

THE PHOTA



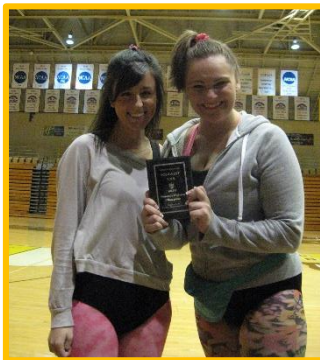
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Valpo's Oldest Student Tradition: SongFest



The annual Valparaiso University SongFest competition took place in April, and was once again a huge success! SongFest is one of the oldest student traditions at the University and is a competition where teams choreograph dances to songs that follow a certain theme. This year's theme was "decades."

The women of Gamma Phi Beta took First Place with their 80's themed workout routine, and Chi Omega was the runner up, taking us back again to the 2000's. Phi Kappa Psi took first place in the men's division, performing songs about the perfect date from across the decades. Second place for the men, as well as the Crowd Favorite, was Lambda Chi Alpha who put an evil spin on some love songs through the decades.



Following Songfest the Panhellenic and Interfraternity Councils hosted the third annual Fraternity and Sorority Cookout at the Sigma Phi Epsilon chapter house, where members of the community enjoyed gathering together for an afternoon of fun.

Official Colony Status for Sigma Lambda Gamma Sorority, Inc.

The Valparaiso University Fraternity and Sorority Community is thrilled to announce that Sigma Lambda Gamma, a historically Latina based sorority, has been officially recognized by the national organization as the Valparaiso University Colony! This means that the women can begin their new member education process in the fall and work toward their official chartering! Congratulations ladies!!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 30: *Fraternity and Sorority Awards, 6-7:30 p.m., Harre Union Ballrooms*

May 5, 6, 7: *Fraternity and Sorority Study Break, 7-10 p.m., Board of Directors Room*

May 10: *Sigma Phi Epsilon and Gamma Phi Beta Study Break, 8-10 p.m., Christopher Center Community Room*

May 17: *Undergraduate Commencement*

Chapter Spotlight:

Phi Kappa Psi

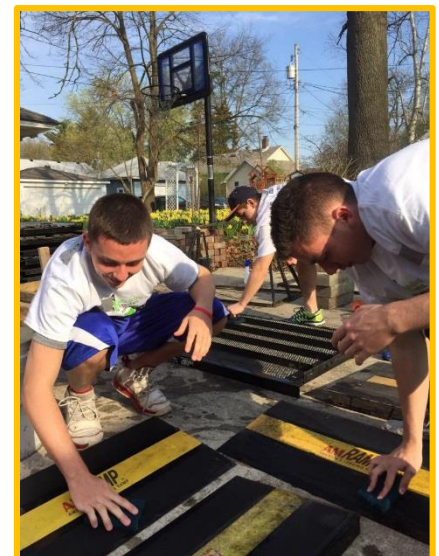
The men of Phi Kappa Psi recently held their annual “Phi Psi 500” philanthropy event. The chapter kicked off the events with a water balloon slingshot challenge held in the parking of the Law School. Participants could pay \$1 to launch a water balloon out of a giant slingshot across the parking lot at a member of Phi Psi.

On Friday night, Phi Psi hosted a lip-sync competition in the Refractory of Mueller Hall. With over 70 people in attendance, teams from Chi Omega, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Pi Beta Phi, Sigma Chi and Phi Kappa Psi lip-synced and danced to a wide range of songs. Kappa Kappa Gamma was voted as the Most Popular Performance and won the contest. This event was very well liked, and Phi Psi is planning on hosting it again next year as part of “Phi Psi 500.” Over the course of the week, the men of Phi Kappa Psi raised over \$300, all of which was donated to Hilltop Neighborhood house.



Fraternities and Sororities Assist with Rebuilding Together Build Day

More than 100 fraternity and sorority students volunteered as part of the 2015 Rebuilding Together Build Day in April. Students worked on home improvement projects around the greater Valparaiso area in partnership with other community agencies. Volunteers dug retention ditches, installed wheelchair accessible ramps, painted a number of rooms, and assisted with many of the logistics of the day.



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