

# THE PHOTA



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## Sigma Lambda Gamma and Pi Kappa Alpha Receive Charters

Valparaiso University congratulates two chapters as Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity and Sigma Lambda Gamma Sorority completed their national organization chartering process.

On January 23, 2017, Sigma Lambda Gamma officially became the Delta Zeta chapter of SLG. President Karina Calvillo said "becoming the Delta Zeta chapter of Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority, Inc. has been one of the greatest accomplishments for me as a student. Two years ago we were just a group of women sitting around the student affairs suite talking about what we wanted and if the fraternity and sorority community would be welcoming to the traditions and ways of a multicultural sorority." Sigma Lambda Gamma will celebrate receiving their charter in a ceremony with Pi Kappa Alpha on April 9, 2017.

Pi Kappa Alpha left campus in 1998 and is now reinstated as the Epsilon Beta chapter. President Matt Pieroth stated "the chartering journey of starting as a colony and finally becoming the Epsilon Beta Chapter has been a long but extremely rewarding one. The light of the Epsilon Beta Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha is shining once again and will be for many years to come." Pi Kappa Alpha celebrated their chartering with a banquet on February 18, 2017.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 1: *Dance Marathon*
- April 5: *Chi Omega Founders Day*
- April 9: *Sigma Lambda Gamma Founders Day*
- April 9: *SLG and PIKE Chartering Celebration*
- April 16 - 23: *Greek Week*
- April 23: *SongFest*
- April 28: *Pi Beta Phi Founders Day*
- May 2: *Fraternity and Sorority Awards Ceremony*



Valparaiso University's 2016 Panhellenic and Interfraternity Councils were honored this year at the Association of Fraternal Leadership and Values (AFLV) Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana. The Panhellenic Council received awards of distinction in all eight potential categories and won the Sutherland Award for Overall Excellence for the fourth year in a row! Additionally, the Panhellenic Council received the Kaleidoscope Award and Gamma Phi Beta Panhellenic Campus Impact award for the Faces of Mental Health initiative that took place in October 2016.



The Interfraternity Council also received awards of distinction in all eight possible categories and won the Jellison Award for Overall Excellence. IFC last received this award in 2014, and were thrilled to be honored once again.

In addition to the awards, members of the 2017 Executive Boards had the opportunity to attend educational sessions throughout their time at the conference in preparation for their new positions. Executive Board members also had the opportunity to have lunch with members of their respective organizations during the affiliation lunch.

### Fraternity and Sorority Spring Recruitment A Success

The Valparaiso University fraternity and sorority community welcomed more than 240 new members during the formal recruitment period in January 2017. The Panhellenic and Interfraternity Councils both had a great year in recruitment and are thrilled to watch Valparaiso University's fraternity and sorority community continue to grow.

The results of this year's formal recruitment period for both the fraternities and sororities are as follows:

Chi Omega: 26  
Gamma Phi Beta: 26  
Kappa Delta: 25  
Kappa Kappa Gamma: 25  
Pi Beta Phi: 26  
Sigma Lambda Gamma: 2

Lambda Chi Alpha: 12  
Phi Delta Theta: 4  
Phi Kappa Psi: 18  
Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia: 9  
Phi Sigma Kappa: 9  
Pi Kappa Alpha: 23  
Sigma Chi: 13  
Sigma Phi Epsilon: 15  
Sigma Pi: 10



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