Valparaiso University Fraternity & Sorority Life 2017-2018 Annual Report





A Year In Review

The 2017-2018 academic year was incredibly successful for the Valparaiso University fraternity and sorority community. The sorority community celebrated 100 years of sisterhood at Valparaiso University with a large celebration on Homecoming Weekend including a Centennial Celebration Luncheon! In addition, we welcomed the men of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. as the first historically African-American fraternity or sorority to be established at Valparaiso University. With the addition of Kappa Alpha Psi, we are now 16 chapters strong with a community membership that continues to grow!

The fraternity and sorority community increased its commitment to community service with more than 19,000 hours completed, which is an increase of 37.4% over the previous year. In addition, the fraternity and sorority community raised more than \$133,500 which is a 52.7% increase over the previous year. Fraternity and sorority members are committed to giving back and this is evident in the significant increase in both of these areas.

Membership growth was also strong in the 2017-2018 academic year, with chapter membership at an all-time high. More than 270 men and women joined the fraternity and sorority community this year, bringing our total membership to 814. The community has grown more than 20% in total membership over the last five years, and specifically sorority membership has grown more than 34%.

The fraternity community continues to lead men on campus in academics with an average 3.183 GPA, and the sorority community tops the all-women's average with a 3.337. In addition, more than 40% of all fraternity and sorority members achieve a 3.5 GPA or above each semester. Members are also involved in a wide variety of campus activities, and more than 98% of members documented their 2017-2018 involvement.

Finally, the Association of Fraternal Leadership and Values (AFLV) once again recognized the Panhellenic and Interfraternity Councils for excellence. The Panhellenic Council received the Sutherland Award for Council Excellence for the fifth year in a row, which is almost unprecedented in AFLV history! The Interfraternity Council received the Jellison Award for Council Excellence, which is the third time in the last five years for the Council to receive this recognition.



The future is bright for the Valparaiso University fraternity and sorority community and the past year provides us with a glimpse of what is to come. We are very excited to continue our growth and success in conjunction with Valparaiso University.

Stephanie Davis Jake Landgraf President President

Panhellenic Council Interfraternity Council

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2017-2018 Highlights

Valparaiso Celebrates a Century of Sisterhood in 2017



The sorority community celebrated 100 years of sorority life at Valparaiso University during Homecoming 2017. The Panhellenic Council had the opportunity to welcome back hundreds of sorority women, and each had the chance to see what sorority life is like on campus today. The women were able to tour the new sorority housing complex as well as sport their affiliation buttons all over campus. It was wonderful to witness countless sorority women and sisters reconnect with one another.

To cap off the Centennial Celebration, the Panhellenic Council hosted a Century of Sisterhood luncheon. The luncheon included a presentation of photos from formals, SongFest, and events in Scheele Hall. The women all cheered when they saw their group or recognized themselves or a friend in a picture. We heard from Dolores Ruosch, Jennifer Jones-Hall, and Carrie Whittier who all have advised the sorority community from 1961 to today. Each spoke of the memories they have, and their experiences working with the sororities on campus.

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. at Valparaiso University

The Valparaiso University fraternity and sorority community officially welcomed Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. to campus in May 2018. With six founding fathers, Kappa Alpha Psi is the first National Pan-Hellenic Council (historically African-American) fraternity or sorority to join the Valparaiso fraternity and sorority community. The men of Kappa Alpha Psi hosted their first New Member Show with more than 500 people in attendance, and will begin full chapter operations in the fall 2018 semester.



Inaugural Laurel Wreath Society Inductee



The Panhellenic and Interfraternity Councils had the pleasure of naming Dolores Ruosch, otherwise known as "Dean Dody," as the inaugural inductee into the Laurel Wreath Society. The Laurel Wreath Society was created to publicly honor a Valparaiso University fraternity or sorority alumni who has contributed to philanthropic initiatives and/or public service and a commitment to advancing the fraternity and sorority experience at a local or national level.

