

THE PHOTA



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Valpo Welcomes the Class of 2021

Valparaiso University welcomed more than 1100 new students to campus this August! Members of the fraternity and sorority community were a part of more than 300 volunteers that assisted with Freshman Move-In on August 19, 2017.

Collaboration between the fraternity and sorority community, the Valparaiso University Football Team, Campus Ministries, New Student Orientation Staff, Residence Life and a few other student organizations proved to be a huge success as we welcomed new students and their families. From 8:00 am to 1:00 pm, move-in day volunteers would unload cars and move all of the items of the new students into their residence hall room. Parents expressed their great appreciation for all of the assistance from the move-in volunteers, and the volunteers had the opportunity to meet new students and welcome them to the Valparaiso University family!

The welcoming of new students to campus continued through a full schedule of Welcome Week events for which fraternity and sorority members have been active participants. Hosting the annual Meet the Greeks event as well as participating in the Student Activities Fair, first year students have had the opportunity to learn more about the leadership and philanthropic opportunities that Valparaiso University fraternity and sorority membership provides.

To wrap up Welcome Week, IFC and Panhellenic officers served as Team Leaders for the Welcome Week Service Project at the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore. More than 75 first year students participated in the service project helping to eradicate invasive species from the Dunes National Park. Following the service project, IFC and Panhellenic hosted the annual Freshman Field Day. It was a very close match, but congratulations go to the women of Lankenau 2 for their victory!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 18-22: *National Hazing Prevention Week*
 September 18-22: *Pi Beta Phi Literacy Initiative*
 September 22: *Fraternity Bid Signing Ceremony*
 September 23: *Relay for Life*
 September 24: *Sorority Apple Orchard Event*
 September 25 - 30: *Homecoming Week*
 September 30: *Homecoming Crusader Street Fair*
 October 1: *Sorority Centennial Celebration*
 October 2-4: *Sigma Chi Derby Days*
 October 5: *F&S New Member Unity Event*
 October 7: *Kappa Delta Kick-It For The Kids*

Chapter Spotlight:

Sigma Phi Epsilon

The men of Sigma Phi Epsilon were recognized as one of the best Sigma Phi Epsilon chapters in the country over the summer. The Indiana Zeta chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon received the Buchanan Cup at the Sigma Phi Epsilon Grand Chapter Conclave in Orlando, Florida in August. This award was only given to 27 of the over 220 Sigma Phi Epsilon chapters, and recognizes those chapters that meet and exceed the standards of excellence set forth by the national fraternity.

The Indiana Zeta chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon has received this distinction for a number of years, however after the chapter did not receive a Buchanan Cup in 2015, the men worked diligently to return to their spot as a top tier Sigma Phi Epsilon chapter.



Meet the New Staff: Lindsey Dever '15 Returns In New Professional Role



The start of a new school brings an old friend back to Valparaiso University! Lindsey Dever is a 2015 graduate of Valparaiso University and a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority. During her time at Valpo, Lindsey served as the President of her chapter before serving as the Head Recruitment Counselor for the Panhellenic Council. Lindsey was named the Sorority Woman of Year in 2015 for her superior leadership skills and passion for fraternity and sorority life at Valpo.

After graduation, Lindsey completed a master's degree at the University of Akron. While at Akron, she served as the Graduate Assistant for Fraternity and Sorority Life for two years, and worked closely with the fraternity and sorority staff.

Lindsey has returned to Valparaiso University to serve as the Residential Learning Coordinator for the women in the Sorority Housing Complex and the men in the 807 Mound Street residential complex. She will also be assisting in the advisement of the Panhellenic and Interfraternity Councils as well as working with the rest of the fraternity and sorority community. We are excited to welcome Lindsey back home to Valpo, and are looking forward to working with her in the years ahead!

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

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