



# The Diamond

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## President's Message

Since we are looking toward next year and new members, this is the perfect time to make sure that you have active, hands-on advisors in place to help the incoming members make the transition into Lambda Sigma. This means an advisor will meet with the chapter at least twice a month to give advise as needed.



**Jane Price Harmon**  
**National President**

Advisors are crucial because Lambda Sigma is a one year honor society, and the advisor is the only continuity. Chapters with advisors who do not meet with the students rely only on the strength of the president and officers to make or break the group. The chapter experiences either a strong or weak year, but no consistency.

The national board recommends two advisors per chapter, and the president or an appointed member is responsible for finding someone who would be enthusiastic, fun to work with, and provide the continuity needed. ♦

## Association of College Honor Societies

In 1981, Lambda Sigma was admitted to ACHS, the Association of College Honor Societies. ACHS is the umbrella association of 68 national collegiate honor societies. Founded in 1925, ACHS unites organizations with mutual interests in promoting academic excellence and in identifying the standards and roles of honor societies. Collectively, they contribute over one million dollars each year for scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students. Ron Wolfe, executive secretary, recently attended the ACHS nation convention in Jacksonville, Florida, representing Lambda Sigma Society. Lambda Sigma was recognized for its 35th anniversary in ACHS. ♦

## Washington Institute Opportunities

The Washington Internship Institute makes available a \$500 scholarship to any student of Lambda Sigma who enrolls in one of their many internship experiences. This is an excellent program which gives participants a chance to work in Washington DC and understand a bit more about the global community.

Internships are offered in more than 30 areas from accounting to women's studies. Additional information may be found by logging on to [www.WIIDC.org](http://www.WIIDC.org). Students can apply as juniors and seniors and receive the stipend.

The Washington Center ([www.twc.edu](http://www.twc.edu)) hosts a number of seminars which are outstanding. Just this past January, there were seminars on "The New Congress" and "Politics and the Media." In May they will be hosting "Challenges to National Security in a Global Society." There is an early deadline of March 1 for guaranteed space with April 15 if there is still space available. ♦

## Honor Chapter Selection Criteria

Lambda Sigma Society recognizes certain chapters each year as honor chapters. These chapters are selected by the national executive board for their general excellence and achievement. Chapters are not in competition against each other for this recognition, but may each achieve the recognition on the basis of individual chapter accomplishment.

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 including the 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; correspondence with board correspondents; submission of an article to at least one issue of *The Diamond*; a minimum of \$50 contribution to the national scholarship fund; submission and approval of the by-laws to national, and attendance at the presidents' conference.

If all the above criteria are met, the national executive board will consider the chapter's service projects to the institution as well as the community.

All information to be used for consideration of honor chapter status must be submitted to the appropriate member of the national board by the deadlines. The final deadline for all materials, new members' forms, and annual reports is the end of the chapter's school year, or no later than June 1.

The national executive board meets each summer in late June and all decisions are made at that time. Both the president and the advisor are invited to submit materials along with their annual reports for the board to consider in making its decision. There is no limit on the number of honor chapters who may be recognized each year. ♦

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## Words of Wisdom for the New Lambda Sigma Members

After you have selected your Lambda Sigma successors for 2011-2012, how can you give them a good start on a productive and enjoyable year as active Lambda Sigma's? Here are some suggestions:

**Help new members get to know each other and build group spirit from the very beginning.**

People enjoy being and working together when they've had the chance to get to know one another. Retreats with structured group activities, informal recreation, and parties are great ways to bring the group together. Begin business meetings with a fun icebreaker or team building activity. End with a pizza party. Give new members a chance to make new friends. The benefits of community building will pay off when active participation is needed next fall.

### **Make expectations known from the start.**

New members need to know about the responsibilities of Lambda Sigma membership. Is the attendance policy understood? Do members know their group is expected to provide group, campus, and community service? Have financial obligations been discussed? Make sure members do not underestimate their responsibilities.

### **Educate your new chapter in Lambda Sigma history.**

Chapter by-laws and the history of the national and local organization are important. Lectures are one way to get the information across, but do so in an interesting and fun way. Some chapters assemble new member folders. Others discuss the facts in a relaxed atmosphere. Remember, whatever the method of instruction, the goal is to encourage intelligent participation through understanding.

### **Identify and encourage leadership.**

Identify leaders through skits, games, goal-setting sessions – each activity encourages the natural leaders to emerge. Encourage new members with leadership skills and positive motivation to seek chapter office.

### **Keep those emails and other forms of communication going during the summer.**

Do not let the enthusiasm of initiation fade before your summer is over. New chapter officers should communicate with new members at least once during the summer. Try to schedule a mid-summer meeting or retreat if possible. If you are planning to help with new student orientation in the fall, do your summer planning. Working with freshmen is the perfect way to get some great visibility on campus early.

### **Leave the new group in a good financial position.**

Budget your year-end expenses so that the new group is in stable financial status from the beginning.

### **Educate new officers.**

New officers require orientation, too. After a year of organizing, boosting morale and raising awareness, outgoing officers and advisors are the best folks to help new officers become educated on their new responsibilities for Lambda Sigma. Schedule at least one end-of-the-year meeting with old and new officers. New officers need your insights, but they also need the freedom to make their own mistakes and put their own ideas to work. ♦

# Reflections

## From a Former Chapter President

***"I shall pass this way but once, any good thing therefore that I can do, or any kindness that I can show, let me do it now. Let me not defer it or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."***

During high school, I had this quote posted on my wall after receiving it from a difficult and uplifting week at leadership camp. These words influenced my life greatly as I read this passage and tried to apply it daily. The passage motivated me to always strive to help others and make a difference in any way possible, for example, brightening someone's day with a simple smile. With firm resolution to apply this quote I involved myself with many organizations whose main purpose was to improve school and community.

To be involved in various organizations has many benefits; the obvious one is making a better future for all. Some of the benefits are more self-gratifying such as making friends, being popular and possessing power. As a freshman in college, I needed friends and activities to keep busy, and I also wanted to enjoy my newfound freedom. I joined many activities many of

which I did not even enjoy. I was involved for self-indulgent reasons more than for purposeful ones. I was becoming indifferent to the meaning behind the work I was doing. When this coldness arose in me, feelings of emptiness and unimportance did as well. Needless to say, no inspirational stories and quotes covered my walls; they did not seem very relevant at the time. Luckily, I was invited to join Lambda Sigma, which at the time did not have major impact to me. But I quickly learned just how instrumental the organization would become in my life.

Lambda Sigma gave me the opportunity to lead, share work, and become friends with many other leaders who are superbly inspiring. Lambda Sigma presented to me the challenge to foster scholarship, leadership, fellowship, and service. We not only achieved these tasks, but also accomplished them with love, excitement, and enthusiasm. I am once again eager to help others and strive to be a stellar leader, not just good one. My inspiration has returned, thanks to serving as president of such an awe-inspiring group of giving and caring members. My walls are again filled with inspirational stories and quotes and my course is again clear thanks to my sophomore year with Lambda Sigma, a fantastic organization where I found what I had lost, purpose.

**Inga Laurent**  
**Former president, Lambda chapter** ♦

## National Scholarship Reminder

Applications for five \$500 scholarships are due May 1, 2011. Lambda Sigma chapters are invited to nominate one of their current members for these Lambda Sigma scholarships for the 2011-12 academic year.