Dean Dody was an advocate for women while she was at Valpo and worked towards creating a way for women to share their voice. Dean Ruosch served as the Dean of Women for more than 30 years, including advising the sorority community and living in Scheele Hall. It was wonderful to have Dean Ruosch back on campus to as part of the Centennial Celebration and to honor her in this special way.

2017-2018 Highlights

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



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 and the Outstanding Sorority Chapter President for 2017-2018. 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."

Sigma Chi Member Receives the 8th Founder Award from National Fraternity

Sigma Chi brother, Alex Brewer, was awarded the Sigma Chi 8th Founder Award which is described to be a "recognition for the brother who does not seek recognition." It is an award given to a hard working brother that does not look to be praised.

As a chapter, the men of Sigma Chi were tasked with nominating someone from the chapter and sending their nomination to the national fraternity where they decided a winner for the state of Indiana. Immediately, Alex Brewer was nominated. "Alex Brewer was the perfect candidate because he is always willing to help with anything Sigma Chi related and he attends almost all of our chapter service events." Alex has also been a participant on the last two fraternity and sorority spring service trips.



Twelve Outstanding Seniors Receive University Leadership and Service Award



Valparaiso University honored 18 graduating seniors with the Outstanding Leadership and Service Award in April, and 12 of the award recipients are members of fraternities and sororities. Each one of these members has made their mark on their chapter as well as the fraternity and sorority community, and we celebrate each of their accomplishments!

Front Row: Ashita Bhatnagar of Gamma Phi Beta, Katie Karstensen of Kappa Delta, Angelys Torres of Sigma Lambda Gamma, Maddie Nieter of Gamma Phi Beta, Hannah Sergent of Chi Omega, and Ahmad Muhammad of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia. **Second Row:** E.J. Dubinsky of Sigma Phi Epsilon, Elisa Espinosa of Kappa Kappa Gamma, Sam Macy of Sigma Phi Epsilon, Kelsey Stallter of Chi Omega, Brooke LeFevre of Chi Omega, and John Penshorn of Sigma Phi Epsilon

Membership Growth

Fraternities and sororities have experienced a 20% growth in membership from the spring of 2014 through the spring of 2018. With increasing chapter sizes and expansion of three fraternities and one sorority during that time, more and more Valparaiso University students are expressing interest in joining fraternities and sororities. The following is a report of the chapter membership statistics for 2017-2018.

Chi Omega:

Fall New Members: 0 Spring New Members: 24 Total Membership Spring 2018: 87 Initiation percentage: 100%

Gamma Phi Beta:

Fall New Members: 5 Spring New Members: 25 Total Membership Spring 2018: 86 Initiation percentage: 100%

Kappa Delta:

Fall New Members: 3 Spring New Members: 23 Total Membership Spring 2018: 85 Initiation percentage: 100%

Kappa Kappa Gamma:

Fall New Members: 5 Spring New Members: 24 Total Membership Spring 2018: 83 Initiation percentage: 97%

Pi Beta Phi:

Fall New Members: 0 Spring New Members: 25 Total Membership Spring 2018: 86 Initiation percentage: 100%

Sigma Lambda Gamma:

Fall New Members: 2 Spring New Members: 4 Total Membership Spring 2018: 13 Initiation percentage: 100%

Kappa Alpha Psi:

Fall New Members: NA Spring New Members: 6 Total Membership Spring 2018: 6 Initiation percentage: 100%

Lambda Chi Alpha:

Fall New Members: 7 Spring New Members: 12 Total Membership Spring 2018: 40 Initiation percentage: 100%

Phi Delta Theta:

Fall New Members: 2 Spring New Members: 7 Total Membership Spring 2018: 24 Initiation percentage: 100%

Phi Kappa Psi:

Fall New Members: 4 Spring New Members: 12 Total Membership Spring 2018: 54 Initiation percentage: 94%

Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia:

Fall New Members: 6
Spring New Members: 5
Total Membership Spring 2018: 26
Initiation percentage: 92%

Phi Sigma Kappa:

Fall New Members: 4 Spring New Members: 12 Total Membership Spring 2018: 44 Initiation percentage: 100%



