Anderson, *Missouri State*

Over the last 25 years with faculty advisor Wayne Anderson (center), Missouri State initiated nearly 1,000 new members.



I serve as the Faculty Advisor for Kappa Omicron Chapter. When I first began teaching business law at Missouri State in Springfield, a group of students invited me to join their fraternity and to serve as their advisor. I was not familiar with the fraternity so I attended their meetings and functions to learn more about them. I was encouraged by the fact that I recognized many of the members to be some of my best students. After a very short consideration period, I agreed to be a faculty initiate and also serve as their advisor. I am sure that many advisors have a similar story to tell; however, this is only where my story begins. When asked to present at “Meet the Chapter” events or during interviews with prospective pledges, this is the story I tell:

I was only an advisor for a few years when an event in my life changed everything. I was in the middle of a lecture one afternoon when a distraught office worker interrupted my presentation with a pink message form instructing me to proceed immediately to the local emergency room. My older brother was visiting from California and he was in a serious accident. I was visibly shaken up by the news and I quickly cancelled class so I could hurry to the hospital. There were many of my Fraternity brothers in attendance during that lecture.

When I arrived at the emergency room it was immediately evident that my brother would be kept there for an extended period of time due to the severity of his injuries. My immediate family was

mobilized and we existed in a state of shock over the recent events.

Within days, flowers arrived from my Fraternity brothers with wishes of a speedy recovery for my relative. Soon thereafter the visits began; sometimes in groups of two or three and sometimes in groups of five or six. They were not asked to come. They came because one of their own was hurting and they wanted to show support. The visits were awkward at first because they did not know my brother, but he enjoyed their visits very much. He later told me how surprised he was that students would take the time to visit someone in the hospital who they did not know. He thought it was great how much support was shown even though he was only related to a Fraternity brother. It wasn't the flowers or the magazines they brought that meant so much to my family. It was the brotherhood we all hear about, but seldom experience, that made all the difference in the world to us.

This all occurred many years ago and I have now been a proud member and faculty advisor for Delta Sigma Pi for 25 years. That group of brothers I tell this story about was long ago replaced by classes of new initiates; however, the care and concern demonstrated by that one class has created a legacy, a debt that I now owe to all members of Delta Sigma Pi. They went beyond business and networking. They went beyond expressed ideals to living those ideals. They went beyond being a business Fraternity to being brothers. ▲



MASSACHUSETTS-AMHERST co-sponsored *League of Their Own: A Discussion on the Business of Minor and Major League Baseball* with the Mark H. McCormack Department of Sport Management and Women in Sport Management Club. This is the largest event sponsored by the chapter with nearly 200 students attending. From left: Natalie Hebenstreit, Massachusetts-Amherst; Jason Kane; GM of the Boston Red Sox Ben Cherington; Rachel Sthilaire, Massachusetts-Amherst; Scott Savran; Alex Lamphier, Massachusetts-Amherst; Goldklang Group Senior VP Tyler Tumminia; and Elizabeth Lockett, Massachusetts-Amherst.

MISSOURI-ST. LOUIS collected 60 letters written by fellow students for Operation Gratitude. During "Lunch with a Legislator" Ally Hoehn explained the program to state Rep. Clem Smith (far right). From left: Brothers Brian Kelly, Jennifer Puccini, Hoehn, Cierra Powers and student Cameron Roark.



NORTHEASTERN (MA) colony participated in ClimbAmerica! It is a climb to the top of Boston's tallest buildings to fight the leading cause of death in the U.S., heart disease. This year's event was held at the State Street building in Boston and volunteers climbed 38 flights of stairs.

MINNESOTA celebrated their 90th anniversary with alumni from 4 decades. Collegiate brothers had the opportunity to learn about the history of the chapter and university. Chuck Guerin, Minnesota, gave a resounding speech on the significance on his time and experience in the Fraternity and what it truly means to be a Deltasig. From left: Tiffany Woelfel, Nicole Donnelly, Meghan Joyce, Abbie Gudmundson and Sarah Janisch.



SIENA (NY) held their first Dress For Success Fashion Show that raised money for Dress For Success Albany and \$500 for the chapter. Through skits, student and faculty models taught the Siena community what to wear in the professional world and great tips for interviewing and career fairs.



SOUTHEASTERN REGION hosted a conference in Atlanta for its nine chapters with topics including the business of business schools, overcoming information overload, ice breakers and team building.