Contributions may be sent to Ron Wolfe, executive secretary, at the end of the year with your annual reports and fees. As you select this person, be certain that you use a fair and open process to choose someone who meets the national scholarship eligibility requirements. These include a sophomore member who has:

- maintained high scholastic standards
- made significant contributions to the chapter, university, and community
- demonstrated leadership ability

Applications are due May 1, 2011. For more information contact [mark.shotwell@sru.edu](mailto:mark.shotwell@sru.edu). ♦



## Scholarship Donation Challenge

Listed below are the chapters who donated to the scholarship fund last year. These chapters challenge all other chapters to make contributions during the 2010-2011 school year. Congratulations to these chapters!

**\$250** ♦ **Diamond Level**  
Rho

**\$150 - \$249** ♦ **Gold Level**  
Alpha Delta ♦ Beta Eta

**\$100 - \$149** ♦ **Blue Level**  
Epsilon ♦ Omicron  
Alpha Theta ♦ Alpha Kappa  
Alpha Lambda ♦ Alpha Pi





# Chapter News

## **Alpha** **University of Pittsburgh**

The members of Lambda Sigma's *Alpha* chapter have all been heavily involved in organizing and participating in fundraising and service efforts throughout the 2010-2011 academic year. During our first meeting, the members of Lambda Sigma voted to donate all of their fundraising money to St. Jude Children's Research Institute, the only pediatric cancer research center where families never have to pay for treatment not covered by insurance. To raise money for this great cause, Lambda Sigma organized a letter campaign in which all members sent letters to family and friends asking for donations. We raised over \$1,700!

Beyond the *Alpha* chapter's dedication to service and fundraising, there has also been an emphasis on group bonding. Every month, social events are held for the members to attend and get to know one other. Last semester, members went on a group trip to the Andy Warhol Museum allowing them not only to get to know one another, but also to become acquainted with the city of Pittsburgh. There was also a night that the members came together and made holiday cards for the children of the local Children's Hospital. With doughnuts and hot chocolate, this group was able to make hundreds of cards to send to the children and put a smile on their faces during the holidays, all while having a great time with one another.

During the first half of the 2010-2011 academic year, Lambda Sigma served as a way for some of the University of Pittsburgh's brightest students to come together and put their knowledge to use by serving others and creating meaningful friendships.

## **Beta** **Miami University**

Lambda Sigma welcomed its new, upcoming sophomore class last semester during an ice cream social held at a local establishment. It was a great event as it gave old and new members a chance to meet and greet. The new members had an opportunity to ask questions of existing members and everyone had fun getting to know one another.

We began this semester with a lot of energy and enthusiasm by volunteering to help run the National Lilly Conference in order to raise money for Lambda Sigma. The National Lilly Conference is an important event as it is centered on college teaching. At our bi-monthly meetings we brainstormed ideas that are aligned with our core values of fellowship, service, scholarship and leadership. To begin the new semester, we developed ideas for our scholarship pillar which include having an upperclassman panel speak to us, as well as, exploring research opportunities. On a social note, the fellowship pillar has included a group dinner, apple-picking and attending the premier of the new Harry Potter movie together.

In the area of community service we are participating in an Adopt-a-Highway project. Our service includes conducting a highway clean up four times throughout the year. We also plan to assist at the local animal shelter and have already scheduled a training session for this event. Other possible service ideas we are considering are working at the soup kitchen and a local retirement center called the Knolls. In addition to these activities, we participated in Adopt-A-Family at Christmas time. We raised

money for an underprivileged family through bake sales to buy gifts and make their holiday festive.

Lastly, in an effort to create awareness of Lambda Sigma we designed chapter shirts that we wear around campus. We also are hanging posters and distributing flyers to publicize our name. We also set up a booth at the Mega Fair. Mega Fair is an event held each semester at our campus allowing any club or organization to set up a booth and provide students with information about their organization. We had the opportunity to educate potential new members at the fair by having an opportunity to meet with students and answer any questions they had. We are excited about the new members we will select to share our pillars of fellowship, service, scholarship and leadership!

**Alyssa Corrigan**  
**Editor**

## **Epsilon** **Allegheny College**

The snow may have covered everything in Meadville, PA before Thanksgiving even passed, but it was not enough to dampen the spirits of the *Epsilon* chapter at Allegheny College. Fall semester served as a good starting point for the members as we began to engage more with both one another and with the community.

The first few months were spent focusing on smaller activities, unifying the group and finding new means for motivation and ideas in getting involved. Throughout the fall we partook in

several collaborative service projects within the Meadville community. Most consisted of our school sponsored Service Saturdays which are held monthly, and also what is perhaps the largest collaborative service effort in town, Make a Difference Day. This event brings faculty, students, and local residents together with the purpose of improving the community as a whole. Our efforts were not limited to the campus community, as we sent a team of members to nearby Edinboro University for their sponsored MDA Stride and Ride, to help raise money and support children with muscular dystrophy. We also joined Crawford County's Child to Family Connections in bringing Christmas presents to underprivileged and foster children through our Christmas Toy Drive. With the donations made by both faculty and students, we were able to donate enough gifts for 12 children between the ages of 15 and 18, as well as a collection of other toys donated for younger children. The *Epsilon* chapter completed the first semester in sponsoring the Worldwide Book Drive, for which our library, students, and faculty successfully donated more than 1,100 books.

At Allegheny we are excited to move into another new and exciting semester. After the long winter break, we have adjusted our focus to several new fundraising opportunities and a chapter-sponsored service event that will work with underprivileged and at-risk youth within the community. Other plans include a Faculty and Staff Appreciation, and a Relay for Life team. We are looking forward to the selection of new students as yet another group of motivated and committed individuals will carry forth the traditions of both the national, and Allegheny traditions.

**Chelsea Fleischman**  
Editor



## **Zeta Honor Chapter Muskingum University**

The Muskingum University *Zeta* chapter of Lambda Sigma conducted multiple campus-wide events for the fall semester. The Muskies enjoyed the annual Thursday night Coffeehouse hosted by Lambda Sigma. Coffeehouse is a one of our University traditions that are sponsored by the Student Senate, and campus organizations are allowed to host the event. Our chapter hosted a Halloween themed Coffeehouse that consisted of Witches Brew, a pumpkin decorating contest, and provided the students with a late night snack of Subway and a lot of Halloween candy. While the festivities occurred our co-host, the Film Club, played a scary movie to help set the mood. At a later date we co-hosted another Coffeehouse with the Omicron Delta Kappa, a junior and senior honor society. Our theme was a spelling bee event. Many of our students participated in the spelling bee to earn prizes from local restaurants and businesses.

Our main event of the year was the first annual Lambda Sigma Semiformal. The Semiformal was a campus-wide event that allowed students to dress-up and enjoy a night of dancing and light-hearted fun, while snacking on punch and cookies. The dance was a success and we are in hopes that it will be an ongoing Muskie tradition. Our chapter also collectively decided to donate a sum of money from our treasury to a local toy drive during the month of December. The money we donated enabled the organization to fulfill their goal and provide presents for all the local children in need.

Finally our chapter is planning to conduct a large community service project with a neighboring alternative high school to promote the advantages of a college education. We will provide representatives from our own and area colleges to help educate these students about their neighborhood opportunities. One afternoon we will provide lunch, games and a fun, friendly atmosphere,

that will allow the high school students to feel at ease and willing to converse about furthering their education. We feel we have laid the stepping stones for our successors, and enabled them to continue promoting this prestigious legacy at the Muskingum University.

**Taylor Arnold and Katie Sidwell**

## **Eta Carnegie Mellon University**

The *Eta* chapter of Lambda Sigma at Carnegie Mellon has several exciting developments as we continue to find new ways to impact our campus and the Pittsburgh community. As the classes before us propelled Lambda Sigma's presence on campus, this year the *Eta* chapter is advancing these efforts by building relationships with other organizations and participating in various service events with diverse initiatives.

