



The Diamond

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President's Message

The Presidents Conference could not have been more perfect! It was indeed flawless! Thank you Ferrum College, Caitlin Bettinger, Alpha Phi chapter and Jason Sharp for a wonderful weekend. It was also very productive, for your evaluations overflowed with compliments on the setting and the way that information was exchanged between the students and the national board.



Jane Price Harmon
National President

As presidents, be aware of these two things, which were mentioned most often in the evaluations. Each chapter should have at least one "hands-on" advisor who meets with the group regularly. Most chapters have two advisors who share the load and some even have three. If you have an advisor who would rather be a source of information if needed, please find a second one to help you on a day-to-day basis. Advisors are so important to Lambda Sigma because they provide the continuity since we are only a one-year organization.

The second thing is to have a definite training process for the incoming officers so they can begin their year with goals and ideas. Many presidents expressed feeling overwhelmed because they had very little information about what running the chapter entailed.

We also want to thank John Barroso, advisor to the Duquesne chapter and Nancy Kujawinski, from the Gannon chapter and our Advisor of the Year, for attending and lending their voices to our discussions.

Again, many thanks to Alpha Phi chapter. Ferrum College was a wonderful setting to meet the presidents and for the national board to learn what is important to each chapter. We are thrilled with the election of Wilton Jackson as the student representative who will join Taylor Arnold, who has been so valuable as your liaison to the board. ♦

Mu Chapter Re-chartered

Mu, one of Lambda Sigma's original CWENS chapters, was re-chartered at Eastern Kentucky University on March 25, in a ceremony held in the historic Keen Johnson Building on campus.

National executive secretary, Dr. Ron Wolfe, conducted the initiation ceremony for 33 members of the 2012-13 group, which will be led by Emily Bohn of Edgewood, KY. Former Mu chapter members, Jillian Faith and Stacy Jordan, along with advisor, Dr. Melissa Dieckmann, and Jamie Jordan, participated in the ceremony. All initiates were presented with Lambda Sigma pins following their signing of the bond.

More than 75 family and friends of the initiates also attended the ceremony and the reception, which followed in Walnut Hall.

Mu chapter was first chartered in 1945 at EKU when Dean Emma Case promoted its installation on campus. Over the years, Dr. Martha Grise, Dr. Ron Wolfe, Dr. John Gump and Dr. Melissa Dieckmann, served as advisors for the group, which regularly was recognized as an Honor Chapter by the Lambda Sigma national board. Dr. Tom Butler will serve as the faculty advisor for the current group. Mu chapter had been inactive since 2006. ♦



Co-Ritual Chairs for Mu chapter next year, Hannah Estes and Kalena Roark, posed with the Lambda Sigma banner following the initiation ceremony.

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**D'Youville chapter,
Alpha Lambda, received
honor chapter. The national
board apologizes for the
omission of the chapter in
the announcement at the
Presidents Conference.**

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Congratulations – Lambda Sigma Honor Chapters

Honor chapters are selected by the national executive board for excellence and achievement. Requirements these chapters must fulfill to be considered include: completion of all reports (mid-year status report, ritual report and annual reports by the president, treasurer, and advisor); completion of all rituals in accordance with chapter and national guidelines; submission of the Initiate List along with payment of all required fees; submission of an article to at least one issue of *The Diamond*; evidence of campus and community service, including a project consistent with the national service theme, underprivileged and at-risk-youth; minimum contribution of \$50.00 to the national scholarship fund; electronic submission of current by-laws by November 1st; and attendance at the presidents conference. ◆

Congratulations to the following chapters on receiving this high honor!

