

NORTH CENTRAL PROVINCE LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS

North Central Province

Provincial Vice President – Cory Stopka

Travel During Period:

8/16-19	Grand Chapter Congress (New Orleans, LA)
9/7	Twin Cities Alumni Chapter Meeting
9/14-17	National Volunteer Leadership Retreat (Cincinnati, OH)
9/20	Twin Cities Alumni Chapter Recruitment Event (Minneapolis, MN)
9/29	Central Office Consultant Visit Meeting (Minneapolis, MN)
10/13-15	Fall LEAD School (Cincinnati, OH)
10/27-29	Fall LEAD School (Omaha, NE)

Future Travel in 2018:

1/18-21	Board of Directors Meeting (Oxford, OH)
2/9 – 2/11	Halsey VB/BB Tournament (Minneapolis, MN)
2/16-18	North Central LEAD Provincial (Milwaukee, WI)
8/2-3	Board of Directors Meeting (Dallas, TX)
8/3-5	National Volunteer Leadership Retreat (Dallas, TX)
10/12	Fall LEAD School (Minneapolis, MN)

Provincial Goals

- 1) Cultivate Leadership at collegiate and alumni levels

We continue to use our time to find volunteer leaders at a variety of levels. We've utilized collegiate members to present at regional conferences, brothers who ran for elected positions that weren't elected in a variety of roles, and continue to identify and converse with future leaders. We also hosted a COY webinar that was put on by our national chair and most recent Provincial COY, Brikken Jensen, that was highly attended and engaged brothers from across the country.

- 2) Identify expansion opportunities in the Province

The colony at Cleary University plans to petition in the spring with a hopeful installation in the fall. Other efforts being made by RVPs with ongoing conversations at a few campuses.

- 3) Improve event impact by carefully examining areas for improvement or advancement

Through the leadership of our Provincial Professional Development Chair, Jillian Gartner, and staff we have put on one successful LEAD School with more updates coming through the ideas shared by all of those in the province. We will continue to look for ways to build on our foundation of programming while adapting to the needs of the province.

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

RVPs continue to work with chapters on their CMP platforms, especially with the new requirements of some ritual items. As of early January, chapters have a 48% approval rate for Accredited, a 57% approval rate for Recognition, and a 37% approval rate for Excellence.

5) Have all DDs Certified Deltasig Leaders

Nearly half of the DDs (all 41 chapters have a DD!) are at least Tier 1 CDL.

LEAD Schools/LEAD Provincial

We had low attendance at the LEAD School in Omaha. Some of these low numbers came from multiple regions going to the Northeastern LEAD and two of the regions hosting a regional conference. More regional conferences are being planned for spring and fall terms to complement the LEAD programming. The attendance at the LEAD Provincial in Milwaukee has seen good early registration numbers.

Discipline and Chapter Assistance

During the first term of the biennium we were met with some challenges regarding risk management. One of those has caused a chapter to be placed on probation by their University and, subsequently, the Board of Directors. That chapter is performing well and working towards a restored relationship with the university.

We have also had issues regarding risk management relating to the pledge education program and alcohol. Those incidents continue to be monitored and may result in further actions with those chapters.

I'm pleased with the immediate and internal actions taken by the chapters that have had an incident regarding risk management violations. Please continue to operate with a high level of integrity and character personally and fraternally.

Summary

This first few months of the biennium has been a bit of a whirlwind. We had tremendous turnover in our province. We have three new RVPs, a complete turnover with our provincial chairs, a new PVP, and a RVP race at GCC that ended in a tie which was later decided through our proper course of fraternal action by the region. I believe we have some work to do as we continue to bond as a provincial team which will be assisted by a future leadership retreat. We have a team that is dedicated to serving those in this province. We have a strong group of future leaders that will continue to hold our current leaders to a high standard. Thanks to all of those brothers serving in whatever way you are at this point, title or not. You are an important and integral part of the success of this province and provide a positive impact on the brothers of this province.

