

THE PHOTA



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A Wonderful Homecoming Celebration

Valparaiso University's Homecoming Weekend has always been a special time for fraternities and sororities, and this weekend was no exception. Leading up to the weekend, fraternities and sororities took part in events throughout the week that built up school spirit, and kicked off the weekend's celebration. This year the women of Kappa Kappa Gamma won the overall Homecoming Competition!



Homecoming weekend included the Kathleen and Mark Helge Center dedication on Saturday morning as well as the annual Dance Marathon FT5K with an undergraduate member of Phi Sigma Kappa and an alumni member of Phi Kappa Psi winning the race! Each chapter then hosted a tent outside Brown Field for the Crusader Street Fair before the Crusaders played San Diego in their homecoming game. After the street fair, there was a wide range of chapter alumni/ae gatherings as old friends and classmates celebrated together.

This year, both the Homecoming King and Queen are members of the fraternity and sorority community. Taylor Krivas of Lambda Chi Alpha and Meagan McCarver of Chi Omega represented Valpo fraternity and sorority life well as they were warmly welcomed to coronation by the Valparaiso community.

On Sunday morning, a number of alumni/ae from the fraternity and sorority community received awards from the Valparaiso University Alumni Association. The following men and women received recognition:

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 2: *Relay For Life, 10am-10pm*

October 6: *Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Founders Day*

October 10: *Valpo U Day of Caring*

October 11: *Phi Kappa Psi Kyle Carson Basketball Tournament*

October 13: *Kappa Kappa Gamma Founders Day*

October 17-18: *Family Weekend*

October 17: *Gamma Phive K*

October 22-25: *Fall Break*

- Danielle Carrig, Gamma Phi
- Dale Ciciora (posthumous), Phi Kappa Psi
- Deb Evans, Gamma Phi
- David Hollenbeck, Pi Kappa Alpha
- Jeffrey Human, Phi Sigma Kappa
- Patricia Krause, Gamma Phi
- Dr. Verne Schneider, Pi Kappa Alpha
- Susan (Heitmuller) Zimmerman, Alpha Xi Epsilon

Chapter Spotlight:

Phi Delta Theta

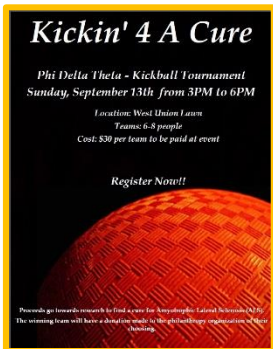
The Indiana Iota chapter of Phi Delta Theta has had a great start to the 2015-2016 academic year. The men attended the Phi Delta Theta Kleberg Institute this summer in Oxford, Ohio where the chapter was recognized at the national level for the first time since their return to campus in 2012. The chapter was recognized in three areas including:

- The General Headquarters Trophy where Indiana Iota was one of 19 chapters to receive this honor, which is given to chapters that complete all GHQ requirements and are in good standing
- The Phi Delta Theta Scholarship Award
- The Biggers Ritual Award for outstanding ritual execution



In addition, brother Tim Daker became the chapter's first Iron Phi. A member of Phi Delta Theta can become an Iron Phi once he has raised \$1,000 for the ALS Association and has completed in an athletic competition. The chapter is so proud of Tim's accomplishments and his achievement to become an Iron Phi!

The men of Phi Delta Theta also hosted a very successful "Kickin' 4 A Cure" kickball tournament this fall. This is the second year the chapter has hosted this event, and several fraternity and sorority chapters entered teams to help raise money and awareness for the ALS Association. This Phi Delta event was also profiled in *The Torch* with an excellent article including event highlights.



National Hazing Prevention Week

"I PLEDGE: to prevent hazing before it occurs, stop hazing when I see it happening, report it when I know it has transpired, and help empower others to do the same in their organizations, schools and communities." Over 250 Valparaiso University community members took this pledge from September 21-25 as a part of National Hazing Prevention Week, as Valpo joined with fraternities and sororities around the country in an effort to raise awareness about the problem of hazing and educate on how to stop it. The Interfraternity and Panhellenic Councils set up an interactive display where students could make handprints on a large poster throughout the week to signify that "These Hands Don't Haze." This was the first year that Valpo has taken part in National Hazing Prevention Week, and it was very successful.



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