Recently, the *Eta* chapter took part in Carnegie Mellon's newest philanthropy initiative, Dance Marathon! A team of ten Lambda Sigma members, danced their hearts out for six hours in a myriad of competitions. These activities included costume contests, endurance tournaments, and motivational speakers. The results of this event were profound. As Carnegie Mellon students gained new insights on the struggles families face with terminally ill children, nearly \$7000 was raised for the Hero Program, an organization that provides financial, educational, and emotional support to terminally ill children and their families. While the *Eta* chapter was humbled and ecstatic to be apart of such a festive, worthy service event, we now aim to engage ourselves directly with people in need in the Pittsburgh area.

The *Eta* chapter's current service endeavor is to host a three day Leadership Conference for underprivileged teenagers in Pittsburgh community, an unprecedented event for our organization. Our members are currently busy at work setting up engaging and informative material and

lessons aimed at motivating local high school students' ambitions and shaping leadership skills necessary for success in college and eventual success in the professional world. The *Eta* chapter is thrilled at the opportunity to be able to contribute to our community in such a direct fashion, and look forward to following the resulting impact from our Leadership Conference.

While our current members remain occupied with completing our service goals from the beginning of the year, it is with bitter-sweet sentiments that we begin our membership selection process. We have reached out to over 200 qualified students and have invited them to apply for membership. For these potential applicants, we have held two information sessions, a Lambda Sigma Ice Cream Social and have begun scheduling interviews for future successors.

It is with great motivation and humility that the *Eta* chapter finishes our year strong and accomplishes our objective to create meaningful relationships and impact through service. Yet, our chapter welcomes the day that the new generation of Lambda Sigma is inducted into the *Eta* chapter, and continues advancing the lasting legacy of excellence through service that Lambda Sigma has embedded into the Carnegie Mellon campus.

## **Omicron Chapter Honor Chapter Northern Illinois University**

The *Omicron* chapter of Northern Illinois University was extremely excited to reunite as a chapter after winter break.

We started the semester by preparing for our Informational Nights that occurred in February. We saw a multitude of eligible applicants at these events. At our first chapter meeting of 2011, we all bonded during a very fun and exciting ice breaker run by our creative social chair. After breaking into our separate committees, all of our chapter members brainstormed for the upcoming events that were going to

occur in the spring semester.

We have many exciting service projects coming up, thanks to our vice-president. He has confirmed a date for our chapter to volunteer at an animal humane society called Tails. We are hoping to help animals in any way that we can over various visits. Hopefully, we will continue to volunteer at that humane society throughout the rest of the spring semester, or even the rest of our career at Northern Illinois University. This month we will be participating in an event called Project Prom, where we will help high school girls have the prom of their dreams at a reasonable price by providing them with gently-used dresses and accessories. Also, we will be ushering again for the School of Theatre and Dance for the performance, *Memorandum*, as well as the other main stage performances throughout the rest of the semester. Finally, we will be participating in NIU Cares Day and/or Relay for Life this year in April. The chapter is really looking forward to April because these two events are a campus tradition. We are looking to be the top team during both events.

From the fundraising point of view, we also have many events planned! Our chapter has agreed to work three upcoming fairs: Job Fair, Internship Fair, and Career Fair. Once again, for every hour a member works, our chapter will receive \$6.50. We will continue our fundraising through an exciting project that we have been planning since the fall semester. Our local bowling alley, located in the basement of our Student Center, will be holding 2 hours of free bowling and pool for the price of a \$10.00 admittance ticket. Each member will sell at least 4 tickets.

The publicity committee will continue the Professor of the Month tradition during the spring semester. We are awarding this honor to one professor each month, to show our appreciation toward the faculty of NIU. Finally, the formal committee has been enthusiastically planning to make this year's formal an awesome event. We are choosing between a masquerade theme, 80's theme, or a night in Paris. Each member is anxiously waiting for April to come, so we can all celebrate the

initiation of our new members, along with a fun dance as we pass the responsibility to the new chapter.

Our chapter is very busy, and will continue to be as our eyes are focused on the future. We are constantly planning new activities and events within the service, fundraising, social, and publicity committees. Currently, we are excited to collaborate with the new members to help them achieve new heights for the *Omicron* chapter.

**Kristi Patenaude  
Public Relations Officer**

## **Pi Auburn University**

The *Pi* chapter of Lambda Sigma had an excellent fall semester. We had guest speakers at numerous meetings including SGA President Kurt Sasser, and Mr. John Waggoner, the official attorney for Auburn University. For our service project, we wanted to do something benefiting Auburn students, so members partnered with SGA and helped work Hey Day, an event on campus aimed towards helping promote a family atmosphere among students. We also chose Mr. Matt Kearley, a biology professor, for Teacher of the Semester. He touched the lives of many of our members and we were proud to honor him with this recognition. Our fundraiser was a Chick-Fil-A biscuit sale. The money has been used to fund our yearly projects. As a social, we had an American party to celebrate our vice president, Augustine Ahn, becoming an American citizen. It was a great bonding experience for the organization.

Our members continue to make strides across campus in many groups such as SGA, UPC, Greek organizations, and other campus organizations. Our chapter was represented well when the Auburn Tigers won the BCS National Championship. Caroline Dunklin, an Auburn cheerleader, and Rachel Glenn, a member of the Auburn marching band, are both Lambda Sigma members.

Blanche Alverson, another one of our own, was recently honored as the Southeastern Conference Women's Basketball Player of the Week. Blanche is a dominant force on the basketball court and we are certainly proud of her.

This semester is already in full swing as we are planning our service project, which will benefit underprivileged children, and a fundraiser. Our membership committee is also working on ways to revamp and improve our membership selection process. We want to continue to strive for the highest and accept the best and brightest students on campus. The chapter is looking forward to what is in store for the remainder of this semester.

**Rachel Glenn**  
Editor

## **Rho** **Thiel College**

The students who are honored with Lambda Sigma membership are devoted scholars who work hard not only in academics, but also in any activity that they choose to pursue. The members of the *Rho* chapter at Thiel College are looking forward to inducting new members from the class of 2014 to become a part of this society.

Before the current members pass the torch to the new members, our chapter is excited to move forward with several projects. Our efforts this year have been focused on donating to the Greenville Regional After-School Program (G.R.A.S.P), an organization which provides enrichment for the boys and girls of the area. We held a Valentine's Day goody-bag sale in place of our usual Crush sale, and are planning another fundraiser in the middle of the semester. Finally, to celebrate the end of the academic year, we will be holding a Cool Down for Finals fundraiser, selling popsicles and ice cream to the students on campus.

Our annual road clean up, which was cancelled last semester due to adverse

weather conditions, will take place as the weather warms up, and we will continue to raise money with our birthday cake fundraiser to fund our activities and donate to Lambda Sigma's scholarship program.

The *Rho* chapter would like to wish all the chapters good luck and a good time in our last semester as active members of Lambda Sigma!

**Emily Whipple**  
Secretary

## **Tau** **Honor Chapter** **University of Kansas**

The *Tau* chapter of Lambda Sigma at the University of Kansas is currently in the process of recruiting high-achieving students for next year's class of Lambda Sigma members. The applications will be due in March and we are excited to continue the legacy of Lambda Sigma at KU.

This month we are excited to serve at the Social Service League by sorting and distributing used clothing to people in need in the community. We have many more service opportunities planned for the rest of the semester as well. In March, we plan to serve lunch at the Link Kitchen, a local organization that provides meals for members of the community. In April we will be participating in Into the Streets Week, a week on campus designated to raise awareness and promote student involvement in various service organizations. Finally, in May we are planning to volunteer with Harvesters to distribute donated food to those in need in our community.

