

THE PHOTA



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CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES



The Fraternity and Sorority community wishes to extend the utmost congratulations to the December graduates of 2014. The stresses, hard work, determination, and triumphs have come to a culmination at this celebratory event on December 14, 2014.

Frederick Niedner, Professor Emeritus, was the commencement speaker. He offered thanks to the graduates for wanting to learn at Valparaiso University, as well as learning from and with the professors and student body.

Graduates are welcomed into the broader community of 60,000 alumni where the placement rate is over 90% for many years. Special congratulations to the Fraternity and Sorority community members as they transition into alumni status and continue their lifelong commitment to their organizations.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 5-11: *Sorority Formal Recruitment*

January 7: *Classes Begin*

January 12 – 23: *Fraternity Recruitment*

January 18: *Alan Bloom MLK Day 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament, 4pm*

January 19: *MLK Day*

January 24-25: *Fraternity & Sorority Leadership Retreat*

January 29 – February 1: *AFLV Central Fraternal Leadership Conference*

February 7: *3rd Annual Valparaiso University Dance Marathon, 10am – 10pm*



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Chapter Spotlight: Sigma Phi Epsilon & Kappa Kappa Gamma

On Friday, December 5, 2014 the men of Sigma Phi Epsilon and the women of Kappa Kappa Gamma worked together to bring Christmas cheer to children at Hilltop House. At the Hilltop daycare center, the two organizations hosted a joint philanthropy event, combining SigEp Christmas and Reading Is Key.

Children feasted on Christmas cookies baked by both groups, and spent time with the members coloring Christmas trains in expectation of reading the book, *The Polar Express*. Members of Kappa Kappa Gamma proceeded to read aloud the story to the children to promote and foster the love for reading. Soon after, it was time for the long awaited arrival of SigEp's very own Santa Claus! Sigma Phi Epsilon then distributed countless toys to the children and the daycare center. In addition to the present, the children were each sent home with a copy of *The Polar Express*. In total, Sigma Phi Epsilon donated over \$2500 worth of toys to the kids and daycare, and Kappa Kappa Gamma donated 55 copies of *The Polar Express*.



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

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