Zeta – Muskingham University
Lambda – Westminster College
Omicron – Northern Illinois University
Pi – Auburn University
Rho – Thiel College
Tau – University of Kansas
Omega – Pittsburg State
Alpha Gamma – Duquesne University
Alpha Delta – University of Southern Mississippi
Alpha Eta – Penn State – Behrend
Alpha Iota – Mississippi State University
Alpha Kappa – Georgia Tech University
Alpha Lambda – D'Youville College
Alpha Mu – Berry College
Alpha Pi – Lawrence University
Alpha Sigma – Gannon University
Alpha Phi – Ferrum College
Alpha Psi – Toledo University
Beta Gamma – University of Pikeville
Beta Delta – Middle Tennessee University
Beta Eta – Pace University – Pleasantville Campus
Beta Theta – Urbana University

National Scholarship Recipients

The 2012-2013 national scholarship recipients are: Anne Claire Craig, **John Yocca Scholarship**, from Mississippi State University; Tyler Hendry, **Pat Watt Scholarship**, from Northern Illinois University; Nick Popejoy, **Emily Taylor Scholarship**, from Pittsburg State University; Alexandra Taylor, **Thyrza Amos Scholarship**, from Westminster College; and Chiao-Yu Tuan, **National Board Scholarship**, from Lawrence University.

As a junior advisor for *Alpha Iota* chapter, **Ann Claire Craig** is pursuing a major in kinesiology. While maintaining a 3.95 grade point average, Craig is actively involved on campus, as well as in the community. She truly represents the tenets of Lambda Sigma. Her outstanding scholarship has resulted in selection in numerous honor societies. Her leadership is evident in the many organizations she serves. Craig has



Ann Claire Craig

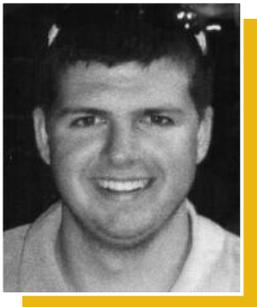
been active in Phi Mu serving on Jr. Panhellenic, is the manager for the women's soccer team, is a member of the Honors College, selected to the Freshman Council as well as a junior board member of OSERVS, and serves as vice-president of the Wesley Foundation. Through her association with the Montgomery Leadership Program she is dedicated to service, having volunteered weekly at a personal care home in Starkville. As president of her Lambda Sigma chapter she implemented several new service projects. A Lambda Sigma advisor states, "Ann Claire is a true servant leader. Ann Claire provided encouragement and set high standards for the members of the organization, and she also modeled the service expectations that the executive board set for the members." Upon graduation Craig plans to pursue an advanced degree in physical therapy or occupational therapy. Her long-term goals include owning her own business that serves special needs patients, helping them gain new skills and improving the overall quality of their life.



Tyler Hendry

Tyler Hendry, from *Omicron* chapter, is an actuarial science major. He is an exemplary student who has maintained a perfect 4.0 grade point average while effectively engaging in the university to give back to the campus and community through extracurricular involvement and leadership. Hendry's involvement on campus includes participation in Residence Hall Association, Honors Student Association, and Actuary Club serving as treasurer in all three organizations. He has also received numerous scholarships and serves as a peer

advisor and tutor. In Lambda Sigma he served as finance chair and currently serves as junior advisor. As stated by his advisor, "Unquestionably, Tyler was the most outstanding of the honors students I taught this semester. What distinguishes Tyler from other honors students is that he is personable, courteous, mature, and unselfish. He is an exceptional teammate and is invested in the success of others, including the honors students he advises through his role as peer advisor. Tyler truly exemplifies Lambda Sigma's four-fold foundation of scholarship, leadership, fellowship, and service." His career goals include using his background in mathematics and his knowledge in finance and computers to secure a job as an actuary with an insurance company.