CINCINNATI hosted a day of celebration in recognition of the chapter's 90th Anniversary. They held campus tours for alumni, a watch party for the Bearcats basketball game, and a professional event at the Bengals stadium. The day ended with an evening banquet of recognition, a silent auction, dinner and dancing. The keynote speakers were Carol Burns and Andrew Fogarty, both Cincinnati. Burns works for Junior Achievement and has worked with the chapter since 1986, while Fogarty is a Golden Council member and Golden Helmet honoree who initiated in 1950.



WEST VIRGINIA hosted Brothers Bron Austin Deal and Los Ellis, both Oklahoma, for "Brand and Dress Event". During this professional event, brothers served as models for business casual, smart casual, and business formal attire. In addition to covering one's image presented through clothes, the importance of one's online image was also discussed.

Turning Success into a Habit: Miami-Ohio Student Builds Business During School Days

By Anne Strychalski

Brandon Agranovich, *Miami-Ohio*, exhibits many qualities of the ideal member by excelling academically while balancing a professional career. He founded Proof Provider as a senior in high school when he saw a need for a service and took the initiative to serve the market. Proof Provider prepares home inventory for consumers to use for insurance purposes in case of burglary or severe damage to homes. Launched in 2011, Proof Provider currently serves residents throughout the Cleveland area. As the President, Agranovich worked with insurance companies to properly train licensed and insured employees on how to take pictures of homes for optimal insurance protection.



Proof Provider is beneficial to consumers because instead of trying to remember every item in one's home or provide accurate descriptions, a Proof Provider home inventory provides that information. This process also benefits insurers by protecting against fraudulent claims. Although competition has grown since Proof Provider opened, Agranovich hopes to grow his company while the market is still open.

Of course, this was not his first business. In 2004, at age ten, Brandon and his brother cofounded All About You Productions, a successful small business that creates presentations showcasing events, concepts and products for corporations and individuals.

While Brandon obtained success in the business world before his Delta Sigma Pi initiation, his involvement with the Fraternity has helped him shape his professional goals and personal aspirations. According to Agranovich, Delta Sigma Pi has helped improve his communication and networking skills and taught him the confidence he needs to communicate effectively with people in both his personal and professional life.

"Deltasig has helped me run my businesses because it improved my ability to network with people in the insurance industry and effectively communicate with potential customers," said Agranovich.

Professional events hosted by Alpha Upsilon at Miami-Ohio also inspired Agranovich to provide more comprehensive services to clients and taught him how

to run Proof Provider more efficiently.

Agranovich is also involved on campus as the President of Nourish International, an organization that serves as a platform for students to make a global impact through ventures and projects. He brings knowledge and experience from Deltasig to the Nourish chapter to cultivate strategic plans for increasing revenue and running chapter operations. His involvement led to numerous brothers joining Nourish to become more involved on campus and support his newest venture.

Agranovich's experience managing a business, schoolwork, Fraternity involvement and running a campus organization leads him to provide sound advice to pledges and young members who are transitioning to college. His recommendations include

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being involved with things you are passionate about and finding a pattern of completing work for all your academic and extracurricular activities. He embraces planning for each day and staying busy so that success simply becomes a habit.

Throughout all of his successes, Brandon remains a humble brother, "I want to represent the Deltasig name as best as possible and show why Delta Sigma Pi is an incredible organization." ▲

Thank You to these Blood Drive Participants!

Every two seconds someone in the United States needs blood and more than 38,000 blood donations are needed every day. Delta Sigma Pi encourages chapters and members on a national level to support this need by participating in or sponsoring blood drives. This year, 88 chapters sponsored a blood drive and registered their event with the Central Office and/or National Community Service Chair Kris McDaniel. Special thanks to the efforts of these chapters:

Adelphi (NY)
Alabama
Albany (NY)
Albion (MI)
Ball State (IN)
Bellarmine (KY)
Bentley (MA)
Binghamton (NY)
Boston U.
Bowling Green State (OH)
Buffalo (NY)
Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo
Cal State-Long Beach
Cal State-Sacramento
California-Davis
California-Irvine
California-Santa Barbara
Central Florida
Central Missouri
Colorado State
Colorado-Boulder
Connecticut
Cornell (NY)
Duquesne (PA)
Eastern Illinois
Florida
Florida State
George Mason (VA)
Georgia
Georgia College and State