As the application process for next year is underway, we look back at the members of Lambda Sigma before us and hope that we as a chapter can equally inspire our future members.

**Whitney Kleinmann**  
Historian

## **Psi** **Honor Chapter** **University of Central** **Missouri**

The *Psi* chapter of Lambda Sigma began spring semester with numerous service projects. At our first meeting in January, every member brought three canned goods to donate to the local food bank. Many people donate before and during the holidays, but the Food Center informed us that post-holiday season brings about a significant drop in donations. We wanted to make sure we did our part to help lessen this hardship. We are designating one meeting a month as a service project where each member will bring in canned goods.

Over the Christmas break, we began the process of adopting a highway. Missouri's Adopt-a-Highway program serves the purpose of making sure that our community's highways and rural roads are clean and free of trash. An organization can sign up to adopt a section of highway, and they are responsible for cleaning it three to four times a year. Once all the paperwork is finalized, the current Lambda Sigma members will be taking the new recruits out for their first service project to help clean our local highway.

For Valentine's Day, we hosted a themed game night with the students in our university's THRIVE program. We did a game night with them in the fall semester as well, and everyone had such a great time we decided to spend more time with these students again this semester.

We have several events planned for later in the spring including volunteering at the Warrensburg's animal shelter, sponsoring a clothing drive, and hosting a social event with the residents of the local nursing home.

For fundraising we are undertaking a big project that lasted throughout February. Each of our four committees (service, social, fundraising, and ritual) came up with an idea for a themed basket. Each committee assembled a basket filled with fun items associated with their theme.

The themes were: a board game basket, a coffee and tea basket, a movie basket, and a College 101 basket (laundry detergent, Easy Mac, etc.). We sold raffle tickets for the baskets, and drew for the winners at the end of February.

We are excited to welcome our new inductees! The selection process is underway and we are looking forward to our induction ceremony.

With all of the service events planned for this semester, the *Psi* chapter will be very busy; however, we are very excited to become even more actively involved with our community!

**Brandi Sahlfeld**  
**Secretary**

## **Omega Honor Chapter Pittsburg State University**

The Lambda Sigma members of the *Omega* chapter had an exciting and rewarding first semester. The fall semester was packed with fellowship and service, filled with community service projects and fundraising. There is no doubt that our final semester will be just as eventful as the first.

The first event the *Omega* chapter sponsored was a Halloween party for the Intensive English students at Pittsburg State University. These students come from around the world and most have never experienced Halloween or all of the fun traditions that come with it. For a month leading up to October 28th, our chapter purchased decorations, food, and games in preparation of hosting the annual Halloween party. On the night of the event, we decorated a large venue for our chapter and 20 Intensive English students. We ate candy and sandwiches while we played traditional American Halloween games, such as racing in pairs to make human mummies by wrapping each other in toilet paper. The Halloween party was a huge success, not to mention an immensely fulfilling

experience to see the Intensive English students have so much fun. This year was the best decorated and had the highest attendance the party has ever had.

Along with several other organizations at PSU, our chapter sponsored a cookout to promote healthy living, particularly a tobacco-free life. This event was the Great American Smokeout. We provided food and drinks to students walking to and from class and asked for their signature on a petition for a smoke-free campus. Not only do we hope this will encourage a healthier lifestyle for our students, but we also hope PSU will become a more hospitable environment for visitors and prospective students.

One of the most rewarding service projects that we sponsored was the Adopt-a-Family project at Christmas. The local Wesley House assigned our chapter an impoverished family at our request. We were given a wish list hand written by the five members of our adopted family. In groups, we spent \$60 for each family member and purchased each item, and sometimes more, on their list. Most of their lists consisted of



*Omega members and Intensive English students enjoyed activities at the Halloween party.*



*Families enjoyed activities at the Halloween Party.*

clothing, but with three girls under the age of 15, we decided to buy toys, dolls, and hair accessories on top of the listed clothing to make their Christmas extraordinary. This project blessed each of our members with the Christmas spirit and the joy of giving.

Another service event that we did during the holiday season was the Salvation Army Bell Ringing. Several of our members volunteered an hour or two to ring for the Salvation Army outside our local Wal-Mart, Dillon's, and Ron's IGA. It was cold, but well worth it!

The spring semester has more fun and exciting events planned. We will sponsor a campus-wide talent show, called "PSU's Got Talent." All proceeds will be donated to a charity, to be decided on soon. Profits will be raised through entry fees for participants and donations received at the event. This event will take most of our energy which will be difficult during the selection process for next year's chapter members, but worth it.. Hopefully our hard work will establish this first time event at our university as an annual event that Lambda Sigma will offer each year.

In regards to our selection process of the 2011-2012 *Omega* members, we did a promotional event called Storm the Dorm. This great idea was shared with us during the presidents' conference, so we decided to schedule a visit to the freshmen dorms right before applications for Lambda Sigma were made available. We distributed candy and flyers for our chapter, and information about "PSU's Got Talent." We want our legacy to continue to grow through next year's

*Omega* chapter, and this can only be done through our chapter's expressed enthusiasm of Lambda Sigma to this year's freshmen class.

We are so proud of how much our chapter has accomplished this year. All of our members have committed a lot of their time to each event we have participated in, and that is why each event has been so successful. The *Omega* chapter's efforts have been an inspiration to our campus and community, and we know this spring semester will be no different from last semester's success.

**Candy Hill**  
**Editor/Photographer**

### **Alpha Epsilon** **Mansfield University**

As a chapter, we are very excited about the spring semester after a successful fall semester. We have been busy with several projects. For Valentine's Day we had a fundraiser, Just a Hug and A Kiss For That Someone Special. A hug juice jug and Hershey kisses were sold throughout the day allowing student and faculty to remember someone special. We also are doing the Professor of the Month project. We are presenting the awards during one of their freshman classes. We are all about giving back for the future generations, so we are trying to make the *Alpha Epsilon* chapter very appealing to the freshman class. Good Luck from Mansfield University!

**Samantha Keska**  
**Historian**

### **Alpha Eta** **Penn State Erie –** **The Behrend College**

New Year's greetings from the members of *Alpha Eta*! The *Alpha Eta* chapter of Lambda Sigma at Penn State Erie, the Behrend College, had a busy fall semester

and is looking to complete this semester as another successful and exciting year.

We have been working hard this year to uphold the four pillars of Lambda Sigma through leadership, scholarship, fellowship and service. To start the fall semester, we held a picnic to draw our chapter closer together and discuss our goals for the year, soon followed by our biweekly meetings.

Almost as soon as classes started, we jumped into our service activities, joining in Penn State Behrend's U-Pick Day, which gives students the opportunity to pick from different service events offered on campus and throughout the community. Our chapter participated in activities ranging from the Coastal Clean up on Erie's Presque Isle to decorating Halloween bags and cards for patients at Erie's Shriners Children's Hospital.

U-Pick Day was soon followed by Behrend's annual Parents' Weekend in October, where the families of students come to Behrend for the weekend to spend time with their children. Lambda Sigma sponsored a pumpkin decorating booth, allowing the younger and older siblings of students to have a festive activity for the weekend. Other activities included spending weekends along the busy highway near campus participating in the Adopt-A-Highway program; assisting the Academic and Career Planning Center with their annual Career Fair, and spending weekends at local nursing homes in the community to play bingo and sing Christmas Carols with the residents.