Nick Popejoy

Nick Popejoy has maintained a 4.0 grade point average while pursuing a degree in early/late childhood development. His exceptional grades and academic achievements demonstrate his outstanding scholarship. During the summer of 2011 he also studied abroad in Italy, Greece, and Turkey. Popejoy exemplifies leadership in all areas of his campus involvement whether it is through his coaching or as a

member or officer in an organization. His activities have included Future Educators Association serving as president, University Student Ambassadors, Orientation Leader, Sigma Phi Epsilon, ODK, and Presidential Scholar. In Omega chapter Popejoy served as president, representative to student government, and community service chair. As stated in a letter of recommendation, "Nick not only believes in the national service focus of assisting underprivileged and at-risk-youth, he's living it. His involvement in the lives of youth and his desire to be an elementary education teacher reflects just how he sees himself and his passion to interact with children." Popejoy's career plans include teaching lower elementary classes while pursuing a master's degree as a reading difficulties specialist and eventually a doctorate in reading curriculum development. He hopes to assist schools develop a curriculum to boost student reading scores.

Alexandra Taylor's involvement at Westminster College also exemplifies the four pillars of Lambda Sigma – leadership, scholarship, service, and fellowship. While pursuing a major in early childhood/special education she has maintained a 4.0 grade point average and has been actively involved in many activities. She served as vice president of service and ritual for Lambda chapter. Other involvements include Sigma Kappa Sorority where she serves as vice president of new member education, Student Alumni Association where she serves as philanthropy chair, Jubilee where she serves as co-president, SWAT which is



Alexandra Taylor

volunteer campus tour guides, and several honor societies. Taylor states, "I have come to find that being a leader is so much more than simply doing what previous leaders have done in the past and getting by. It is about trying new things, envisioning new goals, getting to know others and putting your all into everything you do. It is about not being afraid to try something that has never been done before. It is about motivating others to share a common goal and dream. It is about optimism, education and compassion. Lambda Sigma has shown me all of these things." Upon graduation, Taylor plans to pursue her interest in working with children and become an elementary teacher, a guidance or family counselor, or own a preschool.



Chiao-Yu Tuan

Chiao-Yu Tuan, from Alpha Pi chapter, is a math-computer science and psychology major with a 4.0 grade point average. She is an outstanding student not only academically, but also as a community member. As a leader among Lawrence's international student community, she has served as an officer in two international student associations and produced a documentary about international

students at Lawrence University. She also helps recruit high school students from her home country of China for Lawrence's Admissions Office. Tuan has also served the university as a student representative on important committees including the Committee on Instruction, which is primarily a faculty committee, and on the Presidential Search Committee. In Lambda Sigma she served as co-chair of the standards committee which maintains the hours of service for each Lambda Sigma member. She also volunteered in the majority of the chapter activities and was a strong presence in the meetings. After graduation Tuan aspires to work in web development at an information technology corporation. She states, "I want to use my knowledge and skills to build powerful technologies that will help create and maintain meaningful friendships across regions, cultures, and languages. I wish that the power of the internet will magnify my efforts and bring open-mindedness and intercultural understanding to the world." ♦

Scholarship Donation Challenge

Listed below are chapters who donated to the scholarship fund last year at the level indicated. These chapters challenge all other chapters to make contributions during the 2012-2013 school year. Minimum scholarship donations of \$50 are required to be considered for honor chapter status. Congratulations to these chapters!

\$250 ♦ Diamond Level – Rho

\$150 - \$249 ♦ Gold Level – Alpha Delta, Alpha Psi

\$100 - \$149 ♦ Blue Level –

Omicron, Tau, Alpha Lambda, Alpha Pi, Beta Eta

Chapter Presidents Attend Conference in Virginia

This year the Lambda Sigma presidents traveled to Ferrum, VA. The *Alpha Phi* chapter welcomed all delegates on September 21st for a weekend of learning, sharing, and fun at the 2012 National Lambda Sigma Presidents Conference.



Chapter Presidents

The conference began Friday night with a service project at the Southern Virginia Child Advocacy Center. The project was in keeping with Lambda Sigma's national emphasis on underprivileged and at-risk-youth. The agency director welcomed everyone and then involved everyone in various projects that assisted with improving the facility or providing services to the children in the community. A tour of the facility was given allowing delegates to learn about how their projects would impact the children who are served by the programs offered. By the end of the night everyone left feeling good about the experience had at the Center and the friends that had been made.

