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# The Phota

Fraternity and Sorority Newsletter

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**Valparaiso**  
University

## 2013-2014 Fraternity and Sorority Awards Ceremony

The 2013-2014 Valparaiso University Fraternity and Sorority Awards Ceremony was an evening to celebrate the many accomplishments of the chapters and individual fraternity and sorority members.

**President's Award for Fraternal Excellence:**

Gamma Phi Beta and Sigma Phi Epsilon

**Dean Delores Ruosch Sorority Woman of the Year**

Sarah Tiemann, ΓΦΒ

**Kyle James Carson Fraternity Man of the Year**

Marshall Miller, ΣΦΕ

**Dr. Alan Harre Civic Engagement Award:** Sigma Chi

**Most Improved Chapter Award:** Phi Kappa Psi

**Outstanding Fraternity and Sorority Chapter President:**

Sara Coulter, ΚΔ and Joshua Bieck, ΛΧΑ

**Values in Action Award:**

Lambda Chi Alpha for Brothers Warming/Cooling Others

**Living Your Values Award:**

Emily Rose, ΚΔ and Mychal Brim, ΦΜΑ

**George T. Kilavos Outstanding Chapter Advisor**

Katie Allen, ΚΔ

**Mark R. Schwehn Ph.D. Outstanding Faculty Advisor:**

Dr. Kevin Goebbert, ΦΜΑ

**Outstanding Fraternity and Sorority Emerging Leader:**

Meagan McCarver, ΧΩ and Jacob Smutz, ΦΚΨ

**Outstanding Individual Community Service:**

Molly Hetzner, ΓΦΒ and Andrew Denecke, ΦΚΨ



## Calendar of Events

- May 26: Memorial Day, University Closed
- June 1: May Monthly Reports Due
- June 9-10: FOCUS Session 1
- June 13-14: FOCUS Session 2
- June 16-17: FOCUS Session 3
- June 18: F&S Alumni Gathering at El Salto in Chesterton
- June 20-21: FOCUS Session 4
- June 24-25: FOCUS Session 5

# 2013-2014 Fraternity and Sorority Awards



The 2013-2014 Fraternity/Sorority Chapter and Council Presidents

## Sharing the Good News

Christ College freshmen Victoria Bruick (Kappa Delta) and Eric Smith (Sigma Phi Epsilon) have been selected for the incoming class of the prestigious Kemper Scholars Program.

Victoria Bruick, an English and music performance major from Bakersfield, California, is a member of the Valparaiso University Symphony Orchestra and the Social Action Leadership Team (SALT). She co-led SALT's 2014 World Relief Campaign, which totaled \$30,137 in funds to support Kibera, Kenya.

Eric Smith, an international relations and international economics and cultural affairs major from Dearborn, Michigan, is a violinist in the Valparaiso University Symphony Orchestra and a member of the Valparaiso Mock Trial Team.

Sponsored by the James S. Kemper Foundation of Chicago since 1948, Kemper Scholars receive annual scholarships up to \$10,000 during their sophomore, junior, and senior years.

Kemper Scholars also receive stipends to serve as interns in major non-profit organizations in the Chicago area during the summer following their sophomore year.



The 2013-2014 Valparaiso University Fraternity and Sorority Awards Ceremony also included chapter awards for excellence in specific areas of the *Valparaiso University Standards and Expectations for Fraternities and Sororities*. In addition, the Panhellenic and Interfraternity Councils presented two new awards: the Spirit of Fraternity Award and the Friends of the Community Award.

### Chapter Excellence Awards

Outstanding Academic Performance: XΩ, ΓΦΒ and ΣΦΕ

Outstanding New Member Academic Performance: XΩ and ΦΜΑ

Most Improved Academic Performance: ΠΒΦ and ΣΠ

Excellence in Academic Programming: ΓΦΒ and ΣΧ

Excellence in Alumni/ae Development: XΩ and ΛΧΑ

Excellence in Campus Involvement: ΚΚΓ and ΦΣΚ

Excellence in Chapter Management: ΓΦΒ and ΛΧΑ

Excellence in Community Service: XΩ and ΦΜΑ

Excellence in Member Development: ΠΒΦ and ΣΦΕ

Excellence in New Member Education: ΓΦΒ and ΣΦΕ

Excellence in Philanthropy: XΩ and ΣΧ

Excellence in Public Relations: ΚΚΓ and ΛΧΑ

Excellence in Recruitment: ΠΒΦ and ΣΠ

Excellence in Risk Management: ΚΔ and ΦΚΨ

Intramural Champions: ΚΔ and ΣΦΕ

**IFC Spirit of Fraternity Award:** Sigma Chi

**2014 Friends of the Community:**

Caleb Rollins and Bonnie Dahlke Goebbert



Recipients of individual awards from the 2013-2014 Fraternity and Sorority Awards Ceremony

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

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