

The Phota

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Service/Philanthropy



During August, we welcomed the Beacon Class of 2026 by volunteering with Freshmen Move-In as well as hosting and participating in Welcome Week events.

On Saturday, August 20, our members of our community were some of the first Valpo faces to greet Valpo's new class of students. Over 100 members of the community volunteered to help aid in Move In Day to make this an easy and exciting experience for students and their families.

During Welcome Week, the community was active in events such as Mini DM, Late Night Events, FSL Meet and Greet, and many other activities! We had a great week and look forward to the rest of the year!

Academics



Sigma Lambda Gamma
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SigEp

Congratulations to Sigma Lambda Gamma and Sigma Phi Epsilon for earning the highest sorority and fraternity chapter GPAs for the Spring 2022 semester with GPAs of 3.644 and 3.440 respectively.

During this semester, the all Sorority average GPA was 3.420 and the all Fraternity was 3.275. We are so proud of our community for continuously exemplifying academic excellence and we are so excited to see what the new academic year has in store!



SEPTEMBER EVENTS:

9-9 Fraternity Bid Signing • 9-10 Kappa Kickball • 9-13 Grand Chapter • 9-15 Fraternity Recruitment Fair
9-17 SigEp Splash • 9-18 Sorority Fall Day • 9-24 Homecoming • 9-30 Sigma Chi Derby Days



Community Development

In June, Valpo Student Life welcomed Shelby Hanselman as the new Assistant Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life.

Shelby is originally from Eastpointe, Michigan. She received her Masters of Education in College Student Affairs Leadership from Grand Valley State University this past April and graduated from Oakland University in 2020 with her Bachelor of Arts in Communication. While at Grand Valley State University, Shelby served as a Graduate Assistant for Fraternity and Sorority Life in the Office of Student Life. Shelby is a proud member of Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority.

Shelby says, "I am excited to be at Valpo because from the moment I stepped foot on campus I noticed such a deep passion for growth and success from the Fraternity and Sorority Life community. Valpo offers such a great experience for students to grow and become better versions of themselves and I am eager to continue to challenge the students and be a part of the Valpo Fraternity and Sorority Life community." Please help us welcome Shelby to our community!

LEADERSHIP

This past summer the men of the Beta Tau chapter Sigma Pi had their biannual Grand Chapter meeting and were honored to receive the Grand Sage Cup from Sigma Pi International Fraternity for the 2020-2022 biennium.

The Grand Sage Cup is awarded to the top four chapters in each tier of the national fraternity. It's an amazing accomplishment and our community is so proud!

Valpo Sigma Pi alumnus, Ryan Post, was also elected to the National Grand Council!!

Congratulations to all and we cannot wait to see what you will accomplish this year!

Many other chapters had members go to their national conferences this summer as well including Gamma Phi Beta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Lambda Chi Alpha, Alpha Gamma Delta, and Phi Kappa Psi.

We are looking to have a great year are excited to see the accomplishments that the 2022-2023 academic year brings!