Pi Kappa Alpha:

Fall New Members: 5 Spring New Members: 8 Total Membership Spring 2018: 54 Initiation percentage: 93%

Sigma Chi:

Fall New Members: 3 Spring New Members: 13 Total Membership Spring 2018: 44 Initiation percentage: 94%

Sigma Phi Epsilon:

Fall New Members: 6 Spring New Members: 13 Total Membership Spring 2018: 49 Initiation percentage: 100%

Sigma Pi:

Fall New Members: 2 Spring New Members: 5 Total Membership Spring 2018: 23 Initiation percentage: 87%



Chapter Development Programming

Providing opportunities for personal and chapter development is a fundamental principle of fraternity and sorority membership. Fraternities and sororities offer a wide range of programming for members to learn and grow both as a member and as a student at Valparaiso University.

The following is a sample listing of the over 360 educational programs offered by the chapters in 2017-2018.

Chi Omega: 24 programs

Risk Management Mental Health

Gamma Phi Beta: 28 programs

Academic Goal Setting Personal Branding Workshop

Kappa Alpha Psi: 12 programs

Academic Achievement Membership Training Academy

Kappa Delta: 31 programs

Blind Awareness Program Confidence Workshops

Kappa Kappa Gamma: 30 programs

Aspire To Be Week Sisterhood Love Languages

Lambda Chi Alpha: 28 programs

Ritual Review

Microaggressions Program

Phi Delta Theta: 20 programs

Founding History

Responding to the LSU crisis

Phi Kappa Psi: 15 programs

Ladder of Risk

Professional Development Night

Overall Community Programming:

Academic and Scholarship: 14 Alcohol and Other Drug: 32

Brother/Sisterhood Development: 22

Career Development: 18 Chapter Development: 24

Diversity Education: 20

Financial Education: 3

Hazing: 29

Leadership Development: 24

Personal Development: 19

Sexual Assault Education: 28

Recruitment: 40

Risk Management: 18

Ritual Education: 16

Values: 14 Wellness: 9

In addition, chapter members attended 32 different programs offered by inter/national fraternities and sororities. Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia: 9 programs
Risk Management

Greek Life Edu

Phi Sigma Kappa: 14 programs

Hazing Education Bias Incident Training

Pi Beta Phi: 17 programs

Leading with Values Career Development

Pi Kappa Alpha: 30 programs

Sexual Assault Prevention
Dress for Success

Sigma Chi: 13 programs

Social Media Training Jordan Standard Program

Sigma Lambda Gamma: 12 programs

Panther Prep

SAAFE Office Program

Sigma Phi Epsilon: 68 programs

Mini Carlson Leadership Academy Skills Men Should Know

Sigma Pi: 11 programs

Ritual Review
Risk Management

Fraternity and Sorority Judicial Board

The Fraternity and Sorority Judicial Board met eight times in 2017-2018 for the following violations:

- 2 hearings for violation of the Fraternity and Sorority Alcohol Policy at social events
- 2 hearings for violation of the Sorority Housing Alcohol Policy
- 2 hearings for unregistered social events
- 1 hearing for violation of the University Non-Discrimination Policy
- 1 hearing for violation of the minimum expectations outlined in the Interfraternity Council Constitution

In addition, four chapters participated in either a mediation hearing or a judicial board hearing for Failure to Comply with the minimum expectations as outlined in the 2016-2017 Standards and Expectations for Fraternities and Sororities at Valparaiso University.

Valpo Gives Back

Fraternities and sororities at Valparaiso University are actively engaged in community service and philanthropy throughout the year. The following is a report for each chapter for the 2017-2018 academic year.

