

North Central Province

Provincial Vice President – Jodi Schoh

Travel During Period:

9/3	Twin Cities Alumni Chapter Meeting
10/8	Fall LEAD School (Grand Rapids, MI)
10/12	Theta Tau Chapter Meeting (St. Cloud, MN)
10/21	Fall LEAD School (Overland Park, MO)
10/29	Fall LEAD School (Denver, CO)
11/19	Delta Initiation (Milwaukee, WI)
11/19	Xi Chi Initiation (Milwaukee, WI)
12/8	Twin Cities Alumni Chapter Community Service Event (Minnetonka, MN)

Future Travel:

2/10 – 2/12	Halsey VB/BB Tournament (Lincoln, NE)
2/24 – 2/26	North Central LEAD Provincial (Chicago, IL)

Provincial Goals

- 1) CMP Achievements – 80% accredited; 40% recognition; 20% excellence.

RVPs continue to work with the chapters on obtaining at a minimum accredited level of CMP. Last year, only 53% of the chapters achieved accredited status. We currently have four chapters on guidance for being below 85% requirement of the accredited level.

- 2) Every District Direct to become a Certified Deltasig Leader (CDL).

Currently, 37% of the District Directors are CLDs.

- 3) Identify expansion opportunities in the Province.

We are in the process of starting a colony at Cleary University. The colony at Bradley University has been dissolved.

LEAD/Provincial

The Fall LEAD School in Grand Rapids had lower than expected attendance by the Province. Many of the chapters attended the LEAD School in Overland Park due to proximity. Three of the regions had a regional conference, which added a benefit of more training and sharing of ideas between chapters.

Discipline and Chapter Assistance

Over the past year, the province continues to deal with some although less severe risk management violations. Two chapters received warning letters, one for alcohol and underage drinking at a LEAD event and the other one for violating the BYOB alcohol policy.

We also had one chapter accept receivership from the Board of Directors this fall due to low membership. I am happy to report the chapter increased membership and I am excited about their future.

Summary

It has been a busy fall term. We hosted two webinars presented by 2015 Collegian of the Year, Chad Robinson for all nominees on best practices on their application process. The leadership team is also working on how to better educate the chapters and volunteers leads on ritual based on observations from attending various initiations this past semester. Finally, the team is working on transitioning as the end of the biennium will be here in a few months.

Great Plains Region Regional Vice President – Jillian Gartner

Fall 2016 Travel/Visits:

- August 18: Des Moines-Central Iowa Alumni Chapter Happy Hour
- October 7-9: North Central Fall LEAD School, Grand Rapids, MI
- October 20: Chapter Visit: Gamma Eta, University of Nebraska-Omaha
- October 27: Chapter Visit: Mu Psi, Iowa State University
- November 5:
 - Great Plains Regional Conference
 - Des Moines-Central Iowa Alumni Chapter Post-Conference Socials
- November 17: Des Moines-Central Iowa Alumni Chapter Happy Hour
- December 10: Des Moines-Central Iowa Alumni Chapter Holiday Party

District Directors:

- Alpha Eta – University of South Dakota: Dustin Pratt
- Alpha Delta – University of Nebraska: Ellie Pelto
- Alpha Iota – Drake University: Phil Kreznor
- Epsilon – University of Iowa: Brandelle Unkrich
- Eta Pi – Wayne State College: Jeni Kemnitz
- Gamma Eta – University of Nebraska-Omaha: Chelsea Hayes
- Mu Psi – Iowa State University: Jody Dierickx

Strengths:

- Strong recruitment throughout the region
- Continued leadership by alumni brothers
- Strong participation in regional and national events
- Very professional and effective chapter meetings
- High interest in building professional network while giving back to the fraternity

Opportunities for Improvement:

- Opportunity to increase organization across chapters in planning to stay ahead of deadlines
- Enhanced communication across chapters – allow chapters to better share best practices and stay in communication beyond regional and national events

Great Plains Regional Goals:

- Regional Conference – Goal: Host successful regional conference in Fall 2016, with focus on fraternity education, building brotherhood and networking.
 - Status: Held successful regional conference on November 5, 2016 from 10am-4pm in Des Moines, IA. 40 brothers were in attendance. Presentations by PGP Norman Kromberg

and DD Chelsea Hayes. Alumni panel moderated by DD Phil Kreznor; panelists included Jody Dierickx, Jenny Omgig, Nate Wagner and Chelsea Hayes.