Central Region

Regional Vice President – Jessica Anderson

Travel During Period:

10/13-10/15 – Fall Lead School (Cincinnati, OH)

11/3 – Epsilon Xi Initiation (Muncie, IN)

11/4 – Delta Tau Initiation (Terre Haute, IN)

Future Travel:

TBD – Risk Management Presentation – Epsilon Xi (Muncie, IN)

TBD – “State of Alpha Pi” – Alpha Pi (Bloomington, IN)

2/16-2/18 – North Central LEAD Provincial (Milwaukee, WI)

District Directors:

- Alpha Pi – Indiana University – Makenna Graham
- Delta Tau – Indiana State University - Lauren Morgan
- Epsilon Xi – Ball State University – Edgar Rodriguez
- Epsilon Omega – Eastern Illinois University – Jesse Green
- Iota Chi – Illinois State University – Bill Peradotti
- Iota Sigma – University of Evansville - Vacant
- Kappa Omega – Purdue University - Taylor Haneline
- Kappa Sigma – Indiana Univ. Purdue Univ. Indianapolis - Pablo Portillo
- Upsilon – University of Illinois - Mark Voyda

Strengths:

- CMP Achievements:
 - 4 very strong chapters that consistently receive Chapter of Recognition and/or Chapter of Excellence
 - All chapters are on pace to achieve at least Accredited chapter status for 2017-18
- Chapters continue to have a strong sense of brotherhood
- High quality community service and professional events
- Strong initiation numbers: 145 new brothers, up 4 from previous year

Weaknesses:

- CMP items still seem to be submitted at the last minute, with a few chapters still submitting things late or not at all
- 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
- There seems to be a general complacency with the status quo

Regional Goals

- 1) CMP Performance: 100% Accredited, 40% recognition, 20% excellence
 - a. Unfortunately, only 4 chapters reached accredited status in the 2016-2017 CMP year. Officer reports, risk management events, Bylaws/P&P, and Pledging Ceremonies seem to be the most missed/late events as a region. I hope to improve upon this by having 100% of chapters accredited by the end of the biennium. On the bright side, the chapters that reached accredited status also reach chapter of recognition with 3 out of the for reaching chapter of excellence as well. I hope to work with these strong chapters to come up with a CMP Best Practices guide to assist the chapters that are struggling.
- 2) Every District Director to become a Certified Deltasig Leader
 - a. As of January 2018, only myself and one other District Director is a CDL. There is one alumnus in the area with her CDL that I hope to transition into a District Director position soon. I plan to have all District Directors get their CDL by the end of the 2017-2018 academic year.
- 3) 100% Ritual memorization as part of new CMP requirements
 - a. To my knowledge all but one chapter successfully memorized ritual for the Fall 2017. Semester. I plan to reach out to the chapter that did not memorize in order to ensure 100% memorization for Spring 2018.
- 4) National Event Attendance
 - a. Eight out of the nine chapters attended the Cincinnati LEAD School in the Fall. The ninth chapter was unable to attend but did attend a regional conference put on by the Great Lakes RVP. Eight out of nine chapters are also registered for Spring Provincial as of 1.9.18

Discipline and Chapter Assistance

Over the past year the region has done fairly in term of risk management issues. There was one chapter with an issue, but it was handled very professionally, and I am proud of the way the chapter (and especially chapter president) handled the issue. Upsilon has improved exponentially after their suspension in Fall of 2015 and I am very excited about their future. There are two chapters experiencing low membership; however, these chapter have very strong leadership that I'm sure will be able to guide them through this challenging time.

Summary and Conclusion

I am extremely honored to be able to continue to serve as Central RVP and I'm very proud of the improvements the region has made over the past 2/3 years. Three chapters received visits from Central office staff this fall semester and I look forward to working with those chapters using the feedback from the visits. I also hope to attend more chapter events/meetings than just the typical pledging ceremony/initiation. I have two events tentatively scheduled, and I look forward to scheduling more as the semester progresses. The Central Region made great progress this year, and I look forward to even more progress in 2018!