We provided assistance at the Open Houses sponsored by the Admissions Office by greeting prospective students and their families and helping guide them through their day. An eye-opening experience that we participated in this year was Cardboard City. Lambda Sigma built a shelter out of cardboard and our members lived in it for twenty-four hours in the bitter cold. During this time we collected donations for the homeless shelters and Second Harvest Food Bank in Erie. Winters in Erie, PA can be quite cold and long, so we

decided to collect winter accessories to be donated to the Erie School District that distributes them to less fortunate children in our area. We volunteered at the Emmaus Soup Kitchen and Community for Caring during the holiday season, as well as purchased gifts for the Adopt-a-Star Program in Erie. This allowed us to donate gifts to less fortunate children to help brighten their holidays. We also upheld a long standing tradition by volunteering as ushers for Behrend's commencement ceremony.

Our main goal spring semester is to host fundraising events to benefit the John Kanzius Cancer Research Foundation. A former Erie native, broadcast engineer, and cancer patient, the late John Kanzius looked to develop a way to treat cancer other than chemotherapy. He looked to the use of radio waves, which he found to be an effective way to destroy cancer cells without damaging tissue around the tumor. The Kanzius noninvasive radio-wave cancer treatment is one of the most promising focuses of cancer research to date. The Kanzius Foundation is currently raising the funds to bring this treatment to human trials. Our chapter is the first member of the Campus Ambassador Program in which the ambassador acts as a liaison between the foundation and the campus in regards to fundraising and support.

In addition to our work with the Kanzius Cancer Research Foundation, we made Valentine cards for veterans. Also, we are volunteering at soup kitchens, running bingo for nursing homes, as well as volunteering our time for young students at the Early Learning Center. We are also holding a hot chocolate social, funded by our Student Government Association, to raise awareness of Lambda Sigma and our efforts. As anticipated, we will also be looking forward to welcoming a new generation of Lambda Sigma members. We hope to set the bar high and have our legacy live on.

**Kaysie Faust and Amanda Stetz**

## **Alpha Theta Honor Chapter Slippery Rock University**

On September 25, 2010, Slippery Rock's chapter of Lambda Sigma loaded on to a cramped school bus at six o'clock in the morning with blankets and pillows prepared to sleep on the long two hour ride to Canton, Ohio. When we arrived at the headquarters of Habitat for Humanity of Greater Stark and Carroll



Counties, we learned about what we were going to do and learned how Habitat operated. From here, we went to Malvern to help Kathy, a mother of three who has rheumatoid arthritis, see the house of her dreams come to life.

Upon arriving at the site, there were four men working on a platform with two walls, nothing that looked remotely like a house. After some quick instruction and the gathering of supplies, team members split into two groups to work on the other two walls. At first, what we were told to do seemed impossible and many of the female members felt out of their element, but soon, the front wall of the house was lifted by all team members. Not too long after that the back wall went up. All this was completed before lunchtime.

After lunch the steps to the basement were put into place, the small wall on the side was built and put up and two interior walls were built. As all this hard work was going on a lot of us took the opportunity to get to know Kathy and about her situation, her family, and about her experience in the program.

Unfortunately, it quickly became that time of the day to clean up the site and look at what we had accomplished in a day's time. Upon coming into the



worksite, there was not much and when leaving there was a house and you could see Kathy's dreams coming true. We also

got to know Kathy and share with her one of her greatest experiences.

We headed back to Slippery Rock, with sunburn, sore hands, a feeling of accomplishment and self pride. One by

one as we got on the bus Kathy hugged us all and thanked us for all that we had done. As the bus departed we no longer cared how tired we were, we just knew that we did something good.

This year we also have done many other service projects that include donating to the Susan G. Komen Foundation and providing gifts for four children in the Angel Tree Project at Christmas. We also plan to work with Habitat again in the spring along with the Relay for Life. As a group we are continuously looking for ideas and projects that can help anyone in any way.

**Kayla Kalp  
Editor**



*Alpha Kappa members*

## **Alpha Kappa Georgia Institute of Technology**

The *Alpha Kappa* chapter of Lambda Sigma at the Georgia Institute of Technology has had an amazing year so far. We have accomplished so much. As an organization we facilitated the adoption of 53 children with \$25 on average spent on each child for Christmas presents. This was made possible through Hands on Atlanta. We provided lunchboxes with food for 22 impoverished children at an elementary school in Bankhead, Georgia, once again through Hands on Atlanta. We fed up to 200 homeless men at Atlanta Union Mission by making peanut butter and jelly bagels at most of our meetings. One of our favorite events was facilitating a day of service where we wrote letters to over 500 soldiers in Afghanistan! We also hosted a recruitment event for freshman leadership organizations that included making bagels for Atlanta Union Mission. We had so much fun at our meetings as we often ate and socialized, as well as taking care of business. We also had a social mixer with another sophomore leadership organization. Other fun things we did included ordering sunglasses, coozies, and t-shirts for everyone! We are anxiously anticipating the recruitment and selection process and wish everyone the best this spring.

**Brittany Mays  
President**

## **Alpha Lambda Honor Chapter D'Youville College**

*Alpha Lambda* holds fun and friendly meetings every other week to organize charity events, review past efforts, and bounce around new ideas for the future. Attendance is dutifully noted. We have agreed on a system of points whereby each member is awarded one point for attending each regular Lambda Sigma meeting and three points for each big event. At the end of the first semester we determined that the members with little or no points would no longer remain in Lambda Sigma – the standard total of points being relative to all members.

*Alpha Lambda* has been serving our fellow D'Youville students since day one. Alpha Lambda members helped and guided the freshmen and their families on Freshman Move-in Day. We answered questions, offered emotional support and motivation through that sometimes scary, but also exciting transition. We carried boxes and plastic night tables up flights of stairs. It was a fun way for *Alpha Lambda* to make friends with the new students.



*DYC Lambda Sigma President Anthony Amabile and Advisor Mary Ellen Moriarty in the Lambda Sigma and campus ministry preparation of 45 Thanksgiving boxed dinners to be delivered to Buffalo needy families.*

*Alpha Lambda* is particularly concerned with feeding the hungry. We organized a very successful non-perishable food drive in November. We put together large, decorated cardboard boxes filled with food and included heartfelt cards we made and addressed to the families we were helping. We decorated and filled the boxes during a pizza party! Later, representatives of Lambda Sigma partnered with D'Youville's campus ministry to load the boxes and other food into a truck to be distributed to the needy.

Also, in the spirit of feeding the hungry, representatives of Lambda Sigma participated in a service mission in New Orleans, Louisiana, through our campus ministry's Lending a Hand organization. They worked for a week in a food bank, but also helped to rebuild areas still devastated by the hurricane.

Our annual fundraiser was a great success this past fall. *Alpha Lambda* mailed letters to the parents of each student living on campus offering to deliver exam week survival packs for \$25. The packages consisted of food, sweets and small tokens of appreciation delivered on the eve of finals.

We often join together with other campus groups to help make community service ventures successful. We worked at our college's charity fundraiser, Caring Casino and Gaming for Children, with D'Youville's Student Association and Residence Council. Both raised money to benefit Angle Wings and the Ronald McDonald House, who help families of sick children.

Our new member selection process and interviews are underway and we will then introduce the new members at the D'Youville's Honor's Convocation in March at Kleinhan's Music Hall.

**Ishah Price  
Vice-President**



## **Alpha Mu Honor Chapter Berry College**

Greetings from the hills of Georgia! The Berry College chapter of Lambda Sigma had a busy fall semester. We held bi-weekly meetings and planned various events at each, in order to continue our commitment to service, fellowship, leadership, and scholarship.