- Chapter Management Program (CMP) – Goal: To have all chapters achieve Accredited Chapter for the 2016-2017 year and make strides towards achieving Chapter of Recognition.
 - Status: All chapters in the region on track to achieve Accredited status at a minimum.
- Attendance at National Fraternity Events – Goal: To have 100% attendance from collegiate chapters at a Fall LEAD and the North Central Provincial Conference.
 - Status: All 7 collegiate chapters attended a Fall LEAD Conference.
- Ritual Memorization – Goal: Have 50% of chapters in Great Plains Region perform memorized initiation ceremonies.
 - Status: Goal achieved; four of seven chapters performed memorized initiation ceremonies in the Fall 2016 semester.
- Communication with District Directors – Goal: Increase communications with District Directors by hosting regularly scheduled conference calls and establish team rapport.
 - Status: Developing plan for regularly scheduled conference calls, topics and cadence for the Spring 2017 semester.

CMP Update:

Great Plains Regional CMP Summary

Chapter	Fall Dues Paying Members	Fall Initiates	Accredited Completed	Accredited Approved
Epsilon	75	21	56.10%	56.10%
Alpha Delta	87	22	65.85%	58.54%
Alpha Eta	59	12	70.73%	65.85%
Alpha Iota	64	13	70.73%	68.29%
Gamma Eta	58	22	53.66%	48.78%
Eta Pi	24	8	60.98%	58.54%
Mu Psi	29	21	56.10%	53.66%

Final Thoughts: I am very proud of the continued progress and success chapters in our region have had in recruitment, chapter operations, and solid presences on their campuses and in the community. We continue to have strong recruitment numbers and achievements in CMP.

I would like to thank each of my District Directors for the dedication and support they provide to their chapters. Our base of volunteer leader support is continuing to grow and I am thankful for the dedication of leadership in our region.

**Central Region
Regional Vice President – Jessica Anderson**

Travel During Period:

- 9/7-9/9 – Fall LEAD School (Grand Rapids, MI)
- 11/5 – Kappa Sigma Initiation (Indianapolis, IN)
- 11/11 – Epsilon Omega Initiation (Charleston, IL)
- 11/13 – Iota Chi Initiation (Bloomington, IL)

Future Travel:

- 2/24-2/26 – North Central LEAD Provincial (Schaumburg, IL)

Tentative Travel (as of yet unplanned)
Kappa Omega Visit (West Lafayette, IN)
Epsilon Xi Visit (Muncie, IN)
Iota Sigma Visit (Evansville, IN)

District Directors:

Upsilon – Mark Voyda
Alpha Pi – Gary Loos
Delta Tau – Lauren Morgan
Epsilon Xi – Edgar Rodriguez
Epsilon Omega – Jesse Green
Iota Sigma – Jessica Anderson/unfilled
Iota Chi – Bill Peradotti
Kappa Sigma – David Ortiz
Kappa Omega: Corey Stasen

Strengths:

- CMP Achievements:
 - 2015-2016
 - Epsilon Xi and Kappa Sigma achieved Chapter of Excellence status
 - Alpha Pi achieved Chapter of Recognition Status
 - Delta Tau achieved Accredited Chapter
 - 2016-2017
 - Most chapters are on pace to achieve at least Accredited chapter status
- Chapters continue to have a strong sense of brotherhood
- High quality community service and professional events
- Strong initiation numbers: 141 new brothers, up 16 from previous year

Weaknesses:

- CMP items still seem to be submitted at the last minute, with a few chapters still submitting things late
- Chapters don't always seem to plan events in advance, especially bigger events like initiations and LEADs
- DDs are not utilized as much as they could be

Disciplinary Issues:

- One chapter is finishing up their probation
- One chapter was temporarily suspended by their university but removed from suspension once the university found out the chapter wasn't a part of the issue
 - The chapter went above and beyond to work with the university and was praised by them after the issue took place