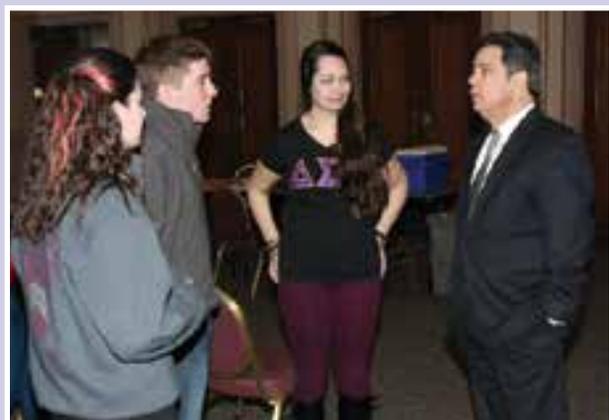
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Grand Valley State (MI)
Hawaii-Manoa
Houston
Illinois-Urbana
Indiana
Indiana-Purdue at Ft. Wayne
Indiana-Purdue at Indianapolis
Iowa State
James Madison (VA)
Kansas City Alumni
Lewis (IL)
Louisiana-Lafayette
Miami-Ohio
Midwestern State (TX)
Minnesota State
Nebraska-Lincoln
New Jersey
New York
North Carolina-Chapel Hill
North Carolina-Greensboro
North Florida
Ohio State
Oklahoma
Pacific (CA)
Penn State-State College
Philadelphia

Pittsburgh
Redlands (CA)
Rider (NJ)
Rochester Tech (NY)
Rockhurst (MO)
Rutgers-New Brunswick (NJ)
Saginaw Valley State (MI)
Saint Louis
San Diego
San Francisco
San Jose State (CA)
South Carolina
Southern California
Southern Illinois-Edwardsville

Southern Mississippi
Syracuse (NY)
Texas Tech
Texas-Arlington
Texas-Austin
Texas-El Paso
Texas-San Antonio
Troy (AL)
Truman State (MO)
Valparaiso (IN)
Washington State
Wayne State-Michigan
Western Michigan
Winona State (MN)
Wisconsin-LaCrosse
Wisconsin-Madison
Wisconsin-Milwaukee



Hai Anh Nguyen and Akash Patel, both Rutgers-New Brunswick, show their support for our community service initiative, the national blood drive.



PITTSBURGH co-sponsored a blood drive to support American Red Cross with Gamma Sigma Sigma and state Sen. Jay Costa (far right).

Academic Accolades

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Matthew Simmons, *Central Missouri*, earned the on-campus, peer-nominated, Walk the Talk Exemplary Leader Award.

Cincinnati Chapter Advisor Scott Gregory, *Cincinnati*, received the Phyllis Trospen Service Excellence Award for his outstanding service to the undergraduate community.

Brendan O'Brien, *Cincinnati*, was named the Carl H. Lindner College of Business Student Leader of the Year.

Emily Van Treeck, *Cincinnati*, was named the Real Estate Outstanding Undergraduate Student of the Year.

Shondell Coleman, *Northern Illinois*, earned a scholarship for academic achievement, leadership and community involvement.



TEXAS-EL PASO collegians and alumni reunited to celebrate National Alumni Day with different activities throughout the entire week including, a movie night, dinners, a professional event with PriMerica and a community service event at an adult daycare.

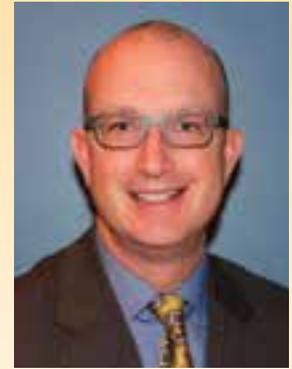
ST. THOMAS (MN) hosted the 56th Annual Halsey Invitational. The friendly competition between chapters began in 1959 and is a tradition of the North Central and Great Plains Regions. Each year, brothers from both regions compete in a weekend-long volleyball and basketball tournament culminating in a closing ceremony and dance. Above: Tourney namesake Ken Halsey, Wayne State-Nebraska, throws the first jump ball of the tournament.



WESTERN KENTUCKY attended David Dillon's lecture titled "Who is Following You?" A reception afterwards provided student organizations the opportunity to set up informational tables and network with various business leaders, including Dillon (fifth from left), who is the chairman of the board for The Kroger Co.

