The Phota

Fraternity and Sorority Newsletter
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Valparaiso University

Fraternity and Sorority Members Help Build a new Habitat for Humanity House Near Campus

The fall 2013 semester brought an exciting opportunity for the Valparaiso University fraternity and sorority community. Chapters were invited to participate in a Porter County Habitat for Humanity project five blocks from campus. Every Saturday in September, October and November, fraternity and sorority members have been volunteering their time to help finish the new Habitat for Humanity house on Cyrus Street in the Hilltop neighborhood.

"Habitat has been a great opportunity for students to give back to the local community outside of the University. It is always a very rewarding experience to see 15-20 students giving up their Saturday to help someone else" shared Marshall Miller, IFC Vice President of Recruitment and member of Sigma Phi Epsilon following his day on the build site for the annual Valparaiso University Day of Caring.

A special thank you to Chi Omega, Delta Delta Delta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Lambda Chi Alpha, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, Sigma Chi, Sigma Phi Epsilon and Order of Omega members for volunteering your time this fall.

Calendar of Events

- Nov. 11: Gamma Phi Beta Founders Day
- Nov. 11: International Women's Open House, *5-7 pm*
- Nov. 12: SAAFE Program, Healthy Relationships, *8-9 pm*
- Nov. 14: Career Center Etiquette Dinner, *4:30-6:30 pm*
- Nov. 14: Panhellenic Conversation Workshop, *7-8:30 pm*
- Nov. 16: Sigma Phi Epsilon and Phi Delta Theta Chicken Cook- Off, *11-1 pm*
- Dec. 8: Phi Mu Alpha Coffee House, *7-9 pm*

The Gamma Phi Beta, Zeta Iota chapter at Valparaiso University has spent the last few weeks heavily involved with their two philanthropies, Girls on the Run and Campfire USA. Both entities are non-profit organizations that aim to build strong youth for a brighter future.

On November 2, 2013, Gamma Phi Beta held their annual "Gamma Phive K", to support Girls on the Run. With close to 100% participation from the other fraternity and sorority chapters at Valpo, the proceeds from the "Gamma Phive K" are going to help build a new chapter of Girls on the Run in West Lafayette. Many of the Gamma Phi Beta sisters are also involved with the non-profit as coaches for the LaPorte County chapter of Girls on the Run.

Also this fall, Gamma Phi Beta members from Valpo packed up their camping gear and headed to Camp Tannadoonah in Vandalia, Michigan in support of Campfire USA. Sisters cleaned the campgrounds for the winter and helped prepare the grounds for the upcoming summer. This is a weekend that is particularly special for the Zeta Iota chapter members as the women get to directly see how their donations are helping and who they are impacting.

For more information on Gamma Phi Beta, please follow @ValpoGammaPhi on Twitter or Valparaiso University Gamma Phi Beta on Facebook.

Sharing the Good News

Two members of Phi Kappa Psi and one member of Sigma Phi Epsilon have been recognized for excellence in NCAA athletics.

- Jeremy Getz (ΦΚΨ) holds the 2013 Horizon League title for the Javelin throw in Track & Field
- Eric Honert (ΣΦΕ) set a new all-time Valpo Men's Tennis Singles Record in September 2013
- Thomas Wettstein (ΦΚΨ) earned recognition at the Horizon League Individual Championship in Golf

All three men were named to the Horizon League Academic Honor Roll for both the fall and the spring semesters. Additionally, Getz and Wettstein qualified for their respective NCAA Championship tournaments, with Getz setting the NCAA record in Javelin.

Valpo Gamma Phi Beta members at the Campfire USA Camp Tannadoona in Vandalia, Michigan

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