

# THE PHOTA

## THE FRATERNITY AND SORORITY NEWSLETTER

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### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

During the week of March 21, Panhellenic Council hosted their annual Women's Empowerment Week. Throughout the week, students could attend various events to learn more about women in history, how to be a woman in the professional world, or even self defense as a women.

Panhellenic Council sold stickers and buttons as well to raise money for Alice's House, decided at a Pop-Up Giving Circle. On behalf of Panhellenic Council, thank you to the Valparaiso University community for your efforts and support on a successful week!

### APRIL EVENTS

- April 1-15- Kappa Alpha Psi Popcorn Fundraiser
- April 2- Dance Marathon
- April 5- Chi Omega Founders Day
- April 9- Sigma Lambda Gamma Founders Day
- April 10- Chi Omega's Swishes for Wishes
- April 18-24- FSL Week
- April 25-29- Sigma Chi's Derby Days
- April 28- Pi Beta Phi Founder's Day



### LEADERSHIP

This month, Vice President for Student Life, Steven Janowiak, M.Ed., joined Valpo's Fraternity and Sorority Life Community. Steve was extended a bid from the men of Sigma Phi Epsilon and on Sunday, March 27 he was initiated into the chapter. Steve shared, "As a renaissance initiate, I am feeling very humbled, but the guys have made me feel every bit an accepted member of this diverse group and profound brotherhood of varying viewpoints, skills, qualities, and attributes."

Steve's son, Doc Janowiak, is also a member of the chapter and he said "I was ecstatic to discover that the fraternity was voting on whether to extend a bid to my father. I can think of no more worthy renaissance initiate to our brotherhood than my father."



## ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

This month, we would like to spotlight two of our senior FSL members for accepting a full-time job post-graduation!

Anthony Luciano of Phi Kappa Psi will be graduating in May with degrees in Accounting and Finance. He will be working for PepsiCo Fortune on the Accounting Control Team. Anthony will assist the team with accounting control tasks and projects. At Valpo, Anthony has been involved with 12 student organizations, holding many leadership roles as well. He says that these positions helped him gain soft skills to become a young professional. Anthony was encouraged by a sister of Pi Beta Phi to apply for an internship with PepsiCo, so he attributes the opportunity for employment to his connections at Valparaiso University.

Senior International Economics and Cultural Affairs and German major Sarah Messerschmidt, of Kappa Delta, has accepted a job with Horizon Therapeutics. She will work as an analyst in the Management Development Program, rotating between roles in sales, commercial, and marketing. This job opportunity for Sarah is attributed to two summer internships with Horizon and the help of the Center for Career and Professional Development for assisting her in preparing for her interviews. In addition, her leadership experience at Valpo allowed her to grow into a future professional.



## PHILANTHROPY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

During Spring Break, 14 students and 3 advisors from the Fraternity and Sorority Life community traveled to Panama City Beach, Florida to work with Rebuild Bay County painting and building offices.

The students and advisors made an amazing impact and helped Rebuild Bay County save thousands of dollars on labor and resources.

They also got to go visit Florida State University and learn a little about their FSL Community. The students learned a lot about the community, attend a new member presentation, and they even got to visit their respective chapter houses.

The students got to enjoy the beach, play mini golf, and watch movies together during their down time on the trip. We are so proud of all of our Valpo students who attended Spring Break service trips!



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

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