Great Lakes Region
Regional Vice President – Nicole Orlando

Fall 2017 Travel/Visits:

- September 23: Great Lakes Regional Conference, Chicago, IL
- October 5: Meeting with Zeta President and VPCO, Evanston, IL
- October 14: Northeastern LEAD, Cincinnati, OH
- October 22: Alpha Omega Pledge and Chapter Meetings, Chicago, IL
- October 26: Delta Pledge Meeting, Milwaukee, WI
- October 30: Kappa Phi Pledge and Chapter Meetings, Valparaiso, IN
- November 7: Xi Chi Pledge and Chapter Meetings, Milwaukee, WI
- November 11: Lambda Omicron Initiation, Macomb, IL

Spring 2018 Travel/Visits:

- February 6: Zeta Pledge Meeting, Evanston, IL
- February 11: Lambda Omicron Pledge Meeting, Macomb, IL
- February 12: Zeta Xi Pledge Meeting, Romeoville, IL
- February 17: North Central LEAD Provincial Conference, Milwaukee, WI
- February 22: Eta Mu Pledge Meeting, DeKalb, IL
- February 25: Gamma Pi Pledge, Executive Committee, and Chapter Meetings, Chicago, IL
- March 3: Alpha Omega Initiation, Chicago, IL
- April 7: Kappa Phi Initiation, Valparaiso, IN
- April 14: Psi Initiation, Madison, WI
- TBD: Chicago Alumni Chapter T3 Event

Strengths:

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

Weaknesses/Opportunities for Improvement:

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

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 with the Great Lakes Leadership Team in September, November, and December that have addressed near-term CMP deadlines, pledge education program, initiation guidelines, role and election of chapter advisor, potential chapter expansion, and upcoming regional, provincial, 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 September 23, 2018 in Chicago, IL. While the event did not have a specific session on risk management, we did address this topic during the pledge education program and mock initiation. In addition, I discuss risk management on the monthly DD conference calls and encourage collegiate members to attend the risk management sessions at North Central LEAD events.

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 Fall 2017 and Spring 2018. In addition, on the November DD conference call, I discussed the role and election of a chapter advisor as well as ways to encourage a chapter advisor to become more involved through participation in chapter events, attendance at regional, provincial, or national events periodically, and review of CMP progress with the VPCO monthly.

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

Status: The Great Lakes Regional Conference included sessions on scholarships and awards, officer transitions, the pledge education program, and teambuilding. We also conducted a mock initiation and involved both collegiate and alumni members. We chose session topics based on feedback we received from each of the 10 collegiate chapters in the Great Lakes Region. We also decided to administer a mock initiation to reinforce the correct way to conduct part 1 of the ceremony. In addition, I've decided to attend one pledge meeting per chapter during the 2017-2018 fiscal year to reinforce program guidelines presented during the pledge education program session at the Regional Conference. During the Fall 2017, I attended pledge meetings at Alpha Omega (DePaul University), Delta (Marquette University), Kappa Phi (Valparaiso University), and Xi Chi (UW-Milwaukee). I presented an overview of the pledge program and discussed common issues that the Great Lakes Leadership Team has observed in the Region. Lastly, the Great Lakes Leadership Team continues to encourage collegiate members to attend provincial events and we are planning to recognize chapters for participation and travel to the 2018 North Central LEAD Provincial Conference in Milwaukee, WI. The award recipients will receive special recognition during the event and one paid registration for the chapter's delegate at the 2019 North Central LEAD Provincial Conference in Chicago, IL.

Regional Summary:

The Great Lakes Region is performing in a satisfactory manner, and has improved. 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. Also, as mentioned above, I'm focusing on the administration of the pledge education program throughout the Region and I plan to attend one pledge meeting for each of the 10 collegiate chapters in 2017-2018. Lastly, 10 of the 11 DDs or 91 percent in the Great Lakes Region are Certified Deltasig Leaders, an increase from 8 of 12 DDs or 67 percent last year.

There were six collegiate chapters in the Region that attended the LEAD in Cincinnati, OH and two collegiate chapters that attended the LEAD in Sacramento, CA. There were nine collegiate chapters that attended the Great Lakes Regional Conference in Chicago, IL. All ten collegiate chapters attended either a Fall LEAD or the Regional Conference. I expect that the Region will be well represented at the North Central LEAD Provincial in Milwaukee, WI as members of all 10 collegiate chapters and one alumni chapter are registered to attend.

