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Panhellenic & Interfraternity Councils Recognized For Excellence by AFLV

In February, the Valparaiso University Panhellenic and Interfraternity Council executive board officers traveled to Indianapolis, IN for the Central Fraternal Leadership and National Black Greek Leadership Conference, a 4-day values-based leadership experience hosted by the Association of Fraternal Leadership and Values. This conference hosts Panhellenic and Interfraternity Council officers from across the country in an effort to collaborate and exchange ideas during breakout sessions and keynote speakers.

At the closing banquet of the conference, both the Panhellenic Council and the Interfraternity Council received awards for implementing and utilizing national best practices in the areas of Academic Achievement, Council Management, and Self Governance & Judicial Affairs. Valparaiso University was also recognized for outstanding academic performance for both the Spring 2012 and Fall 2012 semesters with the Gamma Sigma Alpha Academic Excellence Award recognitions.

The 2013 IFC and Panhellenic Executive Board officers are committed to continuing this tradition of excellence and will be using the AFLV assessment process as a way to benchmark against the best fraternity and sorority programs in the nation.

A Special Thank You for #QuelisCause

The women of Delta Delta Delta Sorority would like to thank every member of the Valparaiso University Fraternity and Sorority community for supporting the "Queli's Cause" campaign. In under a month, more than $3,000 has been raised for Queli Tellez and her family. Look for more events throughout the spring semester, including Teeter-Totter-A-Thon, May 1-2, 2013.

Chapter Spotlight: *Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity*

The men of the Iota Sigma Chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity

Lambda Chi Alpha Hosts Midwest Conclave at Valparaiso University

The men of the Iota Sigma chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha were awarded the honor of hosting the 2013 Midwest Conclave for Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity at Valparaiso University the weekend of March 1-3, 2013. All of the chapters in the Midwest Region for Lambda Chi Alpha travelled to Valparaiso for a weekend of education, leadership development, and brotherhood.

The men of the Iota Sigma chapter had responsibility to plan and implement the conference for the over 95 Lambda Chi Alpha undergraduate and alumni members in attendance. Sessions were facilitated by both local and national Lambda Chi Alpha volunteers and staff, and programs were presented on a wide range of topics including SMART Goals, Officer Transition, Motivating Your Brothers, and Campus Image. The conference included a formal dinner with a keynote speech by a member of the Lambda Chi Alpha National Executive Board.

Assisting the men in this effort was Lambda Chi Alpha Chapter Advisor Jon Bull '06, who is also an Assistant Professor of Library Services at Valparaiso University. The Midwest Conclave was truly a success and great opportunity to showcase the amazing attributes of the Lambda Chi Alpha chapter at Valparaiso!

Upcoming Events

- Mar 2-17, Spring Break
- Mar. 15, Phi Sigma Kappa Founders Day
- Mar. 19, *FOCUS Orientation Assistant Applications Due*
- Mar. 19, 2013-2014 *Student Senate Applications Due*
- Mar. 21-24, Lutheran Middle School Basketball Tournament
- Mar. 24, Fraternity Initiation Deadline
- Mar. 24, Community Easter Egg Hunt, *12 pm*
- Mar. 27, IFC New Member Grand Chapter, *8-9 pm*
- Mar. 28, 2012-2013 Award Applications Due, *5 pm*

All Fraternity & Sorority Social a Success!

Over 250 fraternity and sorority members attended a Fraternity and Sorority Social held on February 16, 2013 at Strongbow Inn Banquet Center. IFC and Panhellenic hosted the event as a way to encourage more positive interactions among fraternity and sorority members, as well as model how to plan and implement social events in line with the fraternity and sorority risk management policies.

Check out the photos from the evening on the Valpo Greek Life Facebook page or on the Valparaiso University Flickr account by clicking here!

Have a story to share in the next issue of *The Phota*?

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