

THE PHOTA



The *Phota* (the Greek word for lights) is a publication of the Valparaiso University Panhellenic and Interfraternity Councils



Alpha Gamma Delta Selected to Expand at Valparaiso University

Alpha Gamma Delta Women's Fraternity will join the Valparaiso University Fraternity and Sorority family in the fall 2019 semester. The Panhellenic Council unanimously voted to extend the expansion invitation to Alpha Gamma Delta following their campus visit in late February.

Alpha Gamma Delta is an international women's fraternity that promotes academic excellence, philanthropic giving, ongoing leadership and personal development and above all, a spirit of loving sisterhood. Guided by their Purpose, Alpha Gamma Delta's strive to attain a higher standard, thereby improving their lives, the lives of those around them, and the communities in which they live. Together, they continually work to: Inspire the Woman. Impact the World.

Alpha Gamma Delta will begin their expansion efforts on the first day of class in the fall 2019 semester. Two professional staff consultants will be based in Valparaiso for the entire 2019-2020 academic year, and additional staff members will be on-hand to assist with the recruitment and interview process scheduled for September.

Should you have a recommendation of a student who would be great addition for the new sorority, please feel free to share the name of that student with us via email at Greek.Life@valpo.edu.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- March 28-31: *Lutheran Basketball Tournament*
- April 1: *Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Musicale*
- April 5: *Chi Omega Founders Day*
- April 6: *Alpha Xi Epsilon Centennial Reunion*
- April 6: *Dance Marathon*
- April 9: *Sigma Lambda Gamma Founders Day*
- April 10: *Valpo Day of Giving*
- April 16-17: *Alpha Gamma Delta Marketing Visit*
- April 19: *Good Friday (University Closed)*



Chapter Spotlight:

Kappa Alpha Psi

The men of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. hosted their first large scale philanthropy event in February with an inaugural Black Tie Gala. The tickets for the event were sold out well in advance of the event, and multiple representatives from fraternities and sororities were in attendance to support this new initiative. The event raised funds for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, which is the national philanthropic partner of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

In 2005, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. named St. Jude as its national philanthropic partner, and members began their fundraising efforts through regional golf tournaments to support lifesaving treatments of pediatric cancer, sickle cell disease, and other catastrophic illnesses. To date, members of Kappa Alpha Psi have raised more than \$2.5 million and are currently the top African American fundraising group for St. Jude.

Due to the overall success of the inaugural Black Tie event at Valpo, the colony was able to raise more than \$4,500 and are excited to plan more events in the future.



Panhellenic and Interfraternity Councils Win National Recognition at AFLV



The Valparaiso Panhellenic and Interfraternity Councils were recognized for excellence at the 2019 Association of Fraternal Leadership and Values conference in Indianapolis, Indiana. The Panhellenic Council received the Gamma Phi Beta College Impact Award for their work with the #OneValpo Promise in 2018. In addition, the Interfraternity Council was recognized with the 2019 AFLV Jellison Award for their work with the #OneValpo Promise.

Both councils were recognized for excellence in Programming and Accountability! And, both councils received an Academic Achievement Award from Gamma Sigma Alpha Honorary. Overall, the conference was a huge success and the Councils are ready for an exciting year ahead!

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

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