Heinz Vice President Pours on the Brotherhood

By Ashlynn Eidemiller, *Penn State-State College*



*Bill Simon, Vice President
Frozen Foods Business Unit
at H.J. Heinz Company*

The alumni of Delta Sigma Pi act as part of the foundation for this professional Fraternity. Their legacy and unfaltering commitment ensures future generations of Deltasigs unique opportunities to enhance their experience. As the vice president-professional activities, one of my goals was to connect brothers with opportunities to grow in the professional realm. Morgan Zerbe, vice president-alumni relations, assisted me last October by finding alumni willing to share their life journeys with our chapter. Without hesitation Bill Simon, *Penn State-State College*, the current vice president, Frozen Foods Business Unit at H.J. Heinz Company, reached out and was eager to participate.

More than 30 chapter members travelled from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh for a full weekend of activities to achieve chapter objectives of increasing alumni interaction, improving inter-chapter relations and exploring different cities. We accomplished these goals by exchanging ideas with the Pittsburgh chapter, meeting with Simon and exploring the Steel City.

The highlight of the weekend was meeting with Brother Simon. He greeted us at the classroom and soon after began his speech. The casual, laid-back demeanor of his discussion was refreshing and members were engaged with his fun-loving presentation on the topics we

wanted to hear about, including his motto for success: "What has served as a consistent predictor of success throughout my career have been analytics, attitude and advocacy. The three A's have been a powerful reminder for me and many of my past colleagues."

He shared his journey at Penn State with Delta Sigma Pi – how it shaped him into the man he is today. He spoke about his time with Heinz and he reassured us that all experiences are good ones because no matter what, you always learn something. He discussed the current changes happening at Heinz and the new opportunities on the horizon for students. He recruited several members who were offered full-time positions with the company's Corporate Management Development Program.

Simon earned his bachelor's in marketing and speech communications and his master's from the Smeal College of Business. His dedication to his alma mater is evident; Simon served as chair of the Smeal MBA Alumni Advisory Board and was an ex-officio member of the Smeal Alumni Society Board. While serving as chairman, he worked toward attracting, retaining and developing the best students possible for the Penn State MBA program. In 2012, Bill and his wife Jeri established the Simon Family Trustee Scholarship in the College of Business. The scholarship is supported by matching

funds from the H.J. Heinz Foundation and is endowed at \$50,000. Its impact doubled with support from the University's Trustee Matching Scholarship Program.

Simon began his career at ADP as a district manager and since working for Heinz has held many positions in senior management.

Bill claimed, "Delta Sigma Pi was a remarkable experience for me while at Penn State. It was a catalyst for long lasting friendships while opening my eyes to a more balanced college experience. This helped shape my area of focus and enabled me to market myself with confidence. I have always enjoyed giving back to the students of Penn State. It is incredibly fulfilling to enable someone's development and success. The most rewarding by far is giving back to students to ensure they have the opportunity to reach their potential and professional dreams. I feel very blessed to have interacted and assisted so many talented students over the years." ▲



Penn State-State College and Pittsburgh hosted Bill Simon (front, center), Penn State-State College, vice president, Frozen Foods Business Unit at H.J. Heinz, to speak about his successes and share tips with the students.



INDIANA-BLOOMINGTON held its third annual American Cancer Society Gala raising over \$5,000 through ticket sales and donations. Over 165 guests enjoyed well-known campus performers and touching speeches from a professor and a local brother, both of whom shared their personal stories of overcoming cancer. During the event all guests were asked to light a luminaria in honor of any family member, friend or loved one who lost, is fighting or has overcome their battle with cancer. This year, all ticket sales proceeds were donated to the American Cancer Society thanks to generous grants from the Indiana community that covered expenses of the evening.