2017 Goals/Challenges:

- To have all chapters be at least accredited chapters
 - Most chapters seem to be on pace to achieve this, and some are prepared to go beyond to Chapter of Recognition or Chapter of Excellence status
- Better communication between chapters and DDs and DDs and myself
 - I plan to set more concrete expectations for DDs as well as schedule regular meetings to discuss chapter operations
- 100% attendance at National Events
 - 7/9 chapters attended the Grand Rapids LEAD with the other 2 chapters attending the Overland Park LEAD
 - 7/9 chapters currently registered for Provincial LEAD in Schaumburg
- Each chapter Nominate/Submit a COY
 - All 9 chapters nominated a COY
 - 8/9 chapters completed their application

- This was an extremely strong group of COY nominations this year, so I hope to see that trend continue
- Each chapter submit 2-3 awards
 - 6/9 chapters accomplished this in 2016, so I would love to improve upon that number in 2017
- Colonies
 - Unfortunately the Bradley colony was closed due to lack of interest
- Host a regional initiation/conference in 2017 (most likely the fall)
 - I plan on talking to chapter representatives at Provincial LEAD to determine interest for either option

Final Thoughts:

It has been great to see how much Upsilon has improved since their disciplinary issues in Fall 2015. Kappa Sigma continues to impress me with their exceptional chapter operations and strong leaders. There are many strong chapters and the region, and every chapter in the region has the potential to become a strong chapter. It is my goal in the next year to help each chapter get closer to reaching their full potential.

**North Central Region
Regional Vice President – Cory Stopka**

Fall 2016 Travel

Travel During Period:

6/25	Twin Cities Alumni Chapter Annual Pig Roast (Lakeville, MN)
8/12-13	Volunteer Leadership Retreat (St. Louis, MO)
9/1	Twin Cities Alumni Chapter Meeting (Edina, MN)
10/13	Theta Tau Awards Celebration and Pledge Meeting (St. Cloud, MN)
11/3	Twin Cities Alumni Chapter Founders Day Event (Minneapolis, MN)
11/5	North Central Regional Conference (Alpha Epsilon/U of MN Campus)
11/12	Epsilon Iota Initiation (Mankato, MN)
1/12	Twin Cities Alumni Chapter Social (Edina, MN)
1/23-14	North Central Provincial Leadership Retreat (Chicago, IL)

Future Travel:

1/24	Alpha Epsilon Chapter Meeting
2/24-2/26	North Central LEAD Provincial (Chicago, IL)
2/10-12	Halsey VB/BB Tournament (Lincoln, NE)
8/16-8/20	Grand Chapter Congress (New Orleans, LA)
TBD	Planning to visit each chapter along with DD throughout the term

District Directors:

- Alpha Epsilon – Meagan Hagerty
- Epsilon Iota – Jeff Nestrud
- Kappa Upsilon – Chris Anderson
- Nu Tau – Samantha Motz
- Eta Rho – Tiffnee Robus
- Theta Tau – Danielle Gohman
- Twin Cities Alumni Chapter – Jeff Blanchard

Strengths:

- Six of Seven DDs are Certified Deltasig Leaders with five of those reaching Tier 2 status

- Chapter Management Program. All 6 collegiate chapters are on pace to achieve at least Accredited, five are on pace for Recognition, and all but two chapters appear to be striving for Excellence
- Alumni Chapter is strong with a variety of impactful and entertaining events executed
- Awards have been a strength with each chapter completing at least one award application for previous year and all submitting a COY nominee for current year

Weaknesses/Opportunities for Improvement:

- Transitions among individual officers and chapters as a whole has been improving, but continues to be an area of focus
- National Event Participation – 31 in LEAD 2015, 24 to LEAD 2016; 69 to Provincial 2016, 41 registered for 2017 (as of 1/16)

Regional Update:

We have made much progress while improving on the foundation of success in the region since I became RVP mid-term at the 2016 Provincial Conference.

Each chapter has a District Director that is committed to assisting the chapters in their initiatives relating to the regional goals. Although we had some expected turnover with the DDs, we have transitioned smoothly with communication being a primary focus.

There has been strong communication with the DDs to assist them in directing the chapters in relation to their chapter goals and regional goals. Through this process we have maintained regular contact varying on needs through a variety of mediums.

