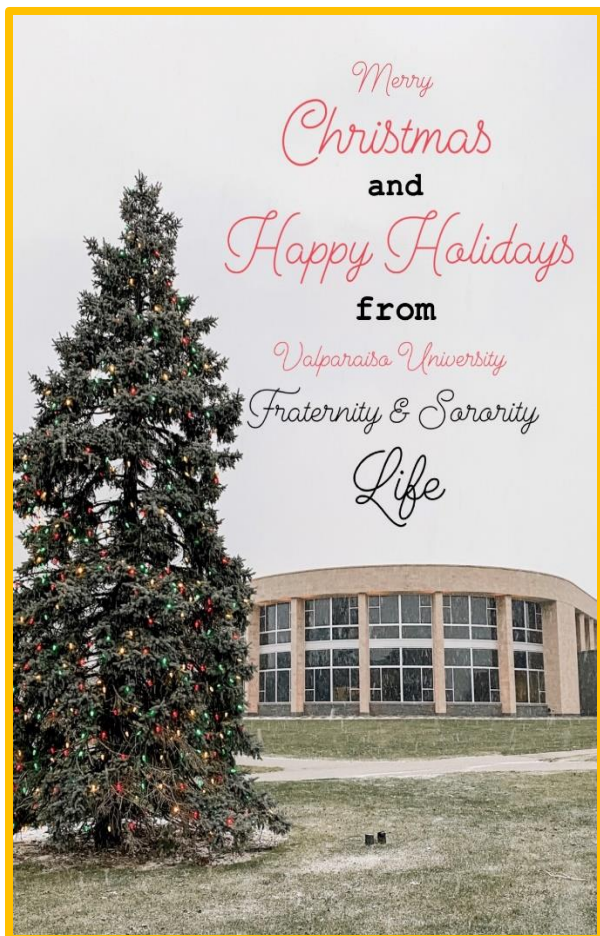


# THE PHOTA



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## Valparaiso University Faculty & Staff Honored by the FSL Community

Annually, the Valparaiso University fraternity and sorority community recognizes faculty and staff members who have made a significant impact on the community and celebrates with them at a reception. While the reception could not be held in person this year, the community has found unique ways to recognize the contributions of these faculty and staff members.

The following faculty and staff members are recognized in the area of significant impact on a member:

- Bonnie Dahlke-Goebbert nominated by Phi Kappa Psi
- Theresa Kark nominated by Sigma Phi Epsilon
- Kristin Lewis nominated by Gamma Phi Beta
- Natalie Muskin-Press nominated by Kappa Delta
- Richard Sévère nominated by Kappa Alpha Psi
- Ruth Wertz nominated by Kappa Kappa Gamma

The following faculty members are recognized in the area of excellence in teaching:

- Joseph Bognar nominated by Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia
- Kevin Goebbert nominated by Alpha Gamma Delta
- Rachel Murray nominated by Sigma Lambda Gamma
- Lynette Rayman nominated by Pi Beta Phi
- John Ruff nominated by Chi Omega
- Phrosini Samis-Smith nominated by Sigma Chi

The following faculty and staff members are recognized in the area of outstanding public service:

- Natalie Muskin-Press nominated by Lambda Chi Alpha
- Carolyn Whittier nominated by the Panhellenic Council
- Trenton Holloway nominated by the Interfraternity Council

The community is so thankful for the influence of each of these faculty and staff members!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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- January 5: *Kappa Alpha Psi Founder's Day*
  - January 24-31: *Sorority Recruitment*
  - January 25 – February 6: *Fraternity Recruitment*
  - January 30: *Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. Informational*
  - January 31: *Sorority Bid Day*
  - February 6: *Fraternity Bid Signing Ceremony*
  - February 19: *Phi Kappa Psi Founder's Day*
  - February 26: *Sigma Pi Founder's Day*
  - March 1: *Pi Kappa Alpha Founder's Day*

# Chapter Spotlight:

## Sigma Phi Epsilon

The Indiana Zeta Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon was recently awarded the Sigma Phi Epsilon Excelsior Award for Chapter Leadership from the national fraternity. The chapter “expanded its leadership from eight to 20 men resulting in a noticeable, positive change in how effectively and efficiently events are planned and tasks completed — all while providing a high-quality experience for members. When brothers expressed concern around mental health during COVID, as well as a need to focus on diversity and inclusion, the chapter adapted by identifying leaders who could provide applicable programming and resources to members.”

Congratulations to the men of Sigma Phi Epsilon for their hard work and for being recognized by the national fraternity for their efforts!



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## Order of Omega Welcomes 25 New Members and Two Honorary Members

The Gamma Mu chapter of Order of Omega welcomed 25 new members into the Order on October 28. Order of Omega selects the top three percent of fraternity and sorority members, who are of junior or senior standing, and excel in academics, leadership and service. In addition, the chapter selected two honorary members, including Interim President Colette Irwin-Knott, Phi Beta Chi, and Trenton Holloway, Lambda Chi Alpha.



The new members of Order of Omega include: Christopher Azzarello, Phi Delta Theta; Ryan Gee, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia; Kaela Holubek, Gamma Phi Beta; Matt Kavanaugh, Sigma Pi; Taylor McElheny, Kappa Delta; Sarah Messerschmidt, Kappa Delta; Jack Meyer, Sigma Phi Epsilon; Owen Misiunas, Sigma Chi; Nichole Mitchell, Pi Beta Phi; Kimberly Nieman, Pi Beta Phi; Meghan O’Brien, Panhellenic; Lillia Pogue, Panhellenic; Eleanor Riordan, Gamma Phi Beta; Maggie Schaller, Panhellenic; Samantha Schletz, Alpha Gamma Delta; David-Paul Schulze, Sigma Phi Epsilon; Katelyn Shouse, Kappa Delta; Matthew Stutzman, Lambda Chi Alpha; Alyssa Townsend, Kappa Delta; Claire Van Wagoner, Chi Omega; Rachel Winkler, Gamma Phi Beta; Becca Wireman, Kappa Kappa Gamma; Drake Wolan, Phi Kappa Psi; Brooke Wold, Pi Beta Phi; and Jess Yakesh, Chi Omega.

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