

THE PHOTA



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Fraternity and Sorority Excellence Awards

The annual Valparaiso University Fraternity and Sorority Awards Ceremony took place at the end of April, and the following chapters and individuals were recognized for excellence:



President's Award for Fraternity and Sorority Excellence:
Kappa Delta, Sigma Chi and Sigma Phi Epsilon

Dean Delores Ruosch Sorority Woman of the Year
Lindsey Dever, ΔΔΔ

Kyle James Carson Fraternity Man of the Year
Michael Micek, ΦΣΚ

Fraternity and Sorority Pillars of Excellence:
ΓΦΒ, ΚΔ, ΠΒΦ, ΛΧΑ, ΦΔΘ, ΦΚΨ, ΣΧ, ΣΦΕ

Dr. Alan Harre Civic Engagement Award: Kappa Delta

Most Improved Chapter Award: Phi Sigma Kappa

Outstanding Fraternity and Sorority Chapter President:
Shayna Anglin, ΓΦΒ and William Olson, ΦΚΨ

Values in Action Award:
Sigma Pi for the Amazing Day Initiative

Living Your Values Award:
Gina Testolin, ΠΒΦ and Christopher Barnes, ΣΧ

George T. Kilavos Outstanding Chapter Advisor
Jacob Defassio, ΦΣΚ

Mark R. Schwehn Ph.D. Outstanding Faculty Advisor:
Dr. Lara Pudwell, ΦΔΘ

Outstanding Fraternity and Sorority Emerging Leader:
Rebekah Koehn, ΚΔ and Eric Smith, ΣΦΕ

Outstanding Individual Community Service:
Rachel Dabertin, ΚΔ and Jacob Yager, ΦΚΨ

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 8, 12, 15, 19, and 23: *FOCUS Sessions*

June 28: *Sigma Chi Founders Day*

Chapter Spotlight:

Chi Omega

The annual Chi Omega Swishes for Wishes event, a 3-on-3 basketball tournament benefitting the Make A Wish Foundation, was a huge success this year. Teams from fraternities and sororities, several athletic teams and other student organizations came out to support this great event for an even better cause. Additionally, members of the Valparaiso University Men's Basketball Team helped to referee the games.



The women of Chi Omega set a very high goal of raising \$8,000, and they achieved that goal this year! Through the Swishes for Wishes event, the women raised \$8,025.09, the most they have raised during this annual event. Chi Omega was recognized for their commitment to philanthropic work with the 2014-2015 Outstanding Philanthropy Award at the recent Fraternity and Sorority Awards Ceremony as well.

Fraternities and Sororities Excel Academically at Valpo

The Spring 2015 academic performance report for fraternities and sororities was recently released, and once again the All-Sorority Average of a 3.331 was above the All-Female average of a 3.226, and the All-Fraternity Average of a 3.139 was above the All-Male Average of a 2.975.

In addition, more than 40% of Valpo fraternity and sorority members achieved above a 3.50 semester GPA and the women of Chi Omega had the highest new member class academic performance with a 3.511 semester GPA!



Sorority Academic Report

Gamma Phi Beta	73 members	3.431
Chi Omega	70 members	3.421
Pi Beta Phi	63 members	3.341
All Sorority Average	352 members	3.331
Kappa Delta	73 members	3.301
Kappa Kappa Gamma	73 members	3.169

Fraternity Academic Report

Phi Delta Theta	37 members	3.434
Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia	46 members	3.325
Sigma Phi Epsilon	61 members	3.266
Phi Sigma Kappa	26 members	3.192
All-Fraternity Average	376 members	3.139
Lambda Chi Alpha	33 members	3.075
Phi Kappa Psi	54 members	3.059
Sigma Chi	55 members	3.030
Sigma Pi	27 members	2.953
Pi Kappa Alpha	37 members	2.839

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