During the spring semester we will focus on continuing to reach out to future volunteer leaders (over 25 have been identified-contact me if you know of any or are one yourself!), begin regular DD calls in addition to one-on-ones, and continue to assist all chapters in their pursuits of excellence (CMP or otherwise).

The Twin Cities Alumni Chapter was one of only four chapters in the country to achieve the Gold level of the Alumni Recognition Program for the prior year and continues their events that benefit collegiate and alumni members alike.

Two of the chapters received consultant visits from the Central Office staff that discovered both strengths and areas of opportunity that the chapters are working on throughout the year.

We had a small regional conference in November for those that were unable to attend the LEAD which was in Grand Rapids, MI. That includes me who had some wedding obligations. Although the group was small and there were areas of improvement for future events, those in attendance gained valuable insights. Thanks to all of those that put this event together!

Although we haven't yet reached all of our goals, we are diligently pursuing and striving to achieve them. This will include pursuing expansion opportunities which will be a collaborative effort with the Central Office this semester.

I continue to be honored and humbled to serve as your RVP. As always, don't hesitate to contact me with your questions, comments, concerns, and ideas.

Great Lakes Region

Regional Vice President – Nicole Orlando

Fall 2016 Travel/Visits:

- July 13: Zeta Xi Professional Event, Tour of Wrigley Field, Chicago, IL
- September 11: Gamma Pi Executive Committee Meeting, Chicago, IL
- September 11: Gamma Pi Chapter Meeting, Chicago, IL
- October 1: Gamma Pi Pledge Ceremony, Chicago, IL
- October 5: Zeta Chapter Meeting, Evanston, Illinois
- October 10: Alpha Omega Faculty Initiate Meet and Greet, Chicago, IL
- October 23: Great Lakes Regional Conference, Madison, WI
- November 6: Alpha Omega Initiation, Chicago, IL
- November 12: Eta Mu Initiation, DeKalb, IL
- November 17: Chicago Alumni Chapter T3, Chicago, IL
- November 19: Delta Initiation, Marquette, WI
- November 19: Xi Chi Initiation, Marquette, WI

Spring 2017 Travel/Visits:

- January 14: North Central Provincial Leadership Meeting, Chicago, IL
- January 16: Kappa Phi Chapter Meeting, Valparaiso, IN
- January 29: Zeta Pledge Meeting, Evanston, IL
- January 30: Psi Executive Committee Meeting, Madison, Wisconsin
- February 5: Zeta Xi Pledge Ceremony, Romeoville, IL
- February 24-26: North Central LEAD Provincial – Chicago, IL
- March 4: Alpha Omega Initiation, Chicago, IL
- April 1: Zeta Initiation, Evanston, Illinois
- April 8: Zeta Xi Initiation, Romeoville, IL
- April 22: Psi Initiation, Madison, WI

Strengths:

- Increased participation in regional and national events.
- Focus on strong recruitment and quality pledges.

Weaknesses/Opportunities for Improvement:

- Timely and accurate Chapter Management Program (CMP) submissions.
- Compliance with the risk management, insurance, and conduct policy.

Great Lakes Regional Goals:

1. District Director Communication: Administer monthly calls with the Region's District Directors (DD) to provide guidance, discuss chapter issues and answer questions.

Status: I have held conference calls in September, November, December, and January that have addressed near-term CMP deadlines, pledge education program and initiation guidelines, and upcoming regional and national events. In addition, I have scheduled several one-on-one calls with DDs to discuss chapter issues or concerns in detail.

2. Risk Management: Ensure that each chapter in the Region is working to comply with the risk management, insurance, and conduct policy of Delta Sigma Pi.

Status: I planned a Regional Conference that took place on October 23, 2016 in Madison, Wisconsin. At that meeting, Greek University CEO Mike Ayalon was our keynote speaker and he presented a 90-minute session on Hazing. In addition, I discuss risk management with DDs periodically on our monthly conference calls.

3. Relationship with Chapter Advisor: Identify and implement methods for enhancing the chapter's relationship with the chapter advisor and school.

Status: I have asked each chapter to take additional steps to plan events for the business/economics faculty and faculty Deltasigs as well as incorporate these details within the chapter’s strategic plan submissions for Spring 2017.

