President’s Message

It is difficult to believe that the National Presidents’ Leadership Conference was in September – and now it is November! Seems like it was yesterday.

What a great conference! We said “farewell” to Dr. Ron Wolfe, who has been our Executive Secretary for almost 30 years, but more than that he has been a valued colleague and friend. Few exemplify Lambda Sigma’s four pillars: leadership, scholarship, fellowship, and service as well as he does. That is why we recognized him as the recipient of the Jane Price Harmon Gift of Honor, and we were glad that Jane Harmon, founding president of Lambda Sigma, and Barbara Ross, a founding board member and former editor of The Diamond, were there to honor our dear friend. Ron’s wife, Ruth, was inducted as an honorary member to acknowledge her work in creating the banners that are given to our chapters when they become affiliated with Lambda Sigma and the patches that are given to the Most Improved Chapter and Outstanding Chapter each year. It was also great to honor Kevin Cuccia, advisor to the Chi Chapter at Louisiana Tech, with the Advisor of the Year award.

As I talked with chapter presidents from around the country, I found leaders who were genuinely interested in being more effective in their roles as president and wanted to make this an outstanding year for their chapters. That takes a great deal of effort, but it is why the National Executive Board has worked hard to create a leadership conference that addresses the needs of our chapters, from how to be a better leader to effectively fundraising and creating valuable service projects. We all think of a weekend as being plenty of time to accomplish all of our objectives, but it always seems as if we could have used “just one more day” to cover extra topics that come up over the weekend.

That is also why we have Chapter Liaisons and have the Student Representatives on our Board. Each chapter is assigned a liaison – a member of the National Executive Board – who is there to help that chapter with the many questions that arise that you either cannot ask your chapter’s advisor or has to do with national policy. If you cannot remember who

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your chapter liaison is, check the back of this newsletter or go to the Lambda Sigma website to get the email address or phone number of the board member you want to talk with. She will be happy to help you. Our outstanding Student Representatives are also great resources! Lisdy and Josie will be glad to answer any questions you have or point you in the direction of someone who can.

An outstanding chapter president is crucial to having a successful chapter. As president, your leadership skills as a motivator and delegator will be important as you work with your officers and the members of the chapter to get everyone involved and focused on the objectives you have set for the year. Your chapter’s advisors are also valuable resources; in most cases, they have worked with the chapter in the past and will have great insights into what can work best on your campus. Use them! Likewise, the other members of the chapter, whether officers or not, are crucial parts of the operation. Each member should be pulling his or her weight to contribute to the overall success of the chapter.

Let us work together and be ready to help each other as this Lambda Sigma year progresses. We want you to succeed and will do all we can to make that happen. Let’s make this the best year yet for Lambda Sigma! In advance, thanks for the role you play in that success.
This year’s National Presidents’ Leadership Conference was held in Murfreesboro, TN, and hosted by the Beta Delta Chapter of Middle Tennessee State University. Chapter presidents and national board members from all over the country convened to partake in this annual tradition which is an incredibly important weekend for Lambda Sigma.

On the first night of the conference we were fortunate to participate in a service activity for A Soldier’s Child, an organization whose “mission is to serve the children of fallen military personnel who have given their lives on active duty while defending the United States of America.” We wrapped presents, packed camp bags, and held a birthday party for two of the organization’s participants, Ashton and Desiree. A great time was had by all, and our birthday boy Ashton taught everyone how to “dab.”

Saturday we went over to the campus of Middle Tennessee State University to learn more about the organization, bylaws, and rituals of Lambda Sigma. It was a long day filled with lots of information and presentations, but everyone left with a greater understanding of what Lambda Sigma is all about and how to successfully run their chapters. One of the challenges of Lambda Sigma is how to prepare groups with 100% turnover each year. That is why the annual conference is so vital and required to be considered for Honor Chapter status.