Saturday morning began with the opening session on the Ferrum campus. After a welcome and introduction of the board members Mark Shotwell, an administrative advisor, conducted the roll call and chapter presidents were introduced. The national officers then reported on responsibilities the chapters have with the respective officers. Ron Wolfe, the executive secretary, discussed the importance of completing all the reports by the deadlines and honor chapter status. John Barroso, advisor from Duquesne University, explained the survey that would be conducted with the chapter

presidents at the conclusion of the conference. Shotwell followed and talked about the available national scholarships. Next Mark Kidd, an administrative advisor, discussed chapter bylaws and the national service project theme. Barbara Ross, *The Diamond* editor, showed copies of the newsletter and discussed the deadlines for the articles. John Hauser, vice-president, then explained Lambda Sigma's honor cords that are available for purchase and worn by some chapter members at graduation, and Professor of the Month mugs that are also available for purchase. Taylor Arnold, the student representative, followed with an explanation about the purpose of student

representatives on the national board. She announced the two candidates that the national board had selected from the applications and stated that the election would be held later in the afternoon. Chapter presidents then met with their board liaisons for an overview of the chapter operations. Discussions included topics of membership selection, attendance policies, bylaws, fundraising, and service projects. This served as an opportunity for the presidents to learn and share their thoughts and questions concerning the ritual, the national scholarships, honor chapter criteria, advisors, reports and deadlines, bylaws, *The Diamond*, and leadership issues.

Lunch was then provided and delegates had an opportunity to go on campus tours and visit the bookstore. The afternoon session began with Shotwell



Ready to begin working!

leading discussions based on questions submitted by the presidents. This included successful projects, attendance policies and point systems,

and marketing Lambda Sigma to first year students. Election of the student representative then followed.

The conference ended with a formal banquet, which included the initiation ceremony that each chapter will conduct in the spring semester on their respective campuses. Dr. Jennifer Braaten, Ferrum College president, welcomed the chapter presidents and board members to Ferrum College. Then the executive director of the Southern Virginia Child Advocacy Center, Joyce Moran, spoke on the experience that each delegate and board member experienced on Friday night and how it will impact the neglected and abused children in the surrounding community.

The national president, Jane Harmon, then announced several awards and the recipients. The Outstanding Advisor Award was presented to Nancy Kujawinski

from Gannon University. Also announced were Most Outstanding Chapter, *Alpha Mu* chapter at Berry College, and the Most Improved Chapter, *Beta Gamma* chapter at Pikeville University. Wilton Jackson from *Alpha Delta* chapter at The University of Southern Mississippi was announced as the new student representative. He will serve a two-year term on the national board.

Sunday morning came early for most delegates as they departed for the airport to return to their respective chapters with many new ideas in hand. ♦



Preparing lot for painting.



Sorting coats for the kids.

Chapter Awards Announced



Kyle Bloomfield accepting Certificate for Most Improved Chapter.

Most Outstanding Chapter Award and the Most Improved Chapter Award for 2011-2012 were announced

at the closing banquet at the Presidents Conference in September. The Most Outstanding Chapter Award was presented to, *Alpha Mu* at Berry College, while the Most Improved Chapter Award went to *Beta Gamma* at University of Pikeville.

The *Alpha Mu* chapter has consistently been an honor chapter with high visibility on campus and

involvement in numerous service opportunities both on campus and in the community. As a result *Alpha Mu* chapter was recognized on campus with both the Best Campus Awareness Award and Best Campus Cultural/Educational Award this past year. The chapter's focus during the year was to make their year in Lambda Sigma count. They did so by choosing to sponsor one main event each semester. In the fall they hosted Dimes for Diabetes Awareness Week and hosted Miss America 1999, Nicole Johnson, to speak with students and the community about her own experience with Type 1 diabetes. A Special Needs Awareness Week in the spring was equally successful. The chapter learned that by putting all their energy into one major project a semester they were extremely successful. Smaller projects were held including ones that focused on Lambda Sigma's national emphasis of underprivileged and at-risk-youth.