Great Plains Region

Regional Vice President – Ellie Godwin

Fall 2017 Travel/Visits:

- September 15-17, 2017 – National Leadership Retreat
- October 27-29, 2017 – LEAD in Omaha, NE
- November 11, 2017 – Gamma Eta Initiation
- November 16, 2017 – Gamma Eta Meeting
- Various Lincoln/Greater Nebraska Meetings and Events

Upcoming Travel/Visits:

- February 9-11, 2018 – Halsey Tournament in Minneapolis, MN
- February 16-18, 2018 – Provincial LEAD in Milwaukee, WI
- Date TBD – Visits to chapters

District Directors:

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

Strengths:

- 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
- Strong goal of all 7 chapters wanting to achieve Chapter of Excellence

Opportunities for Improvement:

- Opportunity to increase organization across chapters in planning to stay ahead of deadlines
- Enhanced communication across chapters
- Better participation between alumni and collegiate brothers

Great Plains Regional Goals:

- Regional Conference – Goal: Host successful regional conference in Fall 2017, with focus on fraternity education, building brotherhood and networking.
 - Status: Due to personal and chapter scheduling conflicts, the regional conference was not held this fall. I will begin planning for the fall conference earlier in 2018.
- Chapter Management Program (CMP) – Goal: To have all chapters set a CMP goal and reach it.
 - Status: All chapters in the region have expressed the goal to achieve Chapter of Excellence, and so far are on track to achieve these goals.
- 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. All chapters have plans to attend Provincial LEAD in Milwaukee.
- Communication with District Directors – Goal: Increase communications with District Directors.
 - Status: Developing plan for regularly scheduled conference calls or email updates.

Final Thoughts: So far in my term as Great Plains Regional Vice President, I have dealt with a few challenging issues, and have seen many successes from our chapters. I hope that this success continues and that the chapters, leadership, and alumni continue to have an open communication with me and other leadership.

Travel Summary

September 9 th	Iota Lambda	Chapter Visit
September 11 th	Delta Rho	Chapter Meeting
October 27 th – 29 th	OMAHA LEAD	Fall LEAD School
October 1 st	Mu Phi	Chapter Visit
November 6 th	Xi	Chapter Meeting
December 2 nd	Mu Phi	Initiation, Executive Meeting, & Semi-Formal
December 3 rd	Gamma Theta	Initiation & Chapter Dinner
<i>Upcoming Travel</i>		
February 2018	Cleary Colony	Chapter Visit
February 2018	North	
February 2018	Gamma Kappa	Chapter Event
March 2018	Lambda Xi	Chapter Visit
March 2018	Grand Rapids AC	Chapter Event
March/April 2018	Epsilon Omicron	Chapter Visit
April 2018	Pi Tau	Chapter Visit
April/May 2018	DMAC	Chapter Event

District Directors:

Cleary Colony- Sam Meier
 Delta Rho- Brielle Robinson
 Epsilon Omicron- Chelsea MacLennan
 Gamma Kappa- Liz Rademacher
 Gamma Theta- Sam Bishop
 Iota Lambda- Hannah Janssen
 Lambda Xi- Brandon Nicholas
 Mu Phi- Melissa Whitford
 Pi Tau- Anna Trenshaw
 Xi- Michael Proppe

Regional Goals

- Host a Regional Conference (Fall 2018)
 - Status: Planning to host this event at Gamma Kappa in September 2018.
- End of the Year Cookout
 - Status: Planning on hosting this event with the Detroit Motown alumni chapter and inviting all Huron chapters to attend.
- Work with chapters on the memorization of initiation
 - Status: After talking to chapter presidents before and after initiation, they all agreed that establishing a ritual team for each chapter at the beginning of the semester would help tremendously.
- All chapters receiving at least Chapter of Accreditation Status for the 2018-2019 CMP year
 - Status: Most chapters are on track to achieve this, but a few will not due to struggling to memorize initiation.
- At least 70% of chapter participation at National Fraternity Events

- Status: Continuing to promote the LEAD events to chapters.
- Chapters Applying for a minimum of 3 chapter awards
 - Status: All chapters nominated a COY. I plan on continuing to work with the executive committees to motivate them to apply for awards.
- Increase networking and collaboration between chapters within the region
 - Status: Currently we have hosted a bi-monthly web conferences between chapter presidents and also a web conference for DDs. Through this chapters have begun to discuss collaborative events and DDs are learning more effective strategies to help chapters.