We ended Saturday with our traditional banquet and observance of the Gift of Fellowship. We were delighted to hear from our Jane Price Harmon Gift of Honor recipient for 2017, Dr. Ron Wolfe, as he retires from Lambda Sigma’s National Executive Board after nearly four decades of service. We also recognized the Honor Chapters for 2016-2017 and our annual winners for Outstanding Chapter (Alpha – University of Pittsburgh), Most Improved Chapter (Alpha Phi – Ferrum College), and Outstanding Advisor (Kevin Cuccia, Chi – Louisiana Tech University). We ate, we fellowshipped, and we celebrated a great end to the weekend.

Sunday we bid farewell to Tennessee, and everyone went back home a little tired but a little more knowledgeable about Lambda Sigma National Honor Society. As we move into the heart of the 2017-2018 year, we encourage our chapters to set lofty goals for service and enjoy fellowship with one another. The year of active membership is short, but it can be an extremely rewarding and wonderful time!

Best of luck to all chapters this year, and we will see you all next year, September 21-23, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Will your chapter be recognized as an Honor Chapter there?
Congratulations to the recipients of the 2017 – 2018 national scholarships! These individuals serve as great representatives of Lambda Sigma, and we are proud to recognize their many accomplishments. Each will receive a $1,000 scholarship for their junior year of college. The funding for these scholarships comes from the generous donations of the Lambda Sigma chapters and private donors.

Kali Hicks
Mississippi State University
John Yocca Scholarship

Kali Hicks is a junior at Mississippi State University double majoring in Communication and Spanish while minoring in Sociology. Hicks served as the 2016-2017 Lambda Sigma President for the Alpha Iota Chapter and was awarded gold level membership status according to her chapter participation, leadership, and service. During her time in Lambda Sigma, Hicks was honored for other academic, service, and leadership opportunities, including being awarded an Individual Excellence in Community Service Award in 2016, being named on the President’s List for four consecutive semesters, and also being recognized as a 2016 Homecoming Maid.

During her free time, Hicks enjoys spending time with friends, attending campus events, participating in various university organizations, and serving Mississippi State and others in any way possible. After graduation, Hicks says she “hopes to pursue a career with an international non-profit business such as Compassion International or Samaritan’s Purse in order to continue serving other and sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the world.”

Jacob Zortz
Pittsburg State University
Jane Price Harmon Scholarship

Jacob, a junior Nursing major and Military Science minor at Pittsburg State University, served this past year as chapter president of the Omega Chapter of Lambda Sigma. He also planned their banquet and community service projects during the year. Jacob is a member of the Army ROTC, where he was chosen Cadet of the Semester in the spring of 2017. Jacob maintains a 3.96 GPA while also staying involved with the ROTC, as a Student Ambassador, and with other clubs and honor societies.

Jacob has a heart for service, which was evident this past year through his work with Lambda Sigma. The Omega Chapter, under Jacob’s leadership, volunteered with the Salvation Army, participated in the school’s “Big Event” service weekend, acted as ushers at graduation, and mentored students at a local elementary school. He plans to become an officer in the US Army after graduation while also working to become a nurse anesthetist.

Marshall Schoth
Louisiana Tech University
Pat Watt Scholarship

Marshall is a Mechanical Engineering major at Louisiana Tech University, where he served as president of the Chi Chapter this past year. He is very involved at his school, participating in the Engineering and Science Association and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. Marshall has been honored in several ways at Louisiana Tech, most notably as Mr. Tech 2017, an event that helped raise money for Children’s Miracle Network. He was also chosen as an Orientation Stu-
Brooklyn Holt
Auburn University

Emily Taylor Scholarship

Brooklyn is a junior at Auburn University double majoring in Journalism and Political Science. She served as the chairman of the Hospital Book Wagon service project for the Pi Chapter in 2016-2017 and was a very active member of the group. Besides working with Lambda Sigma, Brooklyn has also served as a supplemental math instructor and been involved with the Children’s Miracle Network and Boys & Girls Club of Greater Lee County, among many other service activities. She was elected Miss Auburn University in 2017, participates in the university’s marching band as a majorette, and serves as an ambassador for both the College of Liberal Arts and the university’s Honors College.

Brooklyn aspires to be a sports reporter or news station anchor, using her public speaking abilities and love for sports and politics. She views the role of the media as extremely important in educating society and providing needed information to all. After graduation, Brooklyn plans to attend Northwestern University for graduate school because of its excellent reputation for journalism. She looks forward to playing a role in how our country evolves and hopes to make a positive impact through her future role in communications.

