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March Madness Comes to Valparaiso University

The month of March might as well become a public holiday in the great basketball state of Indiana. After a pair of nail-biter matches against Green Bay and Wright State, Valparaiso University could once again be counted among the handful of institutions from Indiana to get to the 'Big Dance,' or for those that do not know, the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament. Though knocked out in the first round of the tournament, our Crusaders had a victorious season in the hearts and minds of their fans, many of whom are fraternity men and sorority women. These dedicated student leaders made up a majority of the fan section throughout the regular season and at both the Horizon League Tournament games and at the NCAA Tournament game in Auburn Hills, MI through chapter initiatives such as Phi Delta Theta's 'PhiZone'. Equally as important to the atmosphere of our basketball games are the cheerleaders and Crusaderettes, many of whom are sorority women.

Even once the Crusaders were knocked out of the NCAA tournament, fraternity and sorority members continued to show their March Madness spirit by volunteering for a span of four days at the Lutheran Basketball Association Middle School Basketball tournament, hosted annually at Valparaiso University. Students that had grown up coming to this tournament as players also had the opportunity to cheer on their middle school alma maters in some of the championship rounds. On Saturday, several volunteers were able to connect with alumnae of the original local Valparaiso sororities! The tournament was certainly a highlight of the month, and the community looks forward to continuing our partnerships in service with Valparaiso University and the community!



Chapter Spotlight: *Delta Delta Delta*

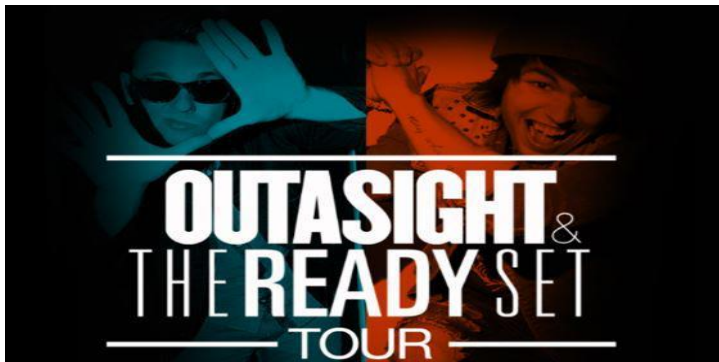


The women of Delta Delta Delta have been actively raising funds and awareness for one of their newest members Queli Tellez. Queli is a freshman theatre major from Chicago who recently relapsed with Leukemia earlier this semester. Queli is keeping a very positive attitude and connection with her sisters, which has helped motivate the women of Tri Delta to continue to help their new sister and bring awareness to this terrible illness.

Left: New members of Delta Delta Delta pose with a blanket they made for new member sister, Queli.

Upcoming Events

- Mar. 28, 2012-2013 Award Applications Due, 5 pm
- Apr. 5, Chi Omega Founders Day
- Apr. 5, Kappa Kappa Gamma Greek Pageant, 5-7 pm
- Apr. 5, UPC Spring Concert, 9 pm
- Apr. 6, Chi Omega Swishes for Wishes, 2-5 pm
- Apr. 10, Career Center: Effective Interviewing, 4:15-5:15 pm
- Apr. 10, IFC and Panhellenic General Body Meetings
- Apr. 12, Career Center: Speed Networking, 12-4 pm
- Apr. 13, Recruitment Counselor Selection Day, 9 am-12 pm



"Quelis Cause" has sparked the fraternity and sorority community into action raising more than \$3,000 in the month of February alone. Different fraternities and sororities hosted events such as the Chi Omega & Sigma Pi Bake Sale, the Lambda Chi Alpha "Let's Smash Cancer" event, the Phi Kappa Psi Chili Cook-Off, the Phi Sigma Kappa Dance Party, the Phi Delta Theta "Harlem Shake" video, and the annual Delta Delta Delta "Hush Crush" event including volunteer assistance from the men of Sigma Chi. Additional events are planned for later this semester by the men of Sigma Phi Epsilon and other chapters within the community.



Delta Delta Delta members at the Phi Kappa Psi Chili Cook-Off for #QuelisCause

"Queli's Cause" was also shared at the Tri Delta Colligate Leadership Conference, where the Delta Delta Delta Fraternity President, Phyllis Grissom, purchased and wore one of the wristbands that the chapter has been selling to support Queli! Tri Delta would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire Fraternity and Sorority community at Valpo for coming together to support Queli!

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

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