Strengths & Opportunities for Growth

- Increased communication between chapters through bi-monthly chapter presidents and district director web conferences
- Increased chapter moral of a few struggling chapters through more District Director and RVP interaction
- Alumni presence is growing with collegiate chapters. We want to work on our alumni presence at chapters by having them work with collegiate brothers that will be graduating that semester
- Chapters are beginning to plan collaborative events
- Awards have been a strength with each chapter submitting a COY nominee for current year and planning to apply for awards in the Spring

Weaknesses/Opportunities for Improvement

- CMP items are being submitted at the last minutes, with a few chapters having forms submitted late
- Chapters are struggling to memorize pledge ceremony and initiation
- We have a few chapters that are struggling with chapter operations and completing information on the HUB

Collegian of the Year

All chapters successfully submitted a nominee for COY. Of the nine chapters, five chapters have had their nominee submit an application. Congratulations to the following Chapter 2018 COYs: Amber Char McAllister, Jinshi Gabrielle Rose Goshorn, Sean R. Puffer, Zachary Mixter, Rachel Barry, Alecia Dillard, Jennifer Ellen Hudson, Andrew L. Johnson VI, and John Courage McLaren Stroud.

Final Thoughts

The Huron Region has made great strides this semester towards growing closer as a region. Through the web conferences and chapter visits, it is ever apparent that the chapters and volunteer leaders in the region are passionate about Delta Sigma Pi. Moving forward I hope to see the chapters in the region improve chapter operations by working more with other chapters in the region and more effectively using volunteer leaders such as DDs. I am very proud of the work that each chapter has done so far this academic year in regards to recruitment, chapter events, and increasing brotherhood moral.

I would like to thank each of my District Directors for their dedication and support they provide to their chapters. I would also like to thank the members of the Scholarships & Awards Committee: Fred Lipsey (Chair), Hannah Janssen, Carla Tousley, Anna Trenshaw, and Deric Williams. Our base of volunteer leader support is continuing to grow and I am thankful for the dedication of leadership in our region.

North Central Region
Regional Vice President – Mark Dorn

Fall 2017 Travel

08/16-19 Grand Chapter Congress (New Orleans, LA)
08/30 Theta Tau Chapter meeting (St Cloud, MN)
08/31 Epsilon Iota Chapter Meeting (Mankato, MN)
09/04 Kappa Upsilon Chapter meeting (Winona, MN)
09/10 Presidents meeting (all chapter presidents (Eta Rho by phone)
09/14 Eta Rho - Meet the chapter
0915-17 DSP Leadership Retreat (Cincinnati, OH)
09/18 Nu Tau Chapter meeting (St. Paul, MN)
09/25 Nu Tau Chapter meeting (St. Paul, MN)
09/28 Epsilon Iota Chapter Meeting (Mankato, MN)
09-30 Expansion talk Concordia College Moorhead, MN
10/03 Alpha Epsilon Chapter meeting Minneapolis, MN
10/16 Nu Tau Chapter meeting (St. Paul, MN)
10/21 Kappa Upsilon Homecoming event Winona, MN
10/25 Nu Tau Meeting with Mr. Ed Kim and Chapter meeting
10/27-29 DSP LEAD (Omaha, NE)
11/01 UW Eau Claire Expansion Visit (Gretchen Hutterli)
11/11 Theta Tau initiation
11/11 Epsilon Iota initiation
11/11 Kappa Upsilon initiation banquet
11/14 Alpha Epsilon Chapter meeting (Minneapolis, MN)
11/16 Eta Rho Chapter meeting (La Crosse, WI)
11/18 North Central Regional Conference (52 Registered)
12/09 Eta Rho initiation and banquet

Alpha Epsilon

Cash \$16,000.00

Initiation 22 Goal 30

Chapter is well managed. One issue of risk management is of concern.
Host of the Halsey BB & VB tournament.

Epsilon Iota

Cash \$3,500.00 or about

Initiation 10 Goal 24

Recruiting is my concern with this chapter we are working to improve.

Eta Rho

Cash \$8501.10 accounts payable \$2500.00

Initiation 12 Goal 40

Very well managed chapter no concerns with this chapter

Theta Tau

Cash several accounts

Initiation 15 Goal 25

Issues with chapter motivation and officer elections.

Kappa Upsilon

Cash \$2200.00

Initiation 11 Goal 21

Financial operations have improved. Chapter is more united and better managed.

Nu Tau

Cash \$4600.00

Initiation 10 Goal 35

Probation is making it a bit harder to have events that keep the excitement going.

TCAC

Active members is down a bit.