Some of these events included writing letters for Up-Til-Dawn to raise money for St. Jude's Children's Hospital, assisting in the facilitation of a children's carnival on Make a Difference Day, and entering the Soup-Off which raised money for Ugandan orphans. We also served snacks at our college's homecoming carnival (Marthapalooza) and held an outdoor movie night for students. Additionally, our members complete five service credits per semester, which allows for a wide range of other volunteer activities to occur in the community and on campus.

What a semester to follow! But, we are looking forward to the challenge of having another service-filled semester and continuing to develop more as a Lambda Sigma chapter. We created committees within our group to plan and facilitate different events. This allows us to focus not only on service, but social events and fundraising. Before we know it the application process will be completed and we will be holding the induction ceremony to welcome the new Lambda Sigma members!

**Lauren Mullen**

## **Alpha Pi Honor Chapter Lawrence University**

This year's *Alpha Pi* chapter of Lambda Sigma had a strong start by beginning the activities last spring. Both graduating and incoming members came together to build a mansion (or at least we thought so) of a shack at the annual Shack-a-thon event last spring. Not only did materials



Members of Alpha Pi chapter hosting a bake sale at Hip Hop Congress event to raise funds for the Kids Give Community Outreach program.

have to be obtained solely through salvage or donation, but several members went the extra mile and actually camped out in the shack over night. The event's official purpose is to raise awareness about homelessness, and related poverty issues, in the community and throughout the world. However, our chapter found it also sparked conversation, teamwork, and a sense of community between new and old chapter members.

This academic year, the focus of the Alpha Pi chapter of Lambda Sigma has been serving others, chiefly through two major fundraising initiatives: the Pakistan Flood Relief effort and the Kids Give Community Outreach program.

The first cause was an initiative to raise donations to send to Pakistan, where disastrous flooding directly affected at least 20 million people. When a member of our class, originally from Pakistan, began to dedicate himself to bringing aid to his countrymen and women, our chapter could not help but do our part. We helped to raise funds by holding a dorm storm, where chapter members went dorm to dorm, knocking on doors to present our cause and ask for donations of any size. In no time, the

pocket change began to add up, reaching a grand total of \$420 raised by our chapter. Individual members also volunteered their time and services to help with other campus events held to raise donations for affected Pakistanis.

The second cause was the Kids Give Community Outreach program, which was initially spearheaded by the campus organization Students' War Against Hunger and Poverty (SWAHP). The program educates students and members of the community around campus about the state of education in Sierra

Leone. As part of this program, our chapter members collected donations that were sent to Sierra Leone to pay elementary school children's tuition fees for a full year (approximately \$50 per student per year). The chapter combined efforts with Hip Hop Congress to host an event that became the main source of funds for the cause. Hip Hop Congress rocked the campus center late into the night, and involved an array of live music and dancing, a bake sale, sale of goods from Sierra Leone, and the opportunity for free will donations. Funds raised at the concert totaled \$350. Individual members also raised funds throughout the term by doing simple favors for friends and family in return for donations, getting pledges for completion of a 5K run, and various other activities. The funds raised by the end of fall trimester were taken to Sierra Leone during the winter break by a small group of students who went to study conditions in Sierra Leone (including dietary nutrition, soil quality, etc.) and to work to improve standards of living there. The chapter found working for the Kids Give cause to be an enlightening and humbling experience, and has elected to make it a fundraising initiative for the remainder of the year with the ultimate goal of raising enough

money to sponsor at least 30 kids. A dorm storm is already planned for later in the winter trimester to begin raising funds for next year.

### Emily Gibbons Reporting Secretary

### Alpha Tau The University of Alabama

Members of the Alpha Tau chapter began 2011 with a kick-off meeting designed to focus on what the current chapter could do to improve the organization for future chapters, a focus we began last semester. This cause is a worthy one due to the nature of Lambda Sigma's one year involvement format. This will be an on-going focus; however, some changes already implemented include an updated attendance policy, a community service newsletter, and redefined officer roles. We know these changes will benefit everyone involved.

A primary focus during spring 2011 is the Gift of Acquaintance, our selection process for new members. Working with our Coordinating Council for Honor Societies and the online application process in place for UA honor societies, we brainstormed ways to encourage nominations for membership to all honor societies. For example, articles focusing on honor societies were recommended for the campus newspaper *Crimson White*; a partnership with housing and residential communities (we used their internal ResNet system to send announcements to students living on-campus); *Internal Honor's* newsletters were used as a resource; students expressing interest in Lambda Sigma at the Fall/Spring *Get On Board Day* received a direct email; and use of the *UA Student News*, a regularly scheduled email news system, was explored. We are certain these efforts helped expand our reach to students and will serve to strengthen the 2011-2012 Alpha Tau chapter.

The range of service projects members are involved in throughout UA's campus community is tremendous. Much like fall

2010, we are pleased to have a variety of opportunities for our 48 members to give back to the community during the spring. Honors College mentoring, the Arts Initiative, READ Alabama, the Maxwell Running Club, and local Humane Shelters are some specific areas of interest and focus for spring 2011. In our chapter, members can give back through individual hours, one person involved with a project; group hours, several members or the entire chapter participating in a project; and/or partnership service hours, members joining with other student groups as contributors to an existing project.

The *Alpha Tau* chapter looks forward to new opportunities, new members, and continuous improvement as an organization as we move through spring 2011.

## Members of Alpha Tau

## Alpha Phi Ferrum College

Greetings from the *Alpha Phi* chapter at Ferrum College in Ferrum, VA! Our chapter has a series of fundraisers and community service projects that are done every year. Among these are selling Krispy Kreme Donuts and working with our local Lion's Club to organize an event called Trick-Or-Treat for Canned Goods. The canned goods event is a service



From left: Jason Sharp (advisor), Carol Bartels (vice-president), Taylor Welch (secretary), Blake DiMeglio (president), and Joyce Moran (executive director at SVCAC).

project open to all clubs and organizations on our campus. The organizations which choose to participate go out one day and distribute flyers in our local area neighborhoods, and even neighborhoods an hour away but still in our county. The week after the flyers are distributed the groups return to pick up the canned goods. All the canned goods collected are then donated to various food shelters around our area.

After returning from the presidents' conference at Louisiana Tech University the *Alpha Phi* chapter wanted to implement a new project that related to our national service project theme, working with at-risk/underprivileged children. After brainstorming the *Alpha Phi* chapter found the Southern Virginia Child Advocacy Center "SVCAC" located in Rocky Mount, VA. The mission of the SVCAC is to promote the well-being of abused and neglected children through treatment, advocacy, prevention and education. The project we assisted with was the annual Sonny Tree Project. Our chapter made Christmas stockings and purchased Christmas gifts which were given to children served by the SVCAC. This project helped them have the best Christmas possible. After the stockings were made and stuffed with the gifts, they were then delivered to the SVCAC by three of our officers. "It was great getting to tour the center during my visit and get to see what actually goes on there. Although, due to confidentiality, we were not able to meet

the children we were helping, the executives at the center stressed how much this meant to the children even though it seemed like a small deed," said Vice-President Carol Bartels. The members of this chapter look forward to this becoming another annual project.

## Carol Bartels Vice President

## Alpha Psi University of Toledo

As the year started *Alpha Psi* chapter at The University of Toledo faced some challenges. Our president had to step down because of medical reasons but that did not stop us. Due to the incredible leadership of the current chapter, we restructured the chapter by finding a new advisor, developing a more organized membership selection plan, and by implementing lots of community service and fundraising events for the group to partake in.