Marissa Dawson
Northern Illinois University
Thyrsa Amos Scholarship

Marissa Dawson has maintained a 3.94 grade point average while pursuing two degrees in Psychology and Families in Development with a minor in Spanish at Northern Illinois University. Growing up in Wisconsin and being a first-generation college student, coming to college in a new state was a brand-new experience for her. While at NIU she has been involved in a co-ed service fraternity, APO, the NIU Honors Program, the Research Rookies program, the Emotion Regulation and Temperament lab, and in the fall semester of 2017 she will be a Peer Educator for incoming freshman. When she was in Lambda Sigma she spent countless hours volunteering throughout the community and traveled to Chicago to help at the Chicago Marathon. Additionally, she was awarded the Member of the Year award, was put on the Selection Committee, and was awarded the position of being one of four junior advisors for the 2017-2018 academic year. In the spring of 2017 she was the recipient of the Applauding Excellence in Career Success Award and Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Award. Outside of NIU, she traveled to Tanzania, Africa, to help a village build a school to give everyone the equal opportunity for education. After graduating from NIU with her degrees, Marissa hopes to go onto graduate school for her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology with the goal of becoming a licensed psychologist who can help both children and adolescents.
Honor Chapter Requirements

In order to be considered for Honor Chapter status, a chapter must at least complete the following minimum requirements:

- Attend the National Presidents’ Leadership Conference in the fall
- Submit all reports by their due dates
- Submit initiate list and dues no later than June 1
- Submit at least one article to *The Diamond*
- Submit bylaws by due date
- Have strong, consistent attendance at meetings
- Contribute at least $50 to the national scholarship fund

This year’s Outstanding Chapter award was given to the Alpha Chapter at the University of Pittsburgh. Always a contender for this distinguished honor, the Alpha Chapter set the bar high for other chapters this year, which began with an excellent hosting job for the National Presidents’ Leadership Conference. Chapter presidents from around the country were treated to a wonderful service activity with Stop Hunger Now and enjoyed the beautiful Pitt campus.

Besides their hosting duties, the Alpha Chapter completed a number of service activities during the year. They made puppy rugs for animal shelters, paracord bracelets for soldiers, and wrote cards for women battling breast cancer. The chapter participated in the university’s Make a Difference Day and volunteered at a local food pantry. They also raised money for the Homeless Children’s Education fund, which supports Lambda Sigma’s national focus on at-risk children. They were able to do so by coordinating a number of effective fundraisers, such as partnering with local restaurants for give back night and selling food late at night to folk studying across campus. The Alpha Chapter also made sure to host plenty of social events to allow for fellowship. They had movie nights, decorated cookies for the holidays, and participated in a self-defense class together. Alpha has set a great example for other chapters to follow, and following their lead will make for many great chapters in our organization!

Most Improved Chapter: **Alpha Phi, Ferrum College**

**Outstanding Chapter Award, 2016-2017**

**Alpha** — University of Pittsburgh  
**Epsilon** — Allegheny College  
**Eta** — Carnegie Mellon University  
**Iota** — University of Mississippi  
**Lambda** — Westminster College  
**Mu** — Eastern Kentucky University  
**Omicron** — Northern Illinois University  
**Pi** — Auburn University  
**Rho** — Thiel College  
**Chi** — Louisiana Tech University  
**Omega** — Pittsburg State University  
**Alpha Zeta** — Texas A & M University  
**Alpha Eta** — Penn State Behrend  
**Alpha Theta** — Slippery Rock University  
**Alpha Iota** — Mississippi State University  
**Alpha Kappa** — Georgia Institute of Technology  
**Alpha Lambda** — D’Youville College  
**Alpha Tau** — University of Alabama  
**Alpha Phi** — Ferrum College  
**Alpha Psi** — University of Toledo  
**Beta Gamma** — University of Pikeville  
**Beta Delta** — Middle Tennessee State University  
**Beta Mu** — Alvernia University  
**Beta Xi** — Jackson State University  
**Beta Omicron** — University of West Alabama
Ruth Knights Outstanding Advisor Award

Kevin Cuccia, Chi Chapter
Louisiana Tech University

Each year the Lambda Sigma National Executive Board honors an exemplary chapter advisor with the Outstanding Advisor award. These honorees are chosen for their commitment and service to their chapters, often going above and beyond to make sure they are successful and deserving of Honor Chapter status.