4. Training: Identify training needs for collegiate chapters in the Region.

Status: The Great Lakes Regional Conference included sessions on recruiting, fundraising, Delta Sigma Pi trivia, networking, and staying involved in Delta Sigma Pi after graduation. We chose session topics based on feedback we received from each of the 10 collegiate chapters in the Great Lakes Region. In addition, the Great Lakes Region leadership team continues to encourage collegiate members to attend North Central LEAD events.

Regional Summary:

The Great Lakes Region is performing in a satisfactory manner. The Region continues to focus on timely and accurate submission of CMP items to achieve Accredited Chapter Status. Although some chapters have completed all CMP items within the required deadline during the fiscal year, several other chapters have failed to receive credit for more than one CMP item. In addition, the DDs and I continue to work with the collegiate chapters to ensure compliance with the pledge education program and to ensure the initiation ceremony is administered appropriately. I have engaged the DDs both during and outside of our monthly conference calls to discuss these areas and to provide ongoing guidance to the collegiate chapters. We plan to continue these efforts during ritual practices and the day of the initiation ceremony. I am planning to meet with several chapters individually during Spring 2017 to discuss pledge program or initiation concerns that the DD and/or myself observed in the Fall 2016. Lastly, eight of the 12 DDs in the Great Lakes Region are Certified Deltasig Leaders, an increase from the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

There were five of 10 collegiate chapters represented at LEAD in Grand Rapids, Michigan. However, of the five collegiate chapters that did not attend this LEAD, four attended the Regional Conference in Madison, Wisconsin. The only collegiate chapter that did not attend either event was Zeta, Evanston, IL. I expect that the Region will be well represented at the North Central LEAD Provincial in Chicago, IL as several representatives from six of the 10 collegiate chapters are registered to attend. I plan to work with the DDs of the remaining four chapters to ensure that each chapter is represented.

Huron Region –2017 Council Report

RVP Charisse Welborn

Travel Summary

October 7-9 th		Fall LEAD Schools – Grand Rapids
November 19 th	Detroit Motown AC	Leadership Symposium
<i>Upcoming Travel</i>		
February 2017	Epsilon Omicron	Chapter Visit
March 2017	Xi	Chapter Visit
March 2017	Mu Phi	Chapter Visit
April 2017	Iota Lambda	Chapter Visit

Regional Goals

- Host a Regional Initiation (Fall 2017)
- All Chapters receiving at least Chapter of Accreditation Status for the 2016-2017 CMP year
- At least 50% of chapter participation at National Fraternity Events
- Chapters Applying for a minimum of 3 chapter awards, not including COY
- Expansion of Collegiate Chapters or Franchising of Alumni Chapter

Strengths

- Increased participation at National Events
- Increased communication and collaboration between chapters.

Opportunities for Growth

- Timely submissions of CMP reports. This prevents chapters from earning their desired CMP status.
- Growing a genuine interest in Regional Volunteer Leadership Positions

Collegian of the Year

8 chapters successfully submitted a nominee for Collegian of the Year. Of the 8 chapters, 3 chapters have had their nominee submit their application for regional COY. Congratulations are in order for the following Chapter COYs: John Courage McLaren Stroud – Xi, Carmela McDermott – Gamma Theta, Evan Wendell – Gamma Kappa, Talesha Wright – Delta Rho, James Thomas – Epsilon Omicron, Macey Lapp – Iota Lambda, Scott Dion – Lambda Xi, and Kelsie Hutter – Mu Phi.

Chapter Awards

In addition to the COY award, I have challenged all chapters in the region to apply for a minimum of 3 chapter awards. A lot of the chapters are doing some awesome programming and I think it's important for them to be recognized for their hard work. Chapters are required to submit to me the 3 awards their chapter will apply for by March 1, 2017. This will allow time for the District Directors and myself to assist with the applications to improve submission quality.

Expansion Opportunities

Potential Colonies	Cleary University – Howell, MI (Current Colony) Adrian College – Adrian, MI Baker College – Flint, MI Trine University – Angola, IN
Potential Reactivation	Eta Phi - Eastern Michigan University – Ypsilanti, MI
Potential Franchise/Re-Franchise:	Fort Wayne, IN Alumni Chapter

North Central Provincial Community Service Committee Chair Chelsea Hayes

North Central Province is making a difference for Ronald McDonald House Charities.

