

THE PHOTA



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Phi Kappa Psi Breaks Ground on New Fraternity Chapter Facility

During the 2018 Homecoming Celebration, the Indiana Epsilon chapter of Phi Kappa Psi held a ceremonial groundbreaking for the new Phi Kappa Psi Chapter Facility. The ceremony was a wonderful celebration of the many years of brotherhood the men of Phi Kappa Psi have experienced at Valparaiso University.

The groundbreaking ceremony titled "Pride In Our Past, Foundation For The Future" included comments from several Phi Kappa Psi alumni, Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity and Foundation staff members, and Matthew D'Alessandro, the current Phi Kappa Psi chapter president. In addition, congratulatory comments were shared by President Mark Heckler, Assistant Dean of Students Carrie Whittier, and Jake Landgraf, the 2018 Interfraternity Council President.

The new Phi Kappa Psi chapter facility will be located at 814 Union Street, which is directly across the street from the Sorority Housing Complex. Construction on the new facility is scheduled to begin in the near future with an anticipated move-in during the 2019-2020 academic year.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 13: *Kappa Kappa Gamma Founders Day*
 October 16 & 18: *GUARDS "The Hunting Ground"*
 October 19: *Valparaiso University Career Fair*
 October 20: *SigEp Splash event*
 October 21: *Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia CPMF Concert*
 October 23: *Kappa Delta Founders Day*
 October 26-28: *Family Weekend*
 November 1: *Sigma Phi Epsilon Founders Day*
 November 1: *Faculty & Staff Reception*
 November 2: *Lambda Chi Alpha Founders Day*
 November 3: *Lambda Chi Alpha St. Baldrick's event*



Chapter Spotlight:

Sigma Lambda Gamma

The Delta Zeta chapter of Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority, Inc. had the honor of hosting the Sigma Lambda Gamma Central Region Retreat in September. The women hosted representatives from all of the SLG entities within the Central Region to talk about national programs, to gain valuable development skills and training, and to bond as a sisterhood.

This was the first time the Valparaiso University Sigma Lambda Gamma chapter had been given the opportunity to host the retreat, and the women enjoyed welcoming so many Gamma's to campus!



Valpo Fraternities and Sororities Give Back During 2018 Day of Caring

Fraternity and sorority members recently participated in the annual Valparaiso University Day of Caring in partnership with the United Way of Porter County. Chapter members completed service at various locations within the City of Valparaiso, as well as with agencies in greater Porter County, and completed more than 1,800 hours of service.



The women of Kappa Kappa Gamma (pictured to the left) built "Little Libraries" that will be placed around town so that children can have access to books to borrow. Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia (pictured to the left) partnered with Kappa Delta and Sigma Chi to assist with projects at Camp Butternut Springs, the local Girl Scout Camp.



The women of Chi Omega partnered with the men of Pi Kappa Alpha for a Town Beautification Project in downtown Valpo. Sigma Pi partnered with Gamma Phi Beta and Phi Delta Theta for a project at the Westchester Migratory Bird Sanctuary. Sisters from Pi Beta Phi completed renovations for Porter County Educational Services, and the men of Sigma Phi Epsilon worked on a project at Hilltop Neighborhood House. Phi Sigma Kappa volunteered at the Opportunity Enterprises annual Pack-a-Thon for the Chicago Marathon, and the men of Phi Kappa Psi completed a landscaping project at the Chesterton Boys and Girls Club. Finally, the men of Lambda Chi Alpha volunteered at the local Sunset Hills Farm County Park!

Overall, more than 400 fraternity and sorority members participated in giving back to the community for the 2018 Day of Caring!

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