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Indiana-Purdue at Indianapolis/ Kappa Sigma

Indiana, Indiana-Purdue at Indianapolis and Purdue toured Banker's Life Fieldhouse, home of the Indiana Pacers and WNBA team, Indiana Fever. The tour guide discussed operations, marketing and finance for Banker's Life Fieldhouse. - *Courtland Jackson*

Hawaii-Manoa/Rho Chi

Professional Interaction Night is a networking dinner where brothers were seated with professionals by interest or field of study. Four 20-minute rotations after dinner provided students the opportunity to meet additional professionals, ask questions, and seek insight and opportunities. Professionals collected resumes and offered internships and full-time positions. - *Lily Nguyen*

Loyola Marymount/ Delta Sigma

The chapter celebrated their 55th anniversary with a birthday bash. The guest list consisted of collegians, alumni and chapter advisor, Ralph Quiñones,

professor of business law and marketing. The event included the presentation of the Delta Sigma Pi Scholarship Key. - *Los Angeles Loyolan*

La Salle/Epsilon Sigma

Paul Ridder, President of Tastykake, spoke in an interactive presentation. Tastykake, established 100 years ago, is a local company based in Philadelphia. Mr. Ridder explained Tastykake's history as well as the recent merger with Flowers Foods. He discussed seasonal products and limited edition products, as well as the process to bring new products into production. Lastly, he discussed Tastykake's marketing strategies. - *Melissa O'Donnell*

Midwestern State/Epsilon Zeta

Air Tractor is an international company located in the small town of Olney, Texas where the chapter toured and learned about different functions and operations of the business, parts of the machines, and the behind-the-scenes role engineers play in assembling the tractors. - *Tam Vuong*

Missouri State/Kappa Omicron

Alumni Stephanie Rodriguez presented during a "Meet the Chapter" recruiting event. Stephanie spoke of the benefits of the Fraternity, including personal and professional growth, better networking skills, improved professionalism and related experience to discuss when interviewing for jobs. - *Samuel Berendzen*

Nebraska-Lincoln/Alpha Delta

The chapter hosted our 37th annual Spina Bifida volleyball and basketball tournament to help awareness for the disease and raise money for the Spina Bifida Association of Star City. Since the inaugural tournament in 1979, the tournament has grown into a prominent University event and this year the chapter raised nearly \$1,200 for the Association. - *Lea Kayton*

Nevada-Reno/Delta Pi

At the Nevada vs. New Mexico men's basketball game, the chapter raised \$2,500 for the Metzker Family Memorial Fund. The Fund supports three children who lost their mother to cancer and

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SOUTHWESTERN REGION held a successful professional event in Fort Worth, Texas where alumni led sessions and a panel discussion for collegians from Baylor, Southern Methodist, North Texas, Texas Christian, Texas-Arlington and Angelo State.

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father, a sports anchor, in a hit and run accident after a college football game. The chapter advertised for this fundraiser using social media and by word-of-mouth. Funds were raised through the five local businesses that donated either \$0.50 or \$1 for every student at the game. - *Kristina Baird*

New York/Alpha

A panel discussion with Kearn co-founders Matt Law, Matthew Connelly and Dustin Moy, all *CUNY-Baruch*, gave brothers insight about entrepreneurship, a budding field at New York. - *Vijay Sumal*

Ohio/Alpha Omicron

The chapter volunteered at a Game of Thrones premier on Ohio's campus, one of few locations with this opportunity. Brothers helped recruit volunteers, organized the 700 attendees, gave away prizes, and entertained the crowd. - *Sam Stults*

Pepperdine/Rho Upsilon

The chapter hosted its second annual "Peace on PCH" car show to benefit the Emily Shane Foundation. The event drew crowds of Pepperdine students, Malibu locals and car lovers from all

over the Los Angeles area. Emily was 13-years-old when she was struck and killed on the Pacific Coast Highway in 2010. Fifty Deltasigs directed traffic, sold raffle tickets, food and T-shirts, and collected donations. - *Malibu Times*

Pennsylvania/Beta Nu

Every year, our chapter partners with two well-known campus organizations, Penn Fashion Collective and Wharton Retail club to bring industry powerhouses to campus. These representatives spoke to thousands of Penn students, bringing together the undergraduate, graduate, and local Philadelphians in an effort to educate them about different aspects of the fashion industry. This year's events included speakers such as the Controlling Investor, CEO, and COO of Barneys New York, and representation from Macy's, Pinkberry, and more. Sponsors included Warby Parker, Calvin Klein, Sweetgreen, Kipling, Teen Vogue, Glamour and many more. - *Lennie Zhu*

South Dakota/Alpha Eta

South Dakota celebrated the 90th Anniversary of its founding with a formal dinner and program, with 66 collegiate brothers, alumni and

guests in attendance. There were also several speakers, who reflected on their experience with Delta Sigma Pi, and the impact it had on their lives. All had a good time, the alumni really enjoyed reconnecting with the chapter, and collegiate brothers were able to meet fellow alumni brothers. - *Jeremy Jansen*

