

THE PHOTA



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Valparaiso University Celebrates the Installation of Kappa Alpha Psi and Alpha Gamma Delta Chapters

During the fall 2019 semester, Valparaiso University celebrated the installation of two new chapters within the fraternity and sorority community - the Rho Tau Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. and the Beta Phi Chapter of Alpha Gamma Delta Women's Fraternity.

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. was invited to establish a new chapter on campus in the spring of 2018. Since that time, the chapter has continued to grow and develop hosting their inaugural Kappa Alpha Psi Gala benefitting St. Jude Children's Hospital and winning the Valparaiso University Day of Giving Alumni Participation Challenge! In addition, current President Tyler Tanzymore was named the 2019 Valparaiso University Homecoming King!



Alpha Gamma Delta Women's Fraternity was invited to establish a new chapter on campus in the fall of 2019. Women were recruited starting on the first day of class, and there was a wonderful Bid Day celebration in September. The 31 women of the new chapter have successfully completed all of their new member education requirements, elected their first chapter officers, and hosted their first recruitment event!

Both chapters were presented gifts from the Panhellenic and Interfraternity Councils on behalf of the fraternity and sorority community. In addition, local alumni and alumnae were present to provide support and guidance to the two new chapters.

Congratulations to the men of the Rho Tau Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. and the women of the Beta Phi Chapter of Alpha Gamma Delta Women's Fraternity.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- November 23 – December 1: *Thanksgiving Break*
- December 4: *Council Officer Elections*
- December 6: *Last Day of Class*
- December 15: *December Commencement*
- December 16 – January 7: *Winter Break*
- January 5: *Residence Halls Open*
- January 6 - 12: *Sorority Recruitment*
- January 8: *First Day of Class*
- January 8 - 24: *Fraternity Recruitment*

Chapter Spotlight:

Lambda Chi Alpha

Raising more than \$20,000 for the third year in a row, the men of Lambda Chi Alpha hosted their annual St. Baldrick's event on November 2, 2019. With more than 50 participants who chose to #BraveTheShave, and support from members of the fraternity and sorority community, the event was a huge success!



The St. Baldrick's Foundation raises funds for research on childhood cancer. More children are lost to cancer in the United States than any other disease – in fact more than any of the other childhood diseases combined. The St. Baldrick's Foundation provides funding for research and support for families with children fighting this terrible disease.

The men of Lambda Chi Alpha are planning to host their fourth annual St. Baldrick's Event in November 2020!

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Two Valpo Alumni Honored with the Laurel Wreath Award



The Valparaiso University Fraternity and Sorority Laurel Wreath Society was created to recognize the accomplishments of fraternity and sorority alumni for their contributions to the greater society. Alumni are recognized for their contribution to philanthropic initiatives and/or public service, or for their commitment to advancing the fraternity and sorority experience on the local or inter/national level.

Rin Seibert, class of 1976, joined Phi Beta Chi local sorority during her undergraduate years, and later became an initiated member of Kappa Kappa Gamma. She has served as an advisor for the chapter for more than two decades, and currently serves as the chapter's Faculty Advisor.



Don Langhoff, class of 1967, is an initiated member of Phi Delta Theta. When the Indiana Iota chapter of Phi Delta Theta returned to campus in 2012, Don was one of the first alumni to step forward to volunteer. He has served as the Alumni Relations Advisor since 2012, and led the planning team for the Kappa Iota Pi / Phi Delta Theta Centennial Celebration in September 2019.

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