2017-2018 Community Totals:

Total Hours Donated: 19,139.77 Total Dollars Raised: \$133,573.78

Chi Omega

Total Hours Donated: 2.277 hours Total Dollars Raised: \$18,442.83

Primary Annual Event: Swishes for Wishes

Gamma Phi Beta

Total Hours Donated: 2.090 hours Total Dollars Raised: \$13,145.08 Primary Annual Event: Moonball

Kappa Alpha Psi

Total Hours Donated: NA Total Dollars Raised: NA Primary Annual Event: NA

Kappa Delta

Total Hours Donated: 1,628 hours Total Dollars Raised: \$9,525.15

Primary Annual Event: Shamrock Event

Kappa Kappa Gamma

Total Hours Donated: 1.880 hours Total Dollars Raised: \$8,317.08

Primary Annual Event: Kappa Dodgeball

Pi Beta Phi

Total Hours Donated: 2,452 hours Total Dollars Raised: \$8,519.93

Primary Annual Event: Mr. Pi Phi Pageant

Lambda Chi Alpha

Total Hours Donated: 1,429 hours Total Dollars Raised: \$29.614.54 Primary Annual Event: St. Baldrick's

Phi Delta Theta

Total Hours Donated: 418 hours Total Dollars Raised: \$2,927.35 Primary Annual Event: Iron Phive K









Phi Kappa Psi

Total Hours Donated: 2,221 hours Total Dollars Raised: \$5,185.28 Primary Annual Event: PhiPsi 500

Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia

Total Hours Donated: 456 hours Total Dollars Raised: \$1,506.26

Primary Annual Event: Patterson Music Festival

Phi Sigma Kappa

Total Hours Donated: 902 hours Total Dollars Raised: \$7,070.07 Primary Annual Event: Winter Wonderland

Pi Kappa Alpha

Total Hours Donated: 1,017 hours Total Dollars Raised: \$5,663.03 Primary Annual Event: Firefighter Challenge

Sigma Chi

Total Hours Donated: 703 hours Total Dollars Raised: \$8,222.31 Primary Annual Event: Derby Days

Sigma Lambda Gamma

Total Hours Donated: 181 hours Total Dollars Raised: \$3,360.11 Primary Annual Event: Penny Wars

Sigma Phi Epsilon

Total Hours Donated: 1,018 hours Total Dollars Raised: \$10,924.11 Primary Annual Event: SigEp Christmas

Sigma Pi

Total Hours Donated: 461 hours Total Dollars Raised: \$1,150.65 Primary Annual Event: Sigma Pi Amazing Day

Valpo Gives Back

A wide array of non-profit agencies benefit from the involvement of Valparaiso University fraternities and sororities. The following listing includes the primary agencies for which the individual chapters and the overall community worked in the 2017-2018 academic year.

Fraternity and Sorority Community

United Way Day of Caring
Relay for Life benefitting the American Cancer Society
Football Concession benefitting The Valparaiso University Guild
Lutheran Basketball Athletic Association Tournament
Bethesda Lutheran Communities Thrift Shop
A Walk Into My Future with Promise Porter County
Dance Marathon benefitting the Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital



Chi Omega

Make A Wish Foundation Coffee Creek Watershed

Kappa Delta

Prevent Child Abuse Porter Co. Girl Scouts of America

Phi Delta Theta

Iron Phi Foundation Housing Opportunities

Phi Sigma Kappa

Special Olympics Opportunity Enterprises

Sigma Chi

Huntsman Cancer Institute Pathway Church Grace Closet

Sigma Pi

Amazing Day Foundation



Gamma Phi Beta

Girls On the Run Camp Tannadoonah

Kappa Kappa Gamma

Reading is FUNdamental Parkview Elementary

Phi Kappa Psi

Boys and Girls Club Café Mana

Pi Beta Phi

Read. Lead. Achieve. Hilltop House

Sigma Lambda Gamma

Breast Cancer Awareness



Kappa Alpha Psi

St. Jude Children's Hospital

Lambda Chi Alpha

St. Baldrick's Feeding America

Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia

Mills Music Mission Valparaiso University Theater

Pi Kappa Alpha

Washington Township Fire Dept. Gary Housing Center

Sigma Phi Epsilon

Hilltop House Adopt-a-Highway

Panhellenic Council

Circle of Sisterhood



Academic Excellence

Valparaiso University fraternities and sororities work to ensure alignment with the academic mission of the institution. In 2017-2018, the all-sorority and all-fraternity averages were higher than the all-women's and all-men's averages at the University. In addition, more than 40% of fraternity and sorority members achieved at or above a 3.5 semester GPA in both the fall 2017 and the spring 2018 semesters.

