

THE PHOTA



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Valpo Welcomes First Historically African American Fraternity

The Valparaiso University fraternity and sorority community will be adding to their numbers in the near future with the establishment of a Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. chapter. Kappa Alpha Psi is a historically African American fraternity, and is in the process of selecting their founding class for the spring of 2018.



For many years, students at Valparaiso University have expressed interest in establishing a historically African American fraternity or sorority on campus. The vote to invite Kappa Alpha Psi to Valpo was unanimous among the Expansion Committee and the Interfraternity Council. All the new members of Kappa Alpha Psi will be officially announced at their new member show, which will be scheduled for May 2018. The men of the Ball State chapter are mentoring this new Kappa Alpha Psi chapter, and many Kappa Alpha Psi members from all over the region will be attending the new member show to honor the newest addition to their brotherhood.

The history of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. is filled with culture, lessons, and values that guide the men who join the fraternity. Kappa Alpha Psi was founded as Kappa Alpha Nu in 1911 at Indiana University in Bloomington. This was during a very tumultuous period, where black men often were not allowed to attend a university, let alone join a fraternity. Since that time, Kappa Alpha Psi has expanded into seven countries across the globe, has reached over 160,000 members all over the world, and continues to develop and increase their numbers today.



The establishment of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. at Valparaiso University marks the first National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) fraternity to join the community. All of the current fraternities and sororities are excited to welcome this new group to campus. Valparaiso University prides itself on being a welcoming community, and the warm reception that the fraternity and sorority community has already shown is an example of the commitment to community at Valpo!

The addition of Kappa Alpha Psi brings the total number of fraternities at Valparaiso University to 10, and the total community to 16 chapters. The fraternity and sorority community is honored to promote unity and diversity and is incredibly excited to have the community grow.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- January 29 - February 2: *Sigma Lambda Gamma Penny Wars*
- February 10 & 17: *Mental Health First Aid Training*
- February 12 - 16: *Kappa Delta Trash Your Insecurities*
- February 13: *Sorority New Member Grand Chapter*
- February 19: *Fraternity New Member Grand Chapter*

The Valparaiso University fraternity and sorority community is excited to welcome 211 new members in January of 2018. The Panhellenic and Interfraternity Councils both had a great year regarding participation in the various recruitment activities. The results of this year's primary recruitment period for both the fraternities and sororities are as follows:

Kappa Alpha Psi – TBD	Chi Omega – 25
Lambda Chi Alpha – 12	Gamma Phi Beta – 24
Phi Delta Theta – 6	Kappa Delta – 23
Phi Kappa Psi – 13	Kappa Kappa Gamma – 25
Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia – 5	Pi Beta Phi – 25
Phi Sigma Kappa – 12	Sigma Lambda Gamma – TBD
Pi Kappa Alpha – 9	
Sigma Chi – 14	
Sigma Phi Epsilon – 12	
Sigma Pi – 6	



Order of Omega Inducts 17 New Members in November



Order of Omega is the national honor society for fraternity and sorority members. Membership in Order of Omega is based upon academic performance, leadership, and community service. The Gamma Mu chapter of Order of Omega is pleased to announce that 17 fraternity and sorority members were selected for induction this fall. The newly selected members include:

Ashita Bhatnagar, Gamma Phi Beta
Kayla Caves, Kappa Kappa Gamma
Matthew D'Alessandro, Phi Kappa Psi
Timothy Daker, Phi Delta Theta
Abigail Fate, Chi Omega
Kathleen Goldbranson, Kappa Delta
Jacob Landgraf, Lambda Chi Alpha
Sarah Ludwigsen, Gamma Phi Beta
David Mackey, Sigma Phi Epsilon

Emma Montgomery, Chi Omega
Joshua Mullens, Sigma Phi Epsilon
Madelyn Nieter, Gamma Phi Beta
John Peshorn, Sigma Phi Epsilon
Aaron Pevitz, Phi Delta Theta
Sydney Senger, Kappa Kappa Gamma
Lydia Spone, Pi Beta Phi
Hilary Van Oss, Kappa Delta

In addition, Order of Omega inducted four honorary initiates (faculty/staff members): Dr. Jonathan Bull, Lambda Chi Alpha; Ryan Bye, Sigma Phi Epsilon; Aaron Hollis, Phi Delta Theta; and Dr. Jeni Prough, Gamma Phi local sorority.

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

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