

# THE PHOTA



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## Fraternity and Sorority Community Welcomes More Than 150 New Members

The Valparaiso University fraternity and sorority community welcomed 156 new members during January of 2015. The Panhellenic and Interfraternity Councils both had an excellent year regarding participation in the various recruitment activities through the fall and spring semesters, and are excited to learn what these new members will bring to the community.



The results of the 2015 formal recruitment period for both the fraternities and sororities are as follows:

Chi Omega - 14  
Gamma Phi Beta - 14  
Kappa Delta - 16  
Kappa Kappa Gamma - 18  
Pi Beta Phi - 16

Lambda Chi Alpha - 6  
Phi Delta Theta - 8  
Phi Kappa Psi - 18  
Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia - 10  
Phi Sigma Kappa - 10  
Sigma Chi - 9  
Sigma Phi Epsilon - 11  
Sigma Pi - 6

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- February 2: Officer Roundtables at 9pm
  - o Service and Philanthropy Chairs - Alumni Room
  - o Public Relations Chairs - Shield Room
  - o Alumni Relation Chairs - Valpo Room
- February 7: Dance Marathon 2015, 10am-10pm in Hilltop Gym
- February 25: Meet the PIKES Night 8-10pm in the Harre Union Ballrooms

With the success of the spring formal recruitment process in combination with the fall 2014 recruitment efforts, more than 200 men and women have chosen to join fraternities and sororities at Valparaiso University this academic year.

# Chapter Spotlight:

## Reflecting on the Past, Looking Forward to the Future

After an exciting and successful formal recruitment period, the Valparaiso University fraternity and sorority community is looking to the future. Starting this spring, the fraternity and sorority community will welcome a new fraternity and a new sorority to campus. Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity is beginning its colonization efforts this spring and will host a "Meet the Pikes Night" on February 25, 2015 where the new members of the colony will be introduced. The Panhellenic Council is also excited to welcome a historically Latina sorority, Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority, Inc. that will be an interest group this spring and is planning to begin colonization efforts in the fall 2015 semester.



### Alan Bloom Memorial Basketball Tournament

The fraternity and sorority community recently partnered with the Valparaiso University Recreational Sports department to host the inaugural Alan Bloom 3-on-3 basketball tournament as part of the Valparaiso University MLK Day Celebration. The tournament was in honor of the late Dr. Alan Bloom, a beloved professor of history who passed away in 2013. All proceeds from the basketball tournament are going to the Alan Bloom Memorial Scholarship Fund.

The event had outstanding attendance with more than 10 teams participating, and raised \$200 for the Bloom Fund. Fraternity and sorority members both participated in the tournament as well as volunteered to assist with the timing and scoring of the games. The event also included music provided by WVUR, as well as prizes from Jimmy John's and Domino's.



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

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