Objectives

The chapters could use help with improving the chapter meeting. The district directors and I will be working with the chapters to improve effectiveness and content with their meetings. Also we will be working on team building to improve moral and a feeling of belonging to the chapter.

Expansion

We have made some in roads with University of Wisconsin Eau Claire. They have a co-ed business fraternity but it is not a national org. which is desired by some in administration. We are also working on Augsburg University and Concordia Moorhead that have potential.

**North Central Professional Development Committee Chair
Jillian Gartner**

The goal of the North Central Professional Development Committee is to ensure strong programming at LEAD School and the LEAD Provincial Conference, while offering opportunities for professional growth throughout the year.

Thank you to all of our presenters at both the fall LEAD School and LEAD Provincial Conference. We have a fantastic base of volunteer leaders available to serve, and it is very much appreciated.

This semester we've kicked off our resume review program, with active reviews of resumes and consultations conducted during the North Central Provincial Conference.

I look forward to implementing new activities at the fall LEAD School in 2018 to enable our brothers to grow personally and professionally.

**North Central Provincial Scholastic Development & Awards Committee Chair
Danielle Gohman**

The North Central Province had 2 National Award Winners for 2017. Congratulations to Alpha Delta at Nebraska-Lincoln for winning the Outstanding Service Award for a Collegiate Chapter! Congratulations to Alpha Eta at South Dakota for winning the Outstanding Financial Operations Award for a Collegiate Chapter!

We had 9 Chapters of Excellence, 9 Chapters of Recognition and 9 Accredited Chapters for 2016-2017 year.

Collegian of the Year

This year, each province hosted a webinar for COY nominees. This year, we utilized our Facebook page to promote the event as well as our traditional email communication. We had our 2017 Provincial COY Briken Jensen present the webinar to describe the process and provide tips on writing the best application. We had some great information and questions that were asked. We had a great turnout at the North Central Province webinar. The plan is to continue these in the future.

Congratulations again to all the Chapter Collegians Of the Year!

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%
2018	North Central	41	41	100%	28	68%
	DSP Total	223	211	95%	150	71%

Going forward, I would like to continue to work within the province finding ways to better assist each chapter with the awards applications process which will hopefully increase the amount of submitted applications. I look forward to working with the chapters, DD's, RVP's and PVP to assist in this endeavor.

Chapters- Start working on your award applications, it is never too early! This province does so many amazing things and you deserve that recognition. This is your time to "brag" about how awesome your chapter is.

North Central Provincial Marketing Committee Chair

Brikken Jensen

My goal for this role is to increase visibility of our fraternal accomplishments and share opportunities for growth or involvement within the North Central Province, both for collegiate and alumni. I want to use our social media channels (Facebook, Instagram and Twitter) to showcase successes, share ideas or stories, and engage members in an online community or beyond. Currently the NCP has 887 members following on Facebook, I'd like to see that grow to 1000 if not more before the end of the biennium. The similar goal persists in regards to our Twitter and Instagram (links below).

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

<https://twitter.com/dspncp>

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

I will generate frequent posts on behalf of the Province to promote chapter birthdays, holidays, unique events, news stories, Alumni Day, due dates and so forth. During LEAD schools, Grand Chapter Congress or any other conferences I plan to post pictures of the event in progress and promote the hashtags (#DSPLEAD). I'd like to start a "question of the month" initiative where the NCP posts a fraternity-related inquiry on social media to drum up helpful responses for others. The intent is to encourage Brothers to participate despite distance and help promote DSP and their fraternal experiences in a fun, easy way.

I will also reach out to the Presidents of alumni and collegiate chapters and RVPs to encourage them to share details with me about accomplishments or newsworthy stories in their areas. This may involve creating a simple template form for anyone to fill out, write a short summary, attach a photo and then submit to the committee chair.

North Central Provincial Community Service Chair

Molly Rae

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

The province continues to support our national charity. During the Fall 2017 LEAD School we collected pop tabs for the Omaha Ronald McDonald House. Our chapters collected many pounds of pop tabs.

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. I am also looking into either collecting items for the Ronald McDonald house or collecting items for a local charity. Looking to get more participation in the community service events at LEADs.

North Central Provincial Alumni Committee Chair

Gail Baumer

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 to provide support from the province toward national initiatives. Going forward we will solicit engagement from both Alumni Chapter representatives as well as Alumni without access to an alumni chapter.