

THE PHOTA



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Valparaiso University Officially Welcomes Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.



With more than 500 people in attendance, the Valparaiso University Fraternity and Sorority Community welcomed six new members into the family as the men of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. hosted their inaugural New Member Show in May 2018. The show was the official announcement of the six Founding Fathers of the Valparaiso University chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi, the first historically African-American fraternity or sorority to be established at Valparaiso University.



Elias Earley, C.J. Elion, Jalin Leandre, Glenndon Bone, Montel Hall, and Tyler Tanzymore made history on May 5, 2018 as they were introduced to the Valparaiso University community as the Founding Fathers of our new Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. chapter. The men are members of the Delta Iota Colony that is sponsored by the Ball State University Kappa Alpha Psi chapter, and the men are advised by the Kappa Alpha Psi Gary Alumni Chapter.

These men completed the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. Membership Training Academy program in South Bend, Indiana with all of the other chapters in the North Central Province. The men have completed officer elections and are looking forward to operating as a full chapter within the Valparaiso University fraternity and sorority community starting in the fall 2018 semester.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- August 17: *Mid-Year Leadership Retreat*
- August 18: *Freshman Move-In*
- August 18-26: *Welcome Week 2018*
- August 22: *Meet the Greeks*
- August 22: *F/S Officer Orientation & Roundtables*
- August 24: *Student Activities Fair*
- August 24: *Sorority House Tours*
- August 25: *Welcome Week Service Project*
- August 26: *Student Leadership Conference*



Chapter Spotlight:

Gamma Phi Beta

In June 2018, Gamma Phi Beta Sorority hosted their national convention in Dallas, Texas. The convention included educational programs, business meetings, ritual, and many awards and celebration events. Three members of the Zeta Iota chapter of Gamma Phi Beta attended the convention, including the Chapter President, the Administrative Vice President and the Vice President of Member Development.

The women of the Zeta Iota chapter at Valparaiso University received the Gamma Phi Beta Scholastic Excellence Award. This award is presented to collegiate chapters that achieved a 3.0 GPA or higher, and a GPA higher than the all-sorority and all women's averages on their respective campus, during the past two academic years. This award was presented to 21 of the 187 Gamma Phi Beta chapters, which is a huge honor.

Congratulations to the women of Gamma Phi Beta for your academic excellence and for receiving national level recognition for your efforts!



Valparaiso University Sigma Chi Members Selected for National Programs



Sigma Chi International Fraternity hosted the 2018 Sigma Chi Grand Council Meeting in Chicago, IL earlier this summer. Carlos Cabaya was selected to serve as the undergraduate delegate from the Indiana Northern Province, representing five Indiana Sigma Chi chapters at the Grand Council Meeting. In this role, Carlos participated in discussions and voted on legislative affairs of the Fraternity. Valparaiso University Sigma Chi alumni member Andy Nunemaker, a Founding Father of the Iota Sigma chapter, a recipient of the Significant Sig award, and a member of the Sigma Chi Order of Constantine, was also present at the Grand Council Meeting.

In addition, three members of the Iota Sigma chapter of Sigma Chi were selected to participate in the Sigma Chi Horizons Program. Chris Rekitzke (not pictured), Juan Arrellano and Josh Backhus each travelled to Snowbird, Utah for this unique leadership development program.



Horizons is a leadership development experience for qualified undergraduate Sigma Chis who wish to improve their understanding of leadership as it relates to personal development, group dynamics, and intentional efforts to make positive change in the world. The Horizons program is held in an ideal setting for outdoor adventure, interactive learning, and inspired reflection. Participants' continue their Horizons experience through post-session mentoring by alumni and follow-up electronic leadership lessons and guidance.

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