Southern Mississippi/Gamma Tau

The chapter co-hosted a blood drive with Mississippi Blood Services. We had over 24 people donate, including a few brothers. - *LaWanda Cherry*

Washington-St. Louis/Alpha Chi

Maxine Clark, founder and former CEO of Build-A-Bear Workshop, and a professor from Washington University conducted a professional event to educate participants on the importance of personal branding. - *Kuangnan Yu*

Wayne State-Nebraska/Eta Pi

Brothers helped Flowers and Wine deliver flowers and valentines on Valentine's Day. Flowers and Wine in return donated carnations that we gave to business professors. - *Andrea Brunssen*

Brotherhood Support Leads to Entrepreneurial Challenge Win



Jeff Blethen, *South Carolina*, won the Fluor Innovation Prize at The Proving Ground for his product, ZzzSock. The bedding product fits over a mattress like a sock, keeping one covered and simplifying the bed-making process. For his win, Blethen earned \$15,000 and startup support.

Brother Blethen hatched the idea for ZzzSock when he woke up on a bitter cold Chicago night and his covers had fallen to the floor. Knowing he would have to make his bed from scratch, he came up with the idea to allow one to make a bed as easy as pulling up a sock.

The entrepreneurial challenge, The Proving Ground, at South Carolina fosters a student startup culture at the university, while identifying and accelerating innovative business concepts. It is among the nation's top collegiate business plan competitions. Blethen won-over the judges during the final round of the competition, which was a pitch session before a panel of judges, similar to the ABC-TV show "Shark Tank".

Blethen is grateful for the support of his brothers who were crucial in helping him win the competition. As a freshman, Belthen has not taken many business classes yet, but his chapter helped him with financial projections and business plan development. Their support during the event eased the usually stressing factors of presenting in front of a large crowd.

Since winning the competition in November, Blethen negotiated deals to source ZzzSock at several different factories to gain competitive pricing in the market. With support, he continued to develop ZzzSock and is creating several different models. The ZzzSock logo and slogan, "Warmth from your nose to your toes" are trademarked and several patents are pending. Blethen plans for ZzzSock to be in stores late fall or early 2015-- be on the lookout for the ZzzSock in stores near you! ▲



ZzzSock founder Jeff Blethen, South Carolina, displays the simplicity of making a bed with ZzzSock. For more information, reach out to jeffb@zzzsock.com.



RIDER (NJ) hosted it's 80th anniversary celebration by having an Easter-themed cookout. Many alumni and faculty brothers were in attendance.

Share news about your alumni chapter activities! Email your news and photos to magazine@dspnet.org

Hampton Roads (VA) Alumni Chapter

Together, alumni and Longwood members collected \$240 for the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore!



HAWAII ALUMNI attended the 25th anniversary celebration of HAWAII-HILO in April. Activities included a welcome reception, volcano tour and banquet. 2011 National COY Cody Silva is kneeling front right.



DRAKE alumni gathered at the 2014 North Central LEAD Provincial Conference. As collegians, these members all served on the executive committee and now remain involved with the Des Moines, Milwaukee, and Twin Cities alumni chapters. From left: Phil Kreznor, Sarah Tangerstrom, Great Plains RVP Jillian Gartner, Jessica Hilgenbrinck and Golden Council member Kirstie Gill.



HOUSTON alumni attended Houston's spring social at MacGregor Park.



KANSAS CITY ALUMNI hosted a bowling event in March. Seventeen brothers attended, including members from KANSAS and ROCKHURST.



RADFORD had a 10 year anniversary celebration in conjunction with initiation in April. Founding members from left: Bruce Blaylock, Jason Smith, Kari Broughton and Mid-Atlantic RVP Karin Fitzgerald.

