THE PHOTA

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Faculty and Staff Honored by the Fraternity and Sorority Community

The fraternity and sorority community honored fifteen members of the Valparaiso University faculty and staff in November at the annual Faculty and Staff Reception. Each chapter was provided the opportunity to honor one faculty or staff member for their impact on a member of the chapter or on the chapter as a whole.

The 2018 Faculty and Staff Reception honorees included:

Ashleigh Elser, Christ College honored by Pi Beta Phi

Elizabeth Gingerich, Business honored by Sigma Pi

Pat Hogan-Vidal, Technical Services honored by Phi Sigma Kappa

Aaron Hollis, Student Affairs honored by Phi Delta Theta

Steven Janowiak, Student Affairs honored by Gamma Phi Beta

Eric Johnson, Engineering honored by Phi Kappa Psi

Byron Martin, Student Affairs honored by Sigma Lambda Gamma

Lara Pudwell, Mathematics & Statistics honored by Sigma Phi Epsilon

Lynette Rayman, Nursing & Health Professions honored by Kappa Kappa Gamma

Nicholas Rosasco, Computing & Information Sciences honored by Lambda Chi Alpha

Richard Severe, English honored by Kappa Alpha Psi

Linda Schultz, Facilities Management honored by Chi Omega

Jamie Stangel, Sports Management honored by Pi Kappa Alpha

Lanie Steinwart, Communication honored by Sigma Chi

Lauren Winkler, Nursing & Health Professions honored by Kappa Delta

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov. 25-30: *Phi Sigma Kappa Winter Wonderland*
December 3: *Spring Service Trip Application Due*
December 4: *Valparaiso Christmas Tree Lighting*
December 7: *SigEp Christmas at Hilltop House*
December 9: *Commencement*
December 10-14: *Final Exams*

VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

For the second year in a row, the men of Lambda Chi Alpha hosted the annual Valparaiso University St. Baldrick's event. A committee of fraternity members and advisors spend an entire year preparing for the main event where students, faculty and staff #BraveTheShave in an effort to raise money for childhood cancer research.

More than $20,000 has been raised during this year's event as well as funds received after the main event, making this the largest philanthropy event fundraising total for a single fraternity or sorority on campus. This is also the largest St. Baldrick's event for a Lambda Chi Alpha chapter in the country!

Order of Omega Welcomes 25 New Members and Four Honorary Members

The Gamma Mu chapter of Order of Omega welcomed 25 new members into the Order in November. Order of Omega selects the top three percent of fraternity and sorority members, who are of junior or senior standing, and excel in academics, leadership and service. In addition, the chapter selected four honorary members, including President Mark Heckler, Lambda Chi Alpha; Dr. Richard Severe, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.; Dr. John Ruff, Sigma Phi Epsilon; and Mark LaBarbera, Pi Kappa Alpha.

The new members of Order of Omega include: Spencer Anderson, Phi Sigma Kappa; Carly Armor, Kappa Kappa Gamma; Lesley Barajas, Sigma Lambda Gamma; Carlos Cabaya, Sigma Chi; Jade Curless, Pi Beta Phi; Thespina Dabagia, Gamma Phi Beta; Zach Diamond, Lambda Chi Alpha; Maxwell Grover, Lambda Chi Alpha; Jacob Harrison, Sigma Phi Epsilon; Alex Helander, Pi Kappa Alpha; Nicole Jones, Panhellenic; Tara Lawson, Kappa Delta; Madison Magiera, Panhellenic; Casey Main, Kappa Kappa Gamma; Skylar McElheny , Kappa Delta; Luke McGinnis, Phi Mu Alpha; Dylan Ogle, Phi Delta Theta; Kyle Oscarson, Sigma Phi Epsilon; Kostadin Pendev, Phi Kappa Psi; Caroline Pratt, Gamma Phi Beta; Christopher Rekitzke, Sigma Chi; Bethany Riethmeier, Panhellenic; Quinn Stearns, Chi Omega; Samantha Walus, Pi Beta Phi; and Joshua Yonker, Sigma Phi Epsilon.