

THE PHOTA



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Valpo Serves Louisiana on Annual Fraternity & Sorority Spring Service Trip

Seventeen fraternity and sorority members and two advisors participated in the 2018 Fraternity and Sorority Spring Service Trip that just wrapped up its fourth annual service project. This year's fraternity and sorority service experience was located in Denham Springs, Louisiana to help with the much needed hurricane and flood relief efforts in the aftermath of the 2016 Louisiana floods and the impact of Hurricane Harvey in 2017.

The crew worked on four different project sites in Denham Springs helping repair damage from flooding and aiding in getting families back into their homes. Members on the spring service trip team helped with installing new siding, flooring, and tile work. Many members helped to paint homes both inside and out, as well as other construction related projects.

The team partnered with The Fuller Center Disaster Relief and had the opportunity to learn about the impact of the four days of flooding in the area in 2016 as well as the impact of Hurricane Harvey in 2017.

Denham Springs is near Louisiana State University, and the team had the opportunity to visit campus, stop by all of the fraternity and sorority houses, have dinner at the Kappa Delta Sorority house, and have a conversation with Angela Guillory, the Assistant Dean of Students for Fraternity and Sorority Life at LSU. Participants also had the opportunity to walk the beautiful campus and see "Mike the Tiger" in his tiger sanctuary on campus!

On their way back to Valpo, the crew received a tour of Chi Omega, Kappa Delta, and Pi Kappa Alpha headquarters located in Memphis, as well as spent time at the National Civil Rights Museum.



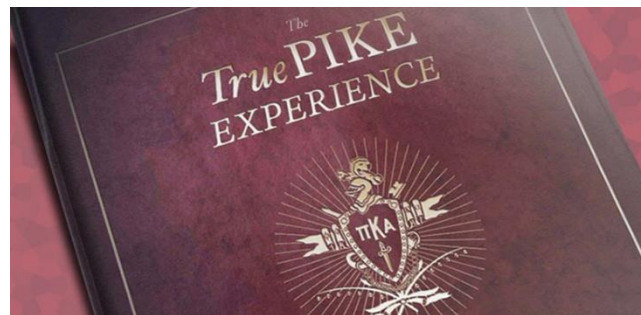
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- March 15: *Phi Delta Theta Founders Day*
- March 15: *Phi Sigma Kappa Founders Day*
- March 19 - 24: *Pi Beta Phi Book Drive*
- March 22 - 25: *Lutheran Basketball Tournament*
- March 24 - 29: *Women's Empowerment Week*
- March 27 - 28: *Tunnel of Oppression*
- April 5: *Chi Omega Founders Day*
- April 7: *6th Annual Dance Marathon*

Chapter Spotlight:

Pi Kappa Alpha

Recently, Valparaiso's very own Epsilon Beta chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha was sought out by the National Fraternity and was selected to participate in a new True PIKE experience program. The True PIKE experience is a 4-year program that is designed to promote membership growth within the fraternity. Throughout the four years as a collegiate member of Pi Kappa Alpha, members would experience growth in four levels.



As a new member, men learn the basic elements of the fraternity, such as the PIKE commitment, ritual, and traditions that will develop men into a better member of PIKE. From there, members move to the Brother Leader stage where men learn personal attributes such as recruitment skills, public speaking skills, and time management. The Fraternity Leader stage is next, where members develop deeper ritual knowledge as well as cover letter and resume building, personal finance, and marketing fundamentals. This further builds on the first two stages that help men build themselves as a not only a valuable member of the fraternity, but also a successful human being.

The True PIKE Experience program finishes with the Community Leader stage that teaches conflict management, business communication, and leadership scenarios. This stage also focuses on leveraging the fraternity and sorority experience in the work force and how members can now stand out amongst their peers because of their experience in Pi Kappa Alpha and growing from the True PIKE Experience.

Devon Teixeira, the Director of Membership Development for Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity visited the chapter to help establish the program on Valpo's campus at the start of February. PIKE President, Peter Funk, states that "the whole fraternity is incredibly excited about this new program and we cannot wait to see where it takes our members."

Stonebraker to serve as a 2018-2019 Chi Omega National Leadership Consultant



Congratulations are in order as Elise Stonebraker will be serving as a 2018-2019 National Leadership Consultant for Chi Omega Women's Fraternity. Elise will be working alongside 16 other women who will visit different Chi Omega chapters across the country to evaluate their performance, help correct problems, set goals, create action plans, and act as a motivator for their chapter.

Elise served as the Chi Omega Chapter President at Valpo in 2017 and was named the Outstanding Sorority Emerging Leader for 2016-2017. Elsie also received the Chi Omega Jan Boyd Blackwell Leading with Integrity Award in 2017. Elise shared that she is "so excited to be given the opportunity to give back to an organization that has given me so, so much."

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

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