

The Phota

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Community Service & Philanthropy

During September, Kappa Kappa Gamma and Sigma Phi Epsilon hosted their philanthropy events; Kappa Kickball and SigEp Splash.

Kappa Kickball took place on September 10 and they raised money for their philanthropy, the JED Foundation. Teams participated in a kickball tournament and the overall winner was the baseball team. Kappa Kappa Gamma wants to thank everyone for participating!

SigEp Splash took place on September 17 and raised money for Hilltop Neighborhood House. Teams participated in yard events such as Kiddie Pool Kickball, Water Balloon Fights, and so much more! SigEp thanks everyone for coming to the event!



Alumni Relations

This year at Homecoming, the community had the opportunity to recognize two alumni with the Laurel Wreath Award. This is the highest honor our community can give. This year's award recipients were Karen Seykowski '63 (Alpha Xi Epsilon & Pi Beta Phi) and Donald Fites '56 (Phi Kappa Psi). Both were recognized for their outstanding service to the Fraternity & Sorority community at Valparaiso University.

Additionally, during Homecoming, Alumni Relations hosted its annual President's Circle Honors Breakfast for Donors and Scholars. Scholarship funding donors and recipients of the scholarships were invited for a breakfast to foster community and thank the donors for their generosity. There were many current undergraduate members and alumni members present at this celebration.

Thank you to all of our alumni members whose generosity does not go unnoticed.



OCTOBER EVENTS:

10-6 Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Founder's Day

10-8 DM Miles for Miracles & Alpha Gam Bags Hunger • 10-13 KKG Founder's Day • 10-23 Kappa Delta Founder's Day

10-25 We Matter Week • 10-29 Kappa Delta Shamrock • 10-30 PhiPsi 500



Community Development

September was a busy month with Homecoming week being one of our favorite events! The University Programming Council hosted a week of events and competition, which saw many chapters hosting a team and participating in the fun! Congratulations to Kappa Delta and Phi Delta Theta for winning the week of competition in their respective categories!

Angelina Neme (Chi Omega) was crowned the 2022 Homecoming Queen and Emmett Twomey (Phi Delta Theta) was crowned the 2022 Homecoming King. This year the homecoming royalty had the opportunity to participate in a new university tradition of being crowned by the Homecoming King and Queen from the 50 Year Class Reunion. This year our Homecoming Royalty had the honor of being crowned by the 1972 Homecoming Queen, Debbie Nelson (Gorman), member of Alpha Phi Delta.

Chapters welcomed alumni for many different events, meetings, and alumni gatherings! We hope Homecoming was a time of memories and community for all of our alumni and we can't wait to welcome everyone back to campus again next year!

LEADERSHIP

Earlier this semester, the National Panhellenic Conference announced the recipients of the 2021-2022 College Panhellenic Association Awards.

The Panhellenic Council at Valparaiso University received awards in Academic Innovation, Community Impact, Innovation in Leadership, and Innovation in Recruitment. Our council was one of only 36 Panhellenic Associations nationwide to receive awards!

These awards are highly selective and we are so proud of Panhellenic Community for their continued dedication to excellence.