This year’s Outstanding Advisor award winner was Mr. Kevin Cuccia of the Chi Chapter at Louisiana Tech University. Kevin has been chapter advisor at Louisiana Tech since 2010, a chapter that is consistently strong and in the running for Outstanding Chapter of the Year.

Kevin serves as a Science and Engineering Librarian at the Prescott Memorial Library at Louisiana Tech, a position he has held since 1987. He earned degrees from both Louisiana Tech and the University of New Orleans, and he is active in the Louisiana Library Association and as a book reviewer. In his free time he enjoys photography, community and church activities, and local theatre, where he just wrapped up acting in a production of Arsenic and Old Lace.

Those in the Chi Chapter are most appreciative of the guidance he provides and the example he sets. Former chapter president Marshall Schoth remarks that, “Mr. Kevin has been an outstanding advisor for our chapter of Lambda Sigma as he is full of energy and always ready to take a LOT of pictures. No matter what I needed help with during the school year, he always knew what to do and who to ask. Mr. Kevin is an encouraging and most helpful advisor who is eminently worthy of this award.”

Current president Fox Faircloth concurs and adds, “Mr. Kevin goes above and beyond in every way. He is kind and encouraging, and his excitement for Lambda Sigma is both contagious and inspiring. We are so honored to have such a dedicated advisor to guide us through this year.”

The National Executive Board is proud to honor such a talented and engaged advisor like Kevin Cuccia with this year’s Outstanding Advisor award. Congratulations on all you and your chapter have achieved!

Scholarship Donation Challenge

Listed below are the chapters who donated to the national scholarship fund last year at levels well above the minimum requirement. These chapters challenge all other chapters to increase their contributions this year to benefit next year’s scholarship recipients. Remember, the minimum scholarship donation of $50 is required to be considered for Honor Chapter status. Congratulations and thank you to these chapters!

**Diamond Level**
- Iota
- Omicron
- Pi
- Rho
- Alpha Delta
- Alpha Eta

**Gold Level**
- Alpha Iota
- Beta Delta

**Blue Level**
- Alpha Kappa
- Alpha Sigma
- Beta Zeta
Bonds of Friendship

At the time she ran for office, former Mississippi State Lambda Sigma President Kali Hicks didn’t realize how much the organization would give back to her. Lambda Sigma would start a friendship that would sustain many miles of distance. The friendship between Hicks and past Auburn University President Sadie Argo originated at the 2016 Lambda Sigma Presidents’ Leadership Conference in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Hicks said, “There was another girl from Mississippi on my flight to Pittsburgh. When I got off the plane this same girl was in the airport and just kind of looked lost and confused. I learned her name was Sadie Argo, she was with Lambda Sigma, and we became inseparable the rest of the trip.”

Hicks and Argo would be attached at the hip for the remainder of the conference. They would tour the city, eat every meal together, and attend the same seminars. The conference would end after three memory-filled days, but Hicks and Argo stayed in touch following the conference and both planned to study abroad in Spain as part of their Spanish minor coursework.

As fate would have it Hicks and Argo would meet up again, this time in Madrid, Spain. Though in different study abroad programs, Hicks and Argo were able to meet for dinner and catch up. “Our friendship is so unique. We don’t spend a lot of time together, and when we do it is in random places like Pittsburgh and Europe,” Hicks joked. “We just kind of get each other. I am so thankful for our friendship.”

The girls have plans to meet up back in the United States this semester, but they both have Lambda Sigma to credit for creating a friendship that can cross the ocean.

McRae Clay
Alpha Iota Chapter

Lambda Sigma Member Spotlight

Lambda Sigma members are notoriously active people in the community and the world... that is one reason they were chosen to be in the organization! So check out what some of our members have been up to this past year:

- Alpha Tau (University of Alabama) members Allie Coogler and Clay Martinson both spent time this past summer as interns for Senator Richard Shelby in Washington, D.C.