The province continues to support our national charity. During the Fall 2016 LEAD School we collected pop tabs and wish list items for the Western Michigan Ronald McDonald House. Our chapters collected many pounds of pop tabs, and various pantry items.

What's next?

During the Spring Provincial Conference we will continue to collect pop tabs, and wish list items for the Ronald McDonald House Charity. Also, stay tuned for an exciting opportunity for community service at Grand Chapter Congress.

North Central Provincial Scholastic Development & Awards Committee Chair - Kirstie Gill

Collegiate and Alumni Awards

One of my goals for the 2016 awards season was to have a regional winner from each region for each collegiate chapter award for the provincial committee's consideration. I am happy to say we achieved this and had 5 regional winners selected for all 7 chapter award categories. This was not the case in prior years.

For the alumni chapter awards, we saw less nominees overall. Going forward, I plan to work with RVPs and personally reach out to alumni chapters to encourage them to submit applications. My goal is to have all seven alumni chapters apply for at least one award.

Our province had 3 National Award winners for 2016 chapter awards. Congratulations to the Alpha Omega Chapter for winning National Outstanding Alumni Relations for a Collegiate Chapter! Congratulations to the Twin Cities Alumni Chapter for winning National Outstanding Alumni Chapter and National Outstanding Service for an Alumni Chapter!

The North Central Province also had one national individual award winner. The 2016 National Chapter Advisor of the Year award was given to Terri Mische of the Theta Tau Chapter. Thank you for all your contributions to your collegiate chapter and the fraternity! This is the second year in a row that the National Chapter Advisor of the Year was from the North Central Province.

Collegian of the Year

Similar to last year, we hosted a webinar for COY nominees. This year, we also opened the webinar up to Chapter COYs from other provinces. 2015 National COY Chad Robinson presented the webinar again this year and described the application process and provided tips on writing the best application. Nominees were given a chance to ask any questions about the application and selection process. More COYs attended this year than the prior year which was an improvement.

Congratulations again to all Chapter Collegians of the Year! You should be very proud of all you have accomplished within the fraternity, the community, work, and academics. Being nominated as your chapter's COY is truly an honor.

Collegian of the Year Nominations:

Year	Province	Chapters	Nominated	Nom%	Submitted	Sub%
2014	North Central	40	40	100%	35	88%
	DSP Total	209	191	91%	165	86%
2015	North Central	41	41	100%	31	76%
	DSP Total	213	204	96%	135	66%
2016	North Central	40	40	100%	28	70%
	DSP Total	215	206	96%	141	68%
2017	North Central	41	40	98%	29	73%
	DSP Total	222	210	95%	138	66%

Looking Forward

Going forward, I would like to continue to work with the Regional Vice Presidents to understand how the Provincial and Regional Award Committees could better assist each chapter with the awards application

process. Chapters – it is very important that you start working on your award applications today! Start gathering information so you are ready to apply when the time comes. All of you are doing great things and deserve recognition!

North Central Provincial Alumni Committee Chair Molly Rae

We continue to host alumni forum at each LEAD School and LEAD Provincial to discuss various alumni driven topics. We also work with the national alumni development committee on how the province can support national initiatives.

North Central Provincial Marketing Committee Chair Ellie Pelto

The goal of the North Central Marketing Committee is to get more information out to the Province. We are posting about important announcements, national initiatives, deadlines for LEAD and other events, chapter birthdays, and other relevant or engaging material. We are now on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram (links at bottom).

I have reached out to the RVPs and each chapter to ask them to inform me of their events and other exciting news so that I can post about them on the NCP social media platforms. I hope to get RVPs and chapters more responsive so that we can show how awesome our province is through social media. I will reach out to these people again to let them know I will post about their activities.

Overall we are trying to become more visible and engaging with all chapters to help them be more visible on social media. During LEAD/Provincial/GCC (and any other event weekend), we will post frequently on events, speakers, photos of brothers, and promote the hashtags so others will post. (#DSPLEAD, etc.)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/dspncp/>

<https://twitter.com/dspncp>

<https://www.instagram.com/dspncp/>