The *Beta Gamma* chapter at the University of Pikeville showed significant progress during the 2011-2012 year from the previous year. Although it was difficult being a small chapter on a small campus they came together and had a very successful year. They met all requirements and received Honor Chapter status. Some of their projects included raising money for the local Pregnancy Care Center and volunteering at the Pike County Animal Shelter. Following their first visit to the shelter the members decided to extend their services to include a semester long donation drive. Boxes were placed around campus and filled with supplies needed for the shelter by the student body, as well as faculty and staff. As a way to give back to the student body at the University of Pikeville, the *Beta Gamma* chapter sponsored a Halloween weekend with a horror movie, showing a double feature. Both showings were free to the campus community while refreshments were sold and donations accepted to go towards more fellowship activities in the near future. This year's Lambda Sigma members have created their own traditions of service to be carried on in years to come. ♦



Nancy Kujawinski Selected for the Ruth Knight Outstanding Advisor Award



Nancy Kujawinski is named Outstanding Advisor.

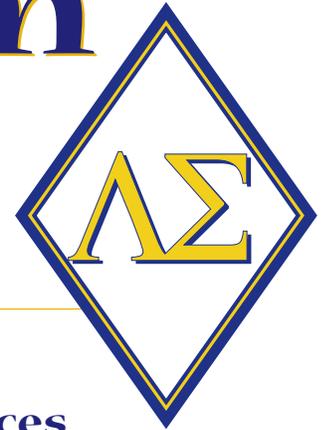
This year's recipient for the Ruth Knight Outstanding Advisor Award, Nancy Kujawinski, has been an advisor to *Alpha Sigma* chapter since the fall of 2009. At Gannon University she serves as a secretary in the Office of Student Organizations and Leadership Program.

Kujawinski attended at Gannon University with an emphasis in accounting and business and is a graduate of the Erie Conservatory of Music. She studied piano and organ at the Erie School of Music, Villa Maria College and with Sharon Downey of the Cathedral of St. Paul. Kujawinski is a liturgical musician at St. Paul's Parish in Erie, a former accompanist for Erie Suzuki Strings and the accompanist for the St. Stanislaus Choir's *Treasury of Polish Music* compiled in a collection of three recordings.

In addition to Lambda Sigma she also advises the University Ambassador Program and the Relay for Life Club. She has served on various University committees as well as holding the Office of Treasurer for the Gannon University Support Staff Association. She served as the chair for the American Cancer Society "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk" in Erie, Pennsylvania and is a committee member for Gannon's Pink Zone. This organization was formerly called Think Pink, an initiative started by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association to raise breast cancer awareness in women's basketball, on campuses and in communities. Gannon's Pink Zone has already raised more than \$50,000 and will be held on February 16, 2013. In 2012, Nancy is celebrating 10 years as a breast cancer survivor. ♦



Updates from Chapters



Alpha Pi Mission Statement Lays Foundation for Chapter

Alpha Pi has spent the first five weeks of the year establishing our values, goals and expectations for the rest of our time as active members of Lambda Sigma.

In addition to our weekly meetings, we have an active facebook page where members can connect to each other, share information, and collaborate on ideas. With the help of these personal and virtual social connections, we were able to craft an individualized mission statement that serves as the foundation of our actions and goals for the 2012-2013 school year. Based on each member's contribution, we constructed the following mission statement:

Lambda Sigma is a family of friends focused on improving the lives of others and bettering our own sense of community with one another. Through our passion for leadership, scholarship, service, and fellowship, we seek to establish Lambda Sigma as a positive force both within Lawrence University and the greater Appleton area. We strive to ignite in the Lawrence community this same passion for meaningful, lasting service.

