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## 2012-2013 Fraternity and Sorority Awards Ceremony

The 2012-2013 Valparaiso University Fraternity and Sorority Awards Ceremony was an evening to celebrate the many accomplishments of the chapters and individual fraternity and sorority members. The following is a full listing of the awards presented at this year's ceremony:



**Fraternity of the Year:**  
Sigma Phi Epsilon

**Sorority of the Year:**  
Kappa Delta

**President's Award for Fraternal Excellence:**  
Kappa Delta and Sigma Phi Epsilon

**Dean Delores Ruosch Sorority Woman of the Year**  
Katie Dayman, ΠΒΦ

**Kyle James Carson Fraternity Man of the Year**  
Mitchell Dunham, ΦΜΑ

**Dr. Alan Harre Civic Engagement Award:** Pi Beta Phi

**Most Improved Chapter Award:** Lambda Chi Alpha

**Outstanding Fraternity and Sorority Chapter President:**  
Cailey Stancl, ΔΔΔ and Alexander Kotsakis, ΣΧ

**Values in Action Award:**  
Delta Delta Delta for Queli's Cause  
Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia for the Christopher Patterson Music Festival

**Living Your Values Award:**  
Paige Snyder, ΠΒΦ and Daniel Segner, ΦΜΑ

**Outstanding Chapter Advisor & Outstanding Faculty Advisor:**  
Dr. Jonathan Bull, ΛΧΑ and Dr. Kevin Goebbert, ΦΜΑ

**Outstanding Fraternity and Sorority Emerging Leader:**  
Lisa Bowman, ΧΩ and William Olson, ΦΚΨ

**Outstanding Individual Community Service:**  
Teryn Gehred, ΚΔ and Adam Reister, ΣΦΕ

*Additional awards are listed on the next page*

**Sorority Woman of the Year:**  
Katie Dayman  
Pi Beta Phi

**Fraternity Man of the Year:**  
Mitchell Dunham  
Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia



**Faculty Advisor of the Year:**  
Dr. Kevin Goebbert  
Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia

**Chapter Advisor of the Year:**  
Dr. Jonathan Bull  
Lambda Chi Alpha



# Chapter Spotlight: *Phi Delta Theta*



The Indiana Iota chapter of Phi Delta Theta was officially re-installed on May 11, 2013 in the Ballrooms at the Harre Union at Valparaiso University. Thirty-eight re-founding fathers were initiated into the fraternity on Friday followed by the Installation Banquet on Saturday evening. The banquet included President and Mrs. Heckler, Dean of Students Tim Jenkins, Assistant Dean of Students Carrie Whittier, Phi Delta Theta Grand Council Member Moe Stephens, and Phi Delta Theta Director of Expansion DeMarkco Butler.

Friends, family, and Phi Delta Theta alumni joined in the celebration to commemorate the return of Phi Delta Theta to the Valparaiso University campus. Additionally, a representative from each of the 14 fraternities and sororities at Valpo was present to show their support and excitement for the men of Phi Delta Theta.

## Upcoming Events

- May 19, 2013 Spring Commencement
- June 10-11, FOCUS New Student Orientation Session 1
- June 14-15, FOCUS New Student Orientation Session 2
- June 16: Father's Day
- June 17-18, FOCUS New Student Orientation Session 3
- June 21-22, FOCUS New Student Orientation Session 4
- June 25-26, FOCUS New Student Orientation Session 5
- June 28, Sigma Chi Founders Day



Fraternity and sorority members attending the Phi Delta Theta banquet.

## Awards Continued

Outstanding Academic Performance: ΓΦΒ, ΦΜΑ and ΦΚΨ  
Outstanding New Member Academic Performance: ΓΦΒ and ΣΦΕ  
Most Improved Academic Performance: ΔΔΔ and ΦΣΚ  
Excellence in Academic Programming: ΠΒΦ and ΛΧΑ  
Excellence in Alumni/ae Development: ΓΦΒ and ΣΠ  
Excellence in Campus Involvement: ΚΔ and ΦΔΘ  
Excellence in Chapter Development: ΚΔ and ΣΦΕ  
Excellence in Chapter Management: ΚΔ and ΣΧ  
Excellence in Community Service: ΚΔ and ΛΧΑ  
Excellence in New Member Education: ΔΔΔ and ΣΦΕ  
Excellence in Philanthropy: ΔΔΔ and ΣΧ  
Excellence in Public Relations: ΚΚΓ and ΛΧΑ  
Excellence in Risk Management: ΚΚΓ and ΦΜΑ  
Intramural Champions: ΓΦΒ, ΚΔ and ΣΦΕ

A number of gifts were presented to the new chapter, including the original Indiana Iota charter and a presidents gavel from the general fraternity, and two registrations to the Phi Delta Theta Convention in 2014 presented by the IFC and Panhellenic Presidents.



Casey Jones, Phi Delta Theta President with Jesse Fosheim, IFC President and Margo Banakis, Panhellenic Council President

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

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