

THE PHOTA



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ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE CONTINUES FOR VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY FRATERNITIES AND SORORITIES

The spring 2014 Fraternity and Sorority Academic Report indicates that the All-Sorority and All-Fraternity Grade Point Averages are once again higher than the All-Female and All-Male averages at Valparaiso University. The 328 sorority women recorded a 3.291 average semester GPA which is above the 3.196 average semester GPA of women at Valpo, and the 352 fraternity men recorded a 3.117 average semester GPA which is above the 2.983 average semester GPA of the men at Valpo. In addition 11 out of 13 chapters performed above a 3.0 chapter GPA and more than 40% of sorority women achieved above a 3.5 semester GPA for the spring semester.



The spring 2014 academic rankings are as follows:



Chi Omega: 3.370
 Kappa Delta: 3.342
 Gamma Phi Beta: 3.342
 Kappa Kappa Gamma: 3.334
 All Sorority Average: 3.291
 All-Female Average: 3.196
 Pi Beta Phi: 3.052

Sigma Phi Epsilon: 3.279
 Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia: 3.233
 Phi Sigma Kappa: 3.223
 Phi Delta Theta: 3.117
 All Fraternity Average: 3.117
 Phi Kappa Psi: 3.071
 Sigma Chi: 3.013
 Lambda Chi Alpha: 2.999
 All-Male Average: 2.983
 Sigma Pi: 2.851

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- June 28: Sigma Chi Founder's Day
- July 1: June Chapter monthly reports due
- July 24: Pi Kappa Alpha Alumni Advisory Board Recruitment Event

The spring 2014 new members from Gamma Phi Beta and Phi Delta Theta performed the best with a 3.631 and a 3.401 respectively. Congratulations are also in order for Lambda Chi Alpha for having the most improved chapter GPA from the fall 2013 semester to the spring 2014 semester.

Chapter Spotlight:

Sigma Pi Fraternity

In May 2014, the Valparaiso University chapter of Sigma Pi hosted their annual ACE Project with the University Facilities Management staff. Every year, Sigma Pi sponsors an Altruistic Campus Experience, informally known as an ACE Project. This year, Sigma Pi partnered with Facilities Management in an effort to beautify the Valparaiso University campus.

Throughout campus you can see the changes to which the men of Sigma Pi contributed. There are new flowers in front of the Harre Union as well as the Chapel of the Resurrection. Rock was laid around the Fitness Center, and garbage all across campus was cleaned up as a part of this ACE Project.

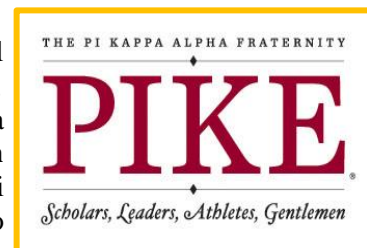
"For our community service hours, we've started to encourage our brothers to clean up the area surrounding Valpo. We've picked up countless bags of litter from the edge of old campus all the way to the roundabout on Lincolnway" states Sigma Pi President Domenico Libreri. "We decided that we wanted to keep that trend going, so we centered our ACE Project on cleaning up and improving Valpo's campus. This project will definitely make a long and lasting difference."

Sigma Pi encourages any and all students to take part in this yearly event. If you have any ideas about what you want to see Sigma Pi do the upcoming year for their ACE Project, please email sigmapi.president@valpo.edu.



The Valparaiso University Interfraternity Council and Pi Kappa Alpha International Fraternity are excited to announce the re-colonization of the Epsilon Beta Chapter at Valparaiso University during the spring semester of 2015. The Epsilon Beta chapter was originally chartered at Valparaiso University in 1953 and has been dormant since 1998.

During the spring 2015 semester, the International Fraternity will send two staff members to Valparaiso University to recruit Scholars, Leaders, Athletes and Gentlemen that will re-establish the Epsilon Beta Chapter. Pi Kappa Alpha has an outstanding record of starting new Chapters, having successfully done so over 60 times in the past 10 years. Should you have any questions about the re-colonization, please contact Pi Kappa Alpha's Director of Expansion - Josh Murphy at jmurphy@pikes.org or Valparaiso University's Assistant Dean of Students - Carolyn Whittier at carolyn.whittier@valpo.edu.



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