THE PHOTA





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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June: FOCUS Orientation Sessions June 28: Sigma Chi Founders Day

Valparaiso University Fraternity and Sorority Awards 2019

The 2018-2019 Fraternity and Sorority Awards Ceremony was an evening to celebrate the many accomplishments of the chapters and individual fraternity and sorority members. This year's award recipients include:

President's Award for Excellence in Fraternity and Sorority Life Sigma Phi Epsilon and Pi Beta Phi

Kyle James Carson Fraternity Man of the YearMatthew D'Alessandro, Phi Kappa Psi

Dean Dolores Ruosch Sorority Woman of the Year Lydia Spone, Pi Beta Phi

Outstanding Fraternity and Sorority Chapter President Aaron Pevitz, Phi Delta Theta Jade Curless, Pi Beta Phi

Pillars of Excellence

Chi Omega, Lambda Chi Alpha, Pi Beta Phi, Pi Kappa Alpha, and Sigma Phi Epsilon

Samantha Salvador Living Your Values Award
Jacob Landgraf, Lambda Chi Alpha
Lesley Barajas, Sigma Lambda Gamma

Outstanding Fraternity and Sorority Emerging Leader Charlie Presar, Sigma Phi Epsilon Taylor Nesselroad, Pi Beta Phi

George T. Kilavos Outstanding Chapter Advisor Mike Targonski, Sigma Chi

Mark R. Schwehn, Ph.D. Outstanding Faculty Advisor Richard Severe, advisor to Kappa Alpha Psi

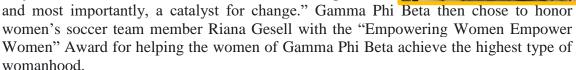
> Most Improved Chapter Pi Kappa Alpha

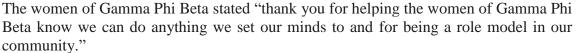
Chapter Spotlight:

The women of Gamma Phi Beta were recognized at the annual Fraternity and Sorority Awards with the *Values in Action* award honoring their establishment of the "Empowered Women Empower Women" award. This recognition is given by the women of Gamma Phi Beta to a member of the Valpo community who "has helped our sisters achieve the highest type of womanhood, and know that we as sorority women are #unstoppable!"



The first recipient of this new recognition was Dr. Ashleigh Elser. One member of Gamma Phi Beta stated, "she is not only an educator, she is a leader, a motivator, an inspiration,





Alpha Xi Epsilon Local Sorority Celebrates 100 Years of Sisterhood

In April, more than 100 alumnae members of Alpha Xi Epsilon local sorority traveled back to campus to celebrate the centennial of the establishment of the sorority in the spring of 1919. Alpha Xi Epsilon has a long and wonderful history at Valparaiso University. The local sorority transitioned to our current Pi Beta Phi chapter in 1998. The women spent the weekend touring campus and spending time with one another celebrating decades of friendships and sisterhood.





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

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