	Fall 2017			Spring 2018		
	Rank	Members	GPA	Rank	Members	GPA
Chi Omega	1	63	3.539	1	87	3482
Gamma Phi Beta	4	65	3.343	3	86	3.374
Kappa Delta	3	63	3.367	2	85	3.378
Kappa Kappa Gamma	5	62	3.260	4	83	3.275
Pi Beta Phi	2	64	3.383	5	86	3.242
Sigma Lambda Gamma	6	10	3.015	6	13	2.945
Sorority Total		327	3.367		440	3.337
All-Women's Average		1787	3.156		1709	3.159

	Fall 2017			Spring 2018			
Kappa Alpha Psi	NA	NA	NA	10	6	2.666	
Lambda Chi Alpha	5	36	3.235	2	40	3.332	
Phi Delta Theta	2	19	3.371	4	24	3.195	
Phi Kappa Psi	6	44	3.148	7	54	3.101	
Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia	1	30	3.451	3	36	3.265	
Phi Sigma Kappa	8	32	2.998	8	44	3.077	
Pi Kappa Alpha	7	48	3.112	6	54	3.152	
Sigma Chi	3	33	3.367	5	44	3.175	
Sigma Phi Epsilon	4	41	3.280	1	49	3.397	
Sigma Pi	9	24	2.666	9	23	2.928	
Fraternity Total		307	3.182		374	3.183	
All-Male Average		1383	2.967		1373	2.970	









2017-2018 Awards and Recognition

President's Award for Fraternity and Sorority Excellence:Chi Omega and Sigma Phi Epsilon



Dean Delores Ruosch Sorority Woman of the Year Karina Calvillo, $\Sigma\Lambda\Gamma$

Kyle James Carson Fraternity Man of the Year Jonathan Schildwachter, ΠKA

Fraternity and Sorority Pillars of Excellence: $X\Omega$, $K\Delta$, ΛXA , $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, $\Phi K\Psi$, $\Sigma \Phi E$

Dr. Alan Harre Civic Engagement Award: Phi Kappa Psi

Dr. Roy Austensen Campus Involvement Award:Sigma Lambda Gamma and Lambda Chi Alpha

Most Improved Chapter Award:
Pi Beta Phi

Outstanding Sorority and Fraternity Chapter President: Elise Stonebraker, $X\Omega$ and Jacob Van Horn, $\Phi\Delta\Theta$

Values in Action Award: Sigma Chi

Samantha Salvador Living Your Values Award: Hilary Van Oss, $K\Delta$ and Tyler Matulis, ΣX

George T. Kilavos Outstanding Chapter Advisor Cassidy Kuhlmann, $KK\Gamma$

Mark R. Schwehn Ph.D. Outstanding Faculty Advisor: Bonnie Dahlke Goebbert, $\Phi K \Psi$

Outstanding Sorority and Fraternity Emerging Leader: Thespina Dabagia, $\Gamma\Phi B$ and Rodrigo Serrano, ΛXA

Friend of the Community:
Pastor Charlene Cox

Area Excellence Awards

Overall Academic Performance: $X\Omega$, ΦMA , $\Sigma \Phi E$

New Member Academic Performance: $K\Delta$ and ΛXA

Overall Academic Improvement: $\Sigma \Lambda \Gamma$ and ΦMA

Academic Programming: $K\Delta$ and $\Sigma\Phi E$

Alumni/ae Development: $\Gamma \Phi B$ and $\Phi \Lambda \Theta$

Chapter Management: $X\Omega$ and $\Sigma\Phi E$

Community Service: $\Pi B \Phi$ and $\Sigma \Phi E$

Member Development: $KK\Gamma$ and $\Sigma\Phi E$

New Member Education: $\Gamma \Phi B$ and ΣX

Philanthropy: KA and AXA

Public Relations: KA and ΠKA

Recruitment: $\Gamma \Phi B$ and $\Phi M A$

Risk Management: $X\Omega$ and $\Phi\Delta\Theta$

Day of Giving Challenge: $\Gamma \Phi B$ and $\Phi \Sigma K$

Intramural Championship: $KK\Gamma$ and ΠKA

2017 Council Achievements

The Valparaiso University Panhellenic and Interfraternity Councils were recognized for excellence at the 2018 Association of Fraternal Leadership and Values Central Fraternal Leadership Conference.