We are also in the process of finalizing a similar mission statement for our service as well. Although we are in the process of selecting our partner service organization for the year, some members of our chapter have already generously contributed their time, energy and patience to help raise money for our future partner organization.

We consider our focus on group unity and community building to be an important foundation for our future goals. We are motivated to exemplify our mission statement by continuing to build our community and working to use Lambda Sigma to benefit both each other and the greater community around us.

Marie Jeruc
Reporting Secretary

Study Abroad Program Enhances Educational Experiences

Daniel Paul, a member of the Alpha Delta chapter of Lambda Sigma, had an experience of a lifetime this past summer. He along with other students from Southern Miss was in London during the Olympics as part of a sports management course offered through the universities' British Studies Program. As a part of this group he had the opportunity to meet with some of the Olympic staff including site managers, security coordinators, and Olympic architects. These students also attended lectures, went on tours, and did research on a variety of sports including cricket, golf, rugby, soccer, and football. The purpose was to gain a better perspective on how sports impact different cultures and to gain information that might enhance management of sports in the United States. He also had the opportunity to attend the British Open and some of the Olympic events, as well as visit the Olympic Village. The following is his account of his experience while studying abroad.

This summer I took a journey that would forever change me. Late last school year I made the decision to be a part of USM's British Studies Program. I knew the opportunity was one that I could not miss, but I could have never



Daniel Paul in London at the Summer Olympics.

Updates from Chapters

understood the impact it would have on me prior to completing my month abroad. I took a sports management class, received hands on learning experience, conquered Europe, and made lifelong friends.

I arrived in London tired, yet excited, and ready to explore a new world. Once my initial excitement settled I wondered how I would handle my new environment, and was worried. However, the most important thing I learned while in Europe was that if I wanted to do something I had to make it happen. Learning to take initiative and make good decisions were two things I quickly learned. I visited five countries, made all of my travel plans, and carried them out successfully.

Learning outside of the classroom is another thing that appealed to me about studying abroad. I can honestly say I have never learned so much in a month, and I rarely spent time with my nose in a textbook. This is not meant to diminish the importance of traditional learning, but instead to promote the fact that if one actively seeks educational endeavors in the real world true results will

quickly be seen. I met with management personnel from the Olympics, Manchester United, and even the British Open. In doing so I was able to hear invaluable information from those who have been extremely successful. These opportunities would not have been available had I not taken my education abroad. I will certainly take the things these people said and apply them to both my college and future career.

Once it was time to leave London, I was in no way ready to go. London became my home, but it was not just the education, or experiences that made it home, it was the people. I had new friends and will never forget those who shared a month with me overcoming the same obstacles and going on the same adventures that I did. The study abroad bond is a strong one, and for that I'm thankful. Overall, I was able to grow educationally, personally, and even make some lifelong friends. I returned from London with these new friends, and we are all without a doubt more confident, driven, and inspired people than we were before we arrived in London. ♦

Service within the Chapters



Alpha Psi Alumni Continue Service

The UT Bridge Club, part of the non-profit organization, Food for Thought, has brought many students together to make hundreds of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for lunches for the underprivileged and homeless members of the community that are in need of a good meal in Toledo, Ohio. Several Lambda Sigma alumni are the founders of the UT Bridge Club, "bridging" the gap between the surrounding community and the campus community. By participating in UT Bridge Club, our chapter is not only fostering service, but fellowship amongst our chapter and the Toledo community as well.

The 2011-2012 Lambda Sigma president, Jangus Whitner and 2011-2012 Lambda Sigma director of communications, Andrew O'Donnel, are two of the founders of the UT Bridge Club on campus. Their efforts have been astronomically huge for Bridge Club and their representation of Lambda Sigma is something that should be admired by all past, current and future members of the *Alpha Psi* chapter.