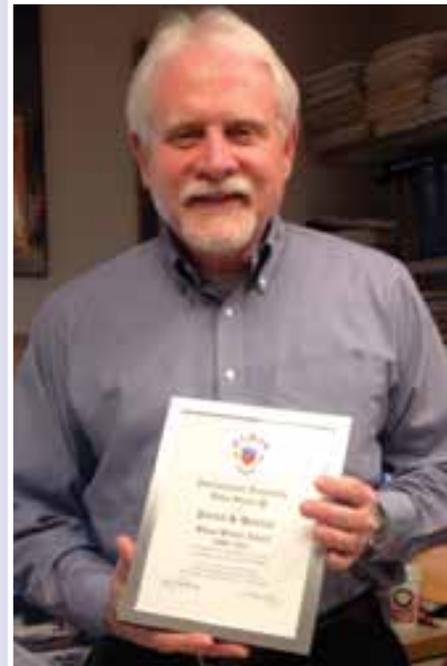


ORANGE COUNTY welcomed ELC Malory Ammerman to California with a trip to Disneyland. While on the west coast, Ammerman visited nine schools and attended the Western LEAD Provincial Conference. Top from left: Western PVP Patrick Bonfrisco; DD Kevin Salazar; Golden Council member Brittany Bowers; and Anthony San Jose, Concordia. Bottom from left: Nuri Won, Chapman; Ammerman; Rechenna Lo, Chapman; and Ashley Matsunami; Concordia.

Congratulations to Helmet Honorees!



Golden Council member Chris Sweet received his Silver Helmet at the Southern LEAD Provincial Conference in Orlando in March. From left: Sweet, his Big Brother Ashok Arora, and Southern PVP Janene Markuske.



DRAKE presented Patrick Heaston with his Silver Helmet in April for his continued support as a faculty initiate for the past 25 years.



SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI's chapter president Jordan Smalley presented brother and College of Business Dean, Faye Gilbert, with her Silver Helmet at the chapter's annual Spring Rose Banquet in April. Brother Gilbert stated the recognition was a "challenge to [new members to] continue to do better and more for her home chapter."



CHRISTIAN BROTHERS presented a Golden Helmet in February to founding member, longtime chapter advisor and recent National Chapter Advisor of the Year Robert Brittingham. Seated in front row: Golden Council member Heather Lewis, PGP Bill Tatum, Brittingham, and

Mid-South RVP Erin Lee. 2009 National COY and National Marketing and Communications Chair Burton Bridges and 2010 National COY Jenny Terbrock, both Christian Brothers, stand in the back row on the left.

Get Involved! Please note: Contact information is listed here for cities where alumni chapters are currently franchised as of May 1. There are alumni members organizing groups in other cities listed. They are noted with a city name only. For contact information on these organizing groups, or to start a group in an area not already listed, please email alumni@dspnet.org, call (513) 523-1907 x223, or check online at www.dspnet.org.

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Farewell to ELC Kyle Rinderle

Kyle Rinderle, *Xavier*, served a three-year term for the Fraternity as an Educational and Leadership Consultant. During that time he conducted over 100 visits to chapters, colonies and expansion sites, helping brothers across the country better understand recruiting, financial management, professional programming, service events and more! We appreciate all you've done for the Fraternity and wish you the best of luck in the future, Kyle! ▲

PGP Mark Chiacchiari presented a testimonial to Rinderle for his years of service to the Fraternity at Grand Chapter Congress in Seattle.

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July 31-August 1

Fraternity Board Meeting-
Indianapolis

September 13-14

Leadership Foundation Trustee
Annual Meeting-Denver

October 11

St. Louis LEAD School

October 18

Atlanta LEAD School

October 25

Detroit LEAD School
Make A Difference Day

November 1

Phoenix LEAD School

November 7

Founders' Day

November 8

Woodbridge (NJ) LEAD School

Foundation Board Meeting "Minutes in Seconds" (March 9, 2014)

- ▲ The 2014-15 operating budget was approved and includes enhanced allocations for website redesign and technology enhancements, as well as new accounting software.
- ▲ Founders' Memorial Scholarships for undergraduate and graduate members were reassessed and reallocated with a total of eleven (eight undergraduate and three graduate) for \$1,000 each to be awarded next year. This year there are eight undergraduate at \$600 each and four graduate at \$1,500 available.
- ▲ Scholarship recipients will be given a deadline of December 31 to submit the necessary documents to receive payment. They will continue to be notified in September regarding the outcome of their application.
- ▲ A raffle policy was adopted where items may be donated for a raffle and will be receipted for tax purposes, but no donor credit is given for the donated item.
- ▲ Enhanced qualifications for Trustees were adopted to include disclosure of felony or misdemeanor convictions at the nomination process.
- ▲ Deltasig For Life Donor (DFLD) enhancements and promotions were discussed, including transition of graduating Grand President's Circle members into the One Star Level of DFLD at \$10 per month to fulfill their GPC lifetime commitment. ▲

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