- Christopher Ross of Alpha Sigma (Cannon University) spent ten days in Yellowstone National Park this summer, admiring the beauty and natural wonders there. Upon his return home he was inspired to start looking at his surrounding environment for ways to make it just as clean and beautiful as the park. The Alpha Sigma Chapter is planning activities around recycling, trash pickups, and educating others about the environment.

- Taylor Darnell of Alpha Phi (Ferrum College) is already deeply involved with research in his field of Chemistry. His research should help with productivity for farmers, specifically those who grow trees in tight areas. Taylor is presenting his research at the Virginia Academy of Science and for the American Chemical Society this year.

- Beta Zeta (Pace University—NYC) member Jayme Mika worked for the Palisades Interstate Park Commission this past year, a park which runs along the Hudson River from New Jersey to New York. This area was greatly impacted by Hurricane Sandy years ago and is still trying to recover from the damage inflicted by that storm. Jayme was able to organize events for the park and educate the local community on the importance of restoring the park and keeping it clean.

- Sammie Cooper of Epsilon (Allegheny College) had the opportunity to visit China as one of two students chosen to represent the school in a trip overseas. While promoting Allegheny at schools and colleges, Sammie had the opportunity to use her Chinese language skills she had acquired over eight years of study. She may soon also be traveling to places like Brazil, Vietnam, and the Dominican Republic as an ambassador for Allegheny.

Follow Lambda Sigma on Facebook and Twitter to hear about updates, interact with other chapters, and post stories and photos of your service projects.

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Racing to Volunteer

Muskingum University’s Zeta Chapter is diving head first into a semester full of community service and leadership opportunities. We recently traveled to Columbus, Ohio, to volunteer for the Nationwide Children’s Hospital Columbus Marathon. Although getting up at 4:30 a.m. was less than ideal, we ended the day with full hearts and so much appreciation for both the runners and volunteers we were working alongside.

Since downtown Columbus is roughly an hour drive from campus, the early morning drive gave us some quality time to get to know each other aside from our academics and various activities on campus. The group bonding and teamwork was ultimately tested when we faced many obstacles trying to find a parking space as well as getting to the right volunteer location. We had signed up to volunteer for, in my humblest opinion, one of the best parts of the marathon - the food distribution. Though our beginning tasks were tedious (unboxing pallets of food and drinks), the true excitement began when the first runner came down the road ready to fill his bag with the items we were responsible for distributing.

I have never seen so many people be as grateful as they were. You could see it in the eyes of the runners after they finished their race. There was something magical in the air as thousands of people from all backgrounds came together and ultimately worked to complete a goal. Although it was a little hectic once more people were finishing and hard to keep up with, there was never a complaint or a harsh word said to any of the volunteers. The gratefulness and “Thank You’s” were truly memorable. It was a long and tiring day that lasted over six hours but the experience is something that none of us will ever forget. We not only had a great time volunteering at the marathon but found enjoyment working with each other as a team for the day.

Alexis Carder, Historian Zeta Chapter

Lambda Sigma National Honor 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.

Beta Xi Serves Their Community

Chartered in 2015, Jackson State University’s Beta Xi Chapter has been no stranger to serving its community of Jackson, Mississippi. To kick off fall 2017, the organization took part in a two-day community service project at a local church, Greater Mount Calvary. Over 20 members volunteered at the church’s monthly food distribution event sponsored by Mississippi Food Network, which is a nonprofit organization that serves thousands of Mississippians daily by distributing donated and purchased food items to churches, shelters, and other organizations.

Members sorted food items such as potatoes, apples, frozen lunch packages, noodles, bread, other produce and nonperishable items into boxes.

Beta Xi Chapter President William Foster noted, “The community service project was a success. Just by the facial expressions of many, I could tell the families were overjoyed and grateful that we were able to provide many of their necessities. Service is one of our four pillars, and we enjoyed witnessing our community benefit from it.” After serving over 100 individuals, members departed with the achievement of uniting the community and most importantly making a difference within it, which is an essential component that the Beta Xi Chapter promotes and exemplifies daily.