The first task was finding a new advisor. When thinking of a new advisor, we wanted a person who could relate well to sophomores and someone who could bring new and innovative ideas to the chapter. After considering these qualities, we knew Jim Zubric, a chemistry lecturer at the University of Toledo who has a passion for helping students, was who we wanted. We also knew that he would be committed to the betterment of the *Alpha Psi* chapter, and so far, he has gone above and beyond our expectations. Thanks Jim!

Since returning from Christmas break, we have been heavily recruiting potential Lambda Sigma members across campus. We have posted banners and flyers in the student union, residence halls, and classrooms. An informational Lambda Sigma email was sent to all freshmen who earned a 3.0 grade point average or higher for their first semester of classes. Members have given talks about Lambda Sigma at other student organizational meetings and in freshman lecture halls. Needless to say, we are doing a good job at getting the word out about Lambda Sigma.

Most of the community service completed this year has been at the Mansion View Inn. The Mansion View Inn is a huge mansion in downtown Toledo. This bed and breakfast is operated by Jeff Witt, who is the assistant dean of students at the University of Toledo. Throughout the year we have winterized the outside of the house, decorated for Christmas, helped with big events, and also worked as ambassadors for Tour de

Noel. We have built a great relationship with the caretakers of Mansion View this year, and as a result, our initiation ceremony will be held there. Other community service events we have participated in this year are Relay for Life and serving food at the Cherry Street Mission. Community service events that we have had or have planned for the spring include Adopt-a-Highway, the Ronald McDonald House, Big Brothers Big Sisters, The Big Event, Dance Marathon, and cooking/delivering pizzas to the homeless in downtown Toledo.

We, also, have a couple of fundraising events on the calendar for the spring semester. The week before Valentine's Day, we sold Orange Crush pop, which allowed students to send a sweet tasty treat to their special someone. The Orange Crush can either be sent anonymously or with a special note. This fundraising idea came from Thiel College after we had a visit from John Hauser. Other fundraising events for the spring include working concession stands at the Huntington Center, as well as having a large bake sale in the student union during the month of April.

Thanks to everyone from the national board as they have been extremely helpful in rebuilding the chapter at the University of Toledo. Now, we are in a great place and we can not wait to see what next year's class will accomplish!!

**Scott Uram**  
**President**

### **Alpha Omega** **Westfield State University**

The *Alpha Omega* chapter had an exciting first semester. We had a very busy schedule and completed many service projects totaling many hours of service.

We participated in a World Wide Book Drive and collected boxes of books to promote global literacy. To spread awareness about brain injuries

throughout our college community, we raised money for the Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts and provided facts about brain injuries for the students to read while eating in our dining commons.

Our advisor went to Nicaragua in January with a group of students to help furnish the local schools. Some of the classrooms did not have any ceilings or floors due to the recent flooding causing a lack of attendance at the schools. Our chapter wanted to help raise money to buy supplies for this trip and it was a great success.

In the fall, we spent two weekends raking leaves for the elderly living around our campus. We spent hours on this project and it made us happy to see the smiles on the elders' faces when they saw their yards.

We are proud to be leaders at Westfield State University and we would like to wish all of the chapters a successful year!

**Alyssa Breen**  
**President**

### **Beta Delta** **Honor Chapter** **Middle Tennessee State** **University**

Middle Tennessee State University's *Beta Delta* chapter has continued to uphold high standards and excellence in all that we do. We have not rested in our efforts to improve our community and grow as leaders, as scholars, and as friends.

The 2010 holiday season was a busy and productive one for us. Several of our members participated in A Soldier's Child Birthday Foundation's annual Family to Family (F2F) Christmas gift-wrapping event. During the event, they helped wrap gifts for the children of deployed soldiers at nearby Ft. Campbell. This year, F2F collected gifts for a reported estimate of 600 kids! McKenzie Faulk, a member who

participated in the event, said, "It was so cool to see all the presents these people bought for complete strangers. It was just amazing to see that people were thinking about other people in a time when most people hang on to all their money and try to spend it on family." We also sponsored an angel from the Angel Tree in conjunction with *Alpha* chapter. We all donated whatever money we could to help purchase our angel, a young girl whose house had recently burned down, some necessities including clothes and shoes, as well as some great toys for her to wake up to on Christmas morning.

Our bake sale fundraiser for Up 'til Dawn, a student-led, student-run philanthropic group that works closely with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, produced astounding results. We raised over \$120, over 20% more than our goal! All of the money will be used for research at St. Jude Hospital. Several of our members also had the opportunity to participate in the annual Lick-A-Thon in January. During this event, each participant addressed and stamped envelopes which were then stuffed with information about how to get involved and support the kids at St. Jude. This was a fun and rewarding opportunity to give to those in need.

Besides the bake sale and the Lick-A-Thon, we also assembled Valentine's Day care packages for kids at Vanderbilt Hospital. We are thinking about other service projects for the remainder of the semester. These prospective projects include volunteering at a soup kitchen and collaborating with the Ronald McDonald House. We look forward to remainder of the semester at MTSU, and we cannot wait to see what amazing opportunities and experiences lie ahead of us.

**Kelsey Rogers**  
**Editor**



## **Beta Epsilon Honor Chapter Washington University**

Washington University's *Beta Epsilon* chapter of Lambda Sigma has enjoyed a productive semester of bonding, service, and community engagement and looks forward to a spring filled with excitement and further growth.

After spending the summer of 2010 vetting various community service options around the City of St. Louis, one member found an unexpected opportunity at the Youth Learning Center, an after-school program located in the heart of St. Louis. It is focused on expanding the horizons of local children through technology and media literacy courses. We began our volunteer work there in late September. As a group, we decided to implement a course we designed ourselves on cultural diversity, after a number of members noted the lack of cultural depth in St. Louis City public schools' social studies courses.

In addition to teaching children ages 7-14 about China, Cuba, West Africa, and a host of other regions and nations, our chapter's fundraising committee worked hard to develop the extremely successful Sweets and Treats fundraiser which we used to fund our activities at the YLC. The event took place in late October and provided us with enough capital to further develop the quality of our cultural diversity classes through additional activities and projects.

Currently, our group is volunteering with the Crisis Nursery, an organization in St. Louis that provides families in the midst of various crises the opportunity to provide their children with a safe space to stay for a brief period of time. We are all excited about attending orientation in late February. We are also looking into assisting the local Boy Scout troops with their merit badges and hope to spend a day building a home with Habitat for Humanity once the weather warms up! Our recruitment committee is hard at work preparing to induct a new set of Washington University students committed to service, scholarship, leadership, and fellowship.

This spring semester, the entire chapter is ready for continued successes and new opportunities to positively impact both the St. Louis and Washington University communities.

## **Beta Zeta Honor Chapter Pace University – NYC Campus**

Lambda Sigma, *Beta Zeta* chapter, has been hard at work this past semester! The members of the Pace University chapter have been holding many events including a bake sale to support the Coalition for the Homeless, and the wrapping of presents for children of victims of domestic violence, just to name a few. Our members are extremely dedicated and very active within the society. We are constantly coming up with new ideas for fundraisers and events. Our members baked home made goods to sell at our first bake sale. We were extremely persistent in getting our fellow peers to purchase our baked goods in support of The Coalition for the Homeless. We took time out of our busy schedules to make sure there were plenty of treats and plenty of members selling our treats! The bake sale was a huge success.

Our members also banded together to purchase toys and other items for children, who were victims and/or their mothers were victims of domestic



*Beta Zeta members delivered gifts to a domestic violence shelter during the holidays.*



*Beta Zeta members raising money for The Coalition for the Homeless.*

violence. During the December holiday season, members of Lambda Sigma took the time to wrap and prepare these gifts, knowing it would bring smiles to the faces of many children. Our secretary then delivered the gifts to the shelter. The whole semester was a huge success for *Beta Zeta*! The enthusiasm of our members encourages the executive board to continue to work hard in making sure all of our goals are achieved. We are looking forward to having the same success during this semester as well!

