

THE PHOTA



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Third Annual Dance Marathon Raises \$33,729.03



The Valparaiso University Third Annual Dance Marathon took place earlier in February raising more than \$33,000! Dance Marathon is the official fraternity and sorority community philanthropy, with proceeds going to support the Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago. Many affiliated and non-affiliated students alike stood on their feet for 12 hours to "Dance For Those Who Can't."

The Valpo Dance Marathon included many different speakers from the Children's Miracle Network (CMN), Miracle Kids who all shared their personal experience with Lurie Children's Hospital, and current students who have been impacted by CMN hospitals. The event also included performances from Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, Hooked on Tonics (a campus a cappella group), and a musical band within the Children's Miracle Network called Pulsebeat.

The 2015 Dance Marathon Miracle Cup was presented to the women of Kappa Delta Sorority for raising an astonishing \$5,165.40! The entire fraternity and sorority community contributed significantly with the following fundraising totals:

- Kappa Delta: \$5,165.40
- Chi Omega: \$4,707.32
- Kappa Kappa Gamma: \$4,060.34
- Gamma Phi Beta: \$2,888.31
- Pi Beta Phi: \$1,835.17
- Sigma Phi Epsilon: \$1,518.12
- Phi Kappa Psi: \$1,470.20
- Sigma Chi: \$1,000.08
- Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia: \$790.10
- Sigma Pi: \$685.10
- Phi Delta Theta: \$550.06
- Phi Sigma Kappa: \$400.07
- Lambda Chi Alpha: \$305.05

Overall, the Valparaiso University fraternity and sorority community raised a total of \$25,375.32!! Our members are so thankful to be involved in such a life changing event! #ForTheKids



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- February 26: *Sigma Pi Founders Day*
- February 28: *Spring Break Begins*
- March 1: *Pi Kappa Alpha Founders Day*
- March 1-7: *Fraternity and Sorority Spring Break Service Trip to Memphis*
- March 15: *Phi Sigma Kappa Founders Day*
- March 16: *Sorority Housing Groundbreaking and Blessing of the Site*

Chapter Spotlight:

Pi Kappa Alpha



The Valparaiso University fraternity and sorority community has officially welcomed its newest addition, Pi Kappa Alpha (PIKE). At the “Meet the PIKES” night on February 25, 2015, the 50 new members of PIKE were introduced to over a hundred other members of the fraternity and sorority community, and they were welcomed with open arms. Representatives from every chapter welcomed this new fraternity to campus, as fraternity men and sorority women mingled over hors d’oeuvres and got the chance to meet the new colony members.

During the ceremony, the Interfraternity and Panhellenic Councils presented the new colony with gifts, including two registrations for members to attend “PIKE Academy,” the summer Pi Kappa Alpha leadership conference. In addition, IFC presented the colony with a gavel, and several other chapters also presented welcoming gifts and greetings.

The colonization process for PIKE will continue in the weeks ahead as the colony continues to recruit and grow their brotherhood. The fraternity and sorority community is extremely excited to have Pi Kappa Alpha as the newest member of the community, and cannot wait to see all of the great things that these men will do at Valpo!



Sorority Housing Groundbreaking Monday, March 16, 2015 10 a.m.

You are invited to celebrate the groundbreaking and blessing of the new Valparaiso University Sorority Housing site on Monday, March 16. The groundbreaking and blessing of the site will take place as a part of Morning Prayer and will be held on the construction site, just west of the ARC.

Please join your colleagues and classmates as we celebrate this significant project, which will support the sorority life experience.

The sorority housing project is scheduled to be completed in December 2015.



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

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