

# THE PHOTA



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## Valparaiso University Welcomes the Class of 2022

Valparaiso University welcomed the Class of 2022 in style with assistance during move-in and a multitude of activities and events over the last week. Fraternity and sorority members have been actively engaged in the annual Welcome Week and kicking off a new academic year!

The Valparaiso University fraternity and sorority community partnered with the Valparaiso University football team to welcome the Class of 2022 during Freshman Move-In on Saturday, August 18, 2018. More than 250 fraternity and sorority members and 100 football team members volunteered their time to move-in all of the personal belongings of the new freshman. In under five hours, the first year residential students were getting settled into their new home here at Valpo.

Welcome Week activities continued with events such as Welcome Week Dance Parties, Meet the Greeks, Student Activities Fair, Sorority House Tours, Late Night Lawn Games, and a Leadership Conference. Overall, Welcome Week has been a huge success and everyone is excited for the year ahead!



### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- August 22 – September 7 : *Fall Fraternity Recruitment*
- August 31: *Fall Athletics Kick-off*
- September 1: *Sigma Pi Amazing Day Bags Tournament*
- September 6: *Rotary Golf Tournament Volunteering*
- September 7: *Fraternity Bid Signing Ceremony*
- September 8: *Gamma Phi Beta Moonball*
- September 10: *Pi Kappa Alpha Firefighter Challenge*
- September 11: *Sorority Grand Chapter*
- September 13: *Fraternity Grand Chapter*
- September 15: *Day of Caring 2018*



# Chapter Spotlight:

## Lambda Chi Alpha

This summer, the Iota Sigma Zeta chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha at Valparaiso University was selected to mentor a newly established chapter at Illinois State University. Lambda Chi Alpha will serve as the “Big Brother Chapter” to the new organization at Illinois State, where they will conduct the new chapter’s Associate Member Ceremony.

Throughout the process, the Valparaiso Lambda Chi Alpha chapter will assist in the new member education process, ending with the final initiation after six weeks. High Alpha (President) Zach Diamond states that “this is an amazing opportunity for us, and everyone is beyond excited to be a part of it.” Diamond is thrilled to teach their new brothers the values of Lambda Chi Alpha as well as aspects of being a fraternity man.

Diamond also noted that as a smaller Lambda Chi Alpha chapter of 31 men, they were not sure if the chapter had a chance of being selected by the national fraternity. The Lambda Chi Alpha chapter at Valparaiso has been a fraternity of virtue and integrity, and the men are incredibly proud that other universities have been seeing the strides of Iota Sigma Zeta.



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## Chi Omega Member Attends Undergraduate Interfraternity Institute



This June, Gabby Swartz, a member of Chi Omega, had the opportunity to attend a fraternity and sorority leadership program called the Undergraduate Interfraternity Institute (UIFI). The program takes place in Bloomington, Indiana on the campus of Indiana University, and is a five day leadership development experience with fraternity and sorority members from around the country.

UIFI is intended to help students identify their personal leadership strengths as well as understand where and how they can make the most significant impact in their chapter and community. Gabby was able to attend the conference due to a scholarship she received from the national organization of Chi Omega.

During UIFI, students are split into small groups to complete various thought-provoking activities and are provided with a mentor to act as a facilitator for each group. Coincidentally, Gabby’s group’s mentor was Eli Argueta, a Valparaiso University fraternity alumni who is a member of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia. Overall, Gabby had an overwhelmingly positive experience at UIFI and left with many ideas for how to improve her chapter and fraternity and sorority life at Valpo.

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

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