Annually the councils submit applications for the annual AFLV Awards and Assessment process that benchmarks the councils with other similar sized councils across the nation. The councils have previously received similar national level recognitions from AFLV, continuing the legacy of excellence at Valparaiso University.



Panhellenic Council Awards

Sutherland Award for Overall Excellence Division II Award received in 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018

Area Excellence Awards for:

Academic Achievement
Council Management
Leadership and Educational Development
Membership Recruitment
Philanthropy and Community Service
Public Relations
Risk Reduction and Management
Self-Governance and Judicial Affairs



Interfraternity Council Awards

Jellison Award for Overall Excellence
Division II
Award received in 2014, 2017 and 2018

Area Excellence Awards for:

Academic Achievement
Council Management
Leadership and Educational Development
Membership Recruitment
Philanthropy and Community Service
Public Relations
Risk Reduction and Management
Self-Governance and Judicial Affairs





Acknowledgments

2017 Panhellenic and Interfraternity Council Officers



President: Maddie Nieter, Gamma Phi Beta Vice President of Standards: Stephanie Davis, Kappa Delta Vice President of Operations: Kelly O'Farrell, Pi Beta Phi Vice President of Recruitment: Emma Montgomery, Chi Omega Vice President of Programming: Sarah Purpura, Kappa Delta Vice President of Public Relations: Ashley Smith, Pi Beta Phi

President: Stephen Sekoulopoulos, Lambda Chi Alpha Vice President of Standards: EJ Dubinsky, Sigma Phi Epsilon Vice President of Operations: Matt D'Alessandro, Phi Kappa Psi Vice President of Recruitment: Joshua Mullens, Sigma Phi Epsilon Vice President of Programming: Max Grover, Lambda Chi Alpha Vice President of Public Relations: Alec Chase, Phi Sigma Kappa

2018 Panhellenic and Interfraternity Council Officers

President: Stephanie Davis, Kappa Delta

Vice President of Standards: Bethany Riethmeier, Pi Beta Phi Vice President of Operations: Madison Magiera, Chi Omega Vice President of Recruitment: Lydia Spone, Pi Beta Phi Vice President of Programming: Hilary Van Oss, Kappa Delta

Vice President of Public Relations: Nicole Jones, Chi Omega Head Recruitment Counselor: Olivia Ross, Gamma Phi Beta

President: Jake Landgraf, Lambda Chi Alpha

Vice President of Standards: Dylan Ogle, Phi Delta Theta

Vice President of Operations: Jacob Van Horn, Phi Delta Theta

Vice President of Recruitment: Max Grover, Lambda Chi Alpha

Vice President of Programming: Chris Rekitzke, Sigma Chi

Vice President of Public Relations: Jake Wislek, Phi Sigma Kappa



2017-2018 Fraternity and Sorority Chapter Presidents

Chi Omega: Elise Stonebraker Gamma Phi Beta: Lexi Wilken Kappa Delta: Ally Gately

Kappa Kappa Gamma: Sarah Witt

Pi Beta Phi: Betsy Pogue

Sigma Lambda Gamma: Karina Calvillo

Lambda Chi Alpha: Alex Zaplatosch Phi Delta Theta: Jacob Van Horn Phi Kappa Psi: Nick Eder Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia: David Bremer Phi Sigma Kappa: Stephen Burzynski Pi Kappa Alpha: Matt Pieroth

> Sigma Chi: Tyler Matulis Sigma Phi Epsilon: Sam Macy

Sigma Pi: Paul Shaffer