Whitner gave credit to Lambda Sigma for charging to the front lines and making Bridge Club such a success. He states, "Serving as the past president of Lambda Sigma, I utilized Lambda Sigma to help the success of Bridge Club in the beginning stages! It only seemed fitting based on our 4 principles: leadership, scholarship, fellowship and service." Whitner explained his experiences with Bridge Club as a "fun atmosphere" appreciating the diversity of other organizations coming together for a common interest, to help others. Through Whitner's efforts, he has been able to have attendance from UT



Jangus Whitner (2011-2012 President) crowned as Homecoming King at the 2012 Homecoming game at the Glass Bowl Stadium with fellow Lambda Sigma executive member, Erica Suponcic (2012-2013 Historian).

football players, softball players, fraternity/sorority members, faith-based organizations, pharmacy, business, medical, engineering, nursing majors, and countless other organizations.

Through Lambda Sigma and his involvement with Food for Thought, Whitner was crowned the 2012 homecoming king at The University of Toledo this fall. Whitner is currently studying pharmacy and is on track to earn a degree from the College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences.

O'Donnel first discovered Food for Thought by attending other organizational meetings on campus. Amongst his busy schedule, O'Donnel gives his full attention and effort to the UT Bridge Club. Remembering the Lambda Sigma principle, fellowship, O'Donnel recently introduced Bridge Club to the Bowling Green State University (BGSU) campus. O'Donnel travels to BGSU every other Friday to recruit students to the Bridge Club. There he holds gatherings where over 300 peanut butter sandwiches are made for Bridge Club. He does not stop there! The following Saturday's, O'Donnel travels downtown to handout these bagged lunches to Toledo citizens who are homeless.

At the events downtown, O'Donnel also line dances with the children of the families who are affected by poverty. "Considering Lambda Sigma's national philanthropy is underprivileged and at-risk-youth, it is only fitting that I make a difference in at least one child's life every other week. That is not too much to ask," stated O'Donnel. O'Donnel is studying exercise science in the College of Health Sciences and Human Services and plans to apply to the UT Physical Therapy program after earning his bachelor's degree.

**Brandon Stewart
Secretary**



Andrew O'Donnel (left), 2011-2012 Director of Communications, shaking hands with fellow Lambda Sigma executive member, Lucas O'Neil (right), 2012-2013 Vice President.

Beta Epsilon Members Provide Service to the Community

Throughout fall semester, the Lambda Sigma Beta Epsilon chapter has been working with the Washington University in St.

Louis Campus Kitchen on Tuesday evenings and Saturday afternoons. Student volunteers for Campus Kitchen develop partnerships, plan menus, run cooking shifts, organize drivers, garden, clean, and teach nutrition education to children and families. Each week, the Washington University in St. Louis' Campus Kitchen serves approximately 40 women with mental illnesses at Shalom House, 40 pregnant women and children at Our Lady's Inn, and 60 youth who attend the Alberti Program at the Architecture School. Beta Epsilon members have mainly been participating in the cooking and cleaning shifts. In the picture above, two members are making pineapple muffins!



Beta Epsilon members.

The Beta Epsilon chapter of Lambda Sigma also initiated Cards for Kids as we partnered with Washington University in St. Louis' Dance Marathon. Dance Marathon raises money and awareness for Children's Miracle Network in the Greater St. Louis area, specifically St. Louis Children's Hospital and SSM Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center. Beta Epsilon members set up tables at the various fundraising events for other students to help make cards to send to the local hospitals.

As the semester continues, the Beta Epsilon chapter looks forward to continuing their work at Campus Kitchen, running both profitable and uplifting fundraisers, and hopefully beginning to volunteer with Helping Hounds training!

**Emily Kenney
Internal Vice President**

Eta Chapter Co-hosted Campus-wide Service Event

At the beginning of the fall semester, Carnegie Mellon University's *Eta* chapter resolved to coordinate a large service event to give students an opportunity to participate in community service and to highlight the chapter's role in promoting service opportunities on campus.