### **Freia Titland Treasurer and Editor**

## **Beta Eta Honors Chapter Pace University – Pleasantville**

On September 29, 2010, the *Beta Eta* chapter participated in Pace's annual Sophomore Kick-Off event. Pace University peers and colleagues shared a memorable experience working together to help children at local cottage schools, where over 100 kits were donated. This year our chapter has been working to create a sense of community by participating in events with other Pace University student organizations. For spring semester we have been collaborating with other club members to host events and community service activities. We have been working with the Student Nurses at Pace devoting our time with the elderly at a local

nursing facility. Also, we joined forces with N.A.T.U.R.E. Club to enhance our eco friendly environment during Earth Month. We will also be participating in Relay for Life. Although the semester is near its end, we believe that our year as Lambda Sigma members has been a productive and successful one. We continue to learn through our events and activities that the words leadership and scholarship mean much more than just attending classes and being students. We take pride in embracing our roles as leaders and scholars and working together with those that we have come to know through Lambda Sigma. Through our involvement in Lambda Sigma we know we have made a positive impact on our Pace community and those around us.

**Zarif Alam and Jacqueline Pisano**  
**President and Secretary**

**Beta Theta**  
**Urbana University**

Over the course of the fall semester, the *Beta Theta* chapter increased the effort of letting new freshman know about Lambda Sigma and spreading the word and recognition throughout campus. We distributed flyers with information about this honor society to give those who were interested plenty of opportunities to meet the criteria.

For community service we focused on the Ronald McDonald House charity. Small, cardboard Ronald houses were set up in multiple places throughout campus including the student center, residence halls, and class halls. Our campus collected pop tabs for almost two months and delivered the tabs collected to the Ronald McDonald House in Dayton, Ohio.

To raise funds for the *Beta Theta* chapter of Lambda Sigma, our chapter filled and delivered our annual care packages that parents bought before winter finals. We filled carrying bags with various treats such as hot chocolate, teddy grahams, and fruits while supplying some useful

studying supplies such as highlighters, pens, and index cards.

We have many plans for community involvement for the remainder of spring semester and look forward to continuing the Lambda Sigma name around campus.

**Liz Lough**  
**President**

**Beta Kappa**  
**George Mason University**

The *Beta Kappa* chapter of Lambda Sigma had an amazing 2010 fall semester! From the first meeting to studying for finals, we continue to work together for the good of our school, our chapter, our community, and Lambda Sigma at large.

The beginning of the semester was filled with planning for the rest of the year. Biweekly meetings allowed us to bond as a chapter and begin our community service. Our first service project of the year was called Witch Watch. During this event we helped create a safe environment for children to trick or treat, as well as make Halloween crafts. We continued our efforts to help the community while expanding our focus with the event, I Love Haiti. During this event we worked together with other student groups to pack 100,000 meals for the orphans of Haiti. Our third event was a canned food drive with the Early Identification Program. We accomplished both of our major goals for this event. The first was to box and ship food for the homeless shelters near George Mason. Our second goal was to



*Children and families enjoyed the activities – the Witch Watch event.*



*Beta Kappa members participating in their Witch Watch event.*

show the young students involved with the Early Identification Program a diverse and highly successful group of college students.

When we were not actively involved in a service project we still came together as a chapter to enjoy fellowship with each other. In addition to our meetings we have eaten together at Southside, our college's dining hall. We also came together at the end of the semester for a finals study hall. Finally, we worked as a group to nominate and present to a professor our chapter's Teacher of the Month award. Throughout the semester we worked together to live up to Lambda Sigma's foundations of leadership, scholarship, fellowship and service. As we look forward to the rest of the academic year we are planning more service projects and events that will bring us closer as a chapter. We also are excited about welcoming our new members to Lambda Sigma!



*100,000 meals packed for orphans of Haiti at this event.*

**Christine Tillema**  
**Editor**

## Beta Mu Alvernia University

Hello everyone! We are excited and honored at Alvernia University to be the newly installed *Beta Mu* chapter of Lambda Sigma. As an organization we were excited to be the first and set our footprints for the future *Beta Mu* members at Alvernia to follow. We started our year with guest speaker, Ms. Kathy McCauley, from Neumann University discussing with the group the various roles of leadership using characters from the Wizard of Oz as examples. This was a fun way to start the year getting to know each other and ourselves.

Our next course of action was to give

back to the community surrounding our campus. As a group we decided to volunteer at the local Opportunity House. This organization offers assistance and services to adults and children that come from low income families, situations where they may be at-risk for domestic violence, and/or people that struggle on a day to day basis to care for their families. Some members volunteered to participate in Alvernia's Christmas on Campus, acting as guides as young inner-city children participated in many holiday related activities on campus. As a group we also participated in our campus's Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, where students from the university volunteer at various locations around the city.

Lastly, we decided that there was a way to give back and to have a fundraiser at the same time. We decided to sell balloons that would be delivered to professors, resident assistant, etc, as a thank you. A raffle allowed students on campus an opportunity to win gift cards to various locations around the area.

Future events for the *Beta Mu* chapter include continuing to volunteer with the Opportunity House, *Beta Mu* movie nights, an Easter egg hunt for the children of the faculty and staff, and lastly a celebration of the members that will be newly inducted at the end of the year.

**Brandi Bentz**  
Secretary

## Honor Cords Available

Many chapters are now providing honor cords for their graduating seniors to be worn at graduation. If you are interested in ordering these blue and gold cords, you may do so by contacting the following company:

Schoen Trimming and Cord Co., Inc.,  
151 West 25th St.  
New York, NY 10001  
(212) 255-3949

<http://www.cordsandtassels.com/products2.htm>

If you do place an order indicate that it is for a Lambda Sigma chapter. Order the "double honor cords," item code #123 (royal blue and gold). An order must be a minimum of a dozen. The cost is \$48 per dozen plus \$10 UPS shipping. You may also order the cords intertwined at a higher cost. Allow a month for delivery. Payment will be due in 30 days. ♦

## Professor of the Month Mugs Available

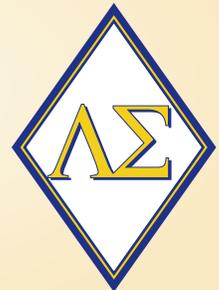
Blue Ceramic mugs with the greek letters Lambda Sigma and "Excellence in Teaching" all in gold letters are available for \$6 each including shipping. Contact John Hauser, national vice president, to place your order. His contact information is listed on the last page of this newsletter. ♦

## Grants Available for Projects Related to Social Responsibility

AACHS also awards four \$500 grants to member societies, including Lambda Sigma, to support projects related to social responsibility. The goal of this program is to encourage cross-campus collaboration and new initiatives among student organizations. Since Lambda Sigma chapters often collaborate with other campus groups in conducting projects your chapter may qualify for this grant. You might encourage your incoming groups to plan projects in advance and submit them early in the fall. You can get full details at the following link: <http://www.achsnaatl.org/social-responsibility/grant-program.asp>. ♦

### 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

**MAY 1, 2011**

**Scholarship Application**.....Mark Shotwell

**JUNE 1, 2011**

**President's Report**.....Ron Wolfe

**Treasurer's Report**

**Advisor's Report**

**National Dues (\$40/member)**

**Convention Assessment (\$300)**

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

**Initiate Form**

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

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