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## Calendar of Events

- April 1: March Monthly Reports Due
- April 2: SongFest Meeting at 4pm
- April 4: Deadline for all chapter award submissions
- April 6: Risk Management Education Program at 2pm, Ballrooms
- April 7: Fraternity Recruitment Chair Meeting at 10pm
- April 9: Panhellenic and IFC General Body Meetings
- April 12: Rebuilding Together
- April 13: Pi Beta Phi Arrow Spike Volleyball Tournament
- April 14: Officer Roundtables at 9pm
  - Standards, Treasurers, Member and New Member Educators

## Two Valpo Fraternity Men Receive National Awards of Distinction from the NIC

Each year the North-American Interfraternity Conference seeks to recognize outstanding contributions to the fraternal movement. Specifically, the Awards of Distinction strive to acknowledge the hard work of individuals and chapters to improve the fraternity and sorority experience across the nation. In a year where a near record number of nominations were received, the North-American Interfraternity Conference is proud to recognize the recipients of this year's Awards of Distinction. The Awards of Distinction will be presented at the NIC Annual Meeting on April 6, 2014 in Atlanta, Georgia.

The Undergraduate Award of Distinction seeks to recognize fraternity men who have found in their experience an outlet for developing as both a leader and a better man. The seven 2014 recipients strive to embody the values of their fraternity and will expect the same from those with whom they associate. The 2014 recipients from Valparaiso University are:

**Jesse Fosheim - Phi Kappa Psi**  
**Marshall Miller - Sigma Phi Epsilon**

NIC President & CEO, Pete Smithhisler commended the award recipients and nominators saying, "This year, we are proud to honor these individuals and chapters for their accomplishments. These awards allow the NIC to recognize outstanding achievement and this year we were fortunate to have so many nominations of students, alumni, and chapters exemplifying the true purpose of fraternity."

# Chapter Spotlight: Pi Beta Phi



Pi Beta Phi members at the 2013 Pi Phi Aarowspike

## Sharing the Good News

Zachary Boor & Evan Arceneaux were recently named the joint winners of the university concerto competition and performed in their own concert backed by the Valparaiso University Symphony Orchestra on February 15, 2014. Both Zachary and Evan are members of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia.



In addition, the Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Faculty Advisor and Valpo alumni Kevin Goebbert was elected to serve as the President of the national Sinfonia Education Foundation!



In the Indiana Theta chapter of Pi Beta Phi, sisters laughingly joke that there is “never a dull moment.” That has never been truer than it is now in 2014.

Starting this year, Pi Beta Phi added twenty new members that have been extremely enthusiastic about participating in all sorts of campus and community events. Members helped the chapter raise \$1,191.75 for Dance Marathon and recently put together a musical group for the Kappa Karnival which won first place. The chapter is excited to see what other great things they will do in their time at Valpo!!

On February 25, 2014, the chapter helped serve dinner and clean up the annual Hilltop Neighborhood House soup dinner. This is the eighth consecutive year that Pi Beta Phi has helped with this dinner thanks to their chapter advisor, Karen Seykowski, who lives out her Pi Beta Phi value Philanthropic Service to Others by regularly volunteering at Hilltop. The chapter was recently granted an excellence award from Hilltop Neighborhood House because of their ongoing support of the soup dinner.

The women of Pi Beta Phi are now busy planning for the Arrowspike volleyball tournament scheduled for April 13, 2014 with proceeds going to Pi Beta Phi's literacy fund which supports the Read > Lead > Achieve initiative.



Members of Pi Beta Phi volunteered with the Hilltop House Soup Dinner along with advisor Karen Seykowski (far right)

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

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