To achieve this goal, the *Eta* chapter hosted a "Late Night Service" event in October in the University Center. A "Late Night" event happens between 9pm and 1am on Fridays and Saturdays, which is open to the entire campus. The event was co-hosted by Lambda Sigma with Mortar Board, a senior service honor society. The event also witnessed involvement by service groups in collaboration with FORGE, UNICEF, Project Sunshine and Alpha Phi Omega.

Each organization present at the "Late Night" hosted a separate service stand, featuring service activities ranging from designing decorative masks to writing letters for veteran soldiers. *Eta* chapter members featured storybook making for young children. Many members from our chapter participated and helped write and color a multitude of stories, featuring everything from anthropomorphic vegetables to spaces princesses.

Overall, the event was a great success for Lambda Sigma and for community service in general. The *Eta* chapter in particular is now committed towards pursuing similar service endeavors in the near future both on campus and in the community.

Arjun Hans

Serving Underprivileged and At-Risk Youth

The *Alpha Sigma* chapter at Gannon has truly embraced the challenge of serving underprivileged children within the Erie community. Similar to previous years, we have chosen the Erie Art Museum as our weekly volunteer project, sending members once a week to help in any and every way needed. Assisting with classes in the visual, performing, and literary arts to at-risk children in Erie are only some of the contributions our members offer. The one on one interaction between our members and the children in this safe environment is irreplaceable.

In order to further explore our mission to serve underprivileged children, we organized a few other projects around the holidays. Last year the chapter with the help of the Gannon Center for Social Concerns had the opportunity to



Alpha Psi Alumni continue service.

provide a Thanksgiving basket to a family in need within the Erie community. We also participated in the Christmas Angel Program where we adopted a child or purchased an item from a wish list to help make Christmas a meaningful and happy experience.

We have big plans for the members of our chapter to continue to reach out to the underprivileged children within the Erie community. Some of these plans include a volunteer project called Cookies with Santa at the St. Vincent Medical Center. Members will create decorated envelopes containing "Santa dust," as well as playing games and painting with the children. Our chapter also plans to work closely with The Child Advocacy Program in Erie over the course of this year.

Other service projects include participating in Gannon's annual G.I.V.E. Day (Gannon's Invitation to Volunteer Everywhere), selling breast cancer ribbons throughout the University to promote awareness, and working with St. Vincent Medical Center with various activities like "Rock the Pink" Zumbathon.

With much success in the past, it is our hope that the *Alpha Sigma* chapter will continue to thrive and provide the service and volunteer work that the underprivileged children within the Erie community need. ♦

LAMBDA SIGMA SOCIETY MISSION STATEMENT

Lambda Sigma Society, a national honor society for second year students, is dedicated to the purpose of fostering leadership, scholarship, fellowship and service among its members as they promote the interests of the colleges and universities they represent. ♦

Upcoming Deadlines

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JUNE 1, 2013

President's Report.....Ron Wolfe

Treasurer's Report

Advisor's Report

Initiate List

National Dues (\$40/member)

Convention Assessment (\$300)

Scholarship Donation (Minimum Donation \$50 for Honor Chapter Status)

All reports and *The Diamond* articles are to be submitted electronically. Reports are located on the website. ♦

Lambda Sigma Chapter Roster

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| <i>Alpha</i> | University of Pittsburgh | Pittsburgh, PA |
| <i>Beta</i> | Miami University | Oxford, OH |
| <i>Epsilon</i> | Allegheny College | Meadville, PA |
| <i>Zeta</i> | Muskingum University | New Concord, OH |
| <i>Eta</i> | Carnegie Mellon University | Pittsburgh, PA |
| <i>Iota</i> | University of Mississippi | University, MS |
| <i>Lambda</i> | Westminster College | New Wilmington, PA |
| <i>Omicron</i> | Northern Illinois University | DeKalb, IL |
| <i>Mu</i> | Eastern Kentucky University | Richmond, KY |
| <i>Pi</i> | Auburn University | Auburn University, AL |
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