Hope Reeves, Editor Beta Xi Chapter
Sigma Sweets

To kick off the school year, the Beta Epsilon Chapter of Lambda Sigma at Washington University in St. Louis decided to fundraise for a local organization. The chapter sold candy grams that students could send to their friends’ dorm rooms to be delivered on Halloween. It was also a way for students to get a much deserved treat in the middle of midterm season. In addition, each purchase of a candy gram entered students into a raffle to win a $25 gift certificate that was donated to the fundraiser by Mission Taco, a local St. Louis restaurant and a favorite of WashU students!

While students benefitted from the sweet treats the chapter delivered to their dorm rooms, the money raised has been donated to Prison Performing Arts (PPA), a local St. Louis organization which serves incarcerated youth and adults in hopes that the program can inspire a love of the performing arts, both during their time incarcerated and beyond. The goal of PPA is to foster skills such as team building, flexibility, and engagement that are needed to reenter society. It was rewarding for the chapter members to get involved in a project early in the semester that will benefit a great cause and directly impact people within their own community.

In order to raise funds, members spread the word through various social media platforms, tabling in our University Center and dining halls, and painting the famous “WashU Underpass” to catch students’ attention when walking to and from class. Students got into the Halloween spirit and sent their friends some “Sigma Sweets” with a note that chapter members personalized with festive decorations. Then on the morning of Halloween students across campus opened their doors to the surprise of candy waiting outside for them. The chapter hopes this fundraiser helps kick off a great year of service projects for even more great organizations that benefit the people in the St. Louis community.

Megan Schulman, Vice President
Beta Epsilon Chapter

Chi Chapter Loves Their Dogs

Louisiana Tech University has a yearly event called Dog Haul, so named because our mascot is the bulldog. Dog Haul gives students and organizations the opportunity to welcome incoming freshmen and help them move in. It is difficult to move into a new place, on your own and away from your parents for the first time. Though the journey is exciting, packing up your life and fitting it into one small room can be quite overwhelming. This is where we were able to offer our help.

As a chapter, we helped new students move into their on-campus dorms and apartments. The chapter members were upbeat and happy to help, despite the Louisiana heat. We took the opportunity to get to know each other better, chatting about our schedules and sharing our own freshmen experiences. Meeting the students and their families was, by far, the best part of our Dog Haul experience. It was interesting to see where everyone was from, and why they chose Louisiana Tech. The families were given a taste of our university’s culture, and the students were able to meet new people early on. Many would ask what organization we were with, and we took the chance to tell them about Lambda Sigma and what we did on campus and in our community.

We’ve all been there – afraid of the unknown and unsure of the future. For us sophomores that was just last year. Dog Haul was not only a great opportunity for us to lend a helping hand, but to also reassure our fellow students that they chose the right university. We were proud to represent Lambda Sigma, and cannot wait for the rest of the year!

Kaitlin Perry, Historian
Fox Faircloth, President
Chi Chapter
Serving in Chicago

The Omicron Chapter of Lambda Sigma has had a busy year so far. We began our year during Welcome Days here at Northern Illinois University. We had the pleasure of helping many students move into their rooms in the residence halls and then promoting Lambda Sigma at the involvement fair a few days later. Volunteering at move-in was our first event as a chapter and it was a great way to get to know each other.

In October many of our members volunteered at the Chicago Marathon. We left school at seven in the morning to get on a train and head into the city and over to Grant Park. Once we checked in we got our complimentary hats and jackets and began handing out heat sheets to runners who had just crossed the finish line. Many of our members enjoyed seeing how proud the runners were for accomplishing such a feat.

One of our longest running service commitments has been with the School of Theatre and Dance as ushers for their performances. This year the Omicron Chapter is ushering for the main performances that the school puts on. As part of our ushering commitment, ushers are able to watch the show for free which can be a nice distraction from our school work.

Finally, members of our chapter visited a local apple orchard where we continued to get to know each other. We began the evening sitting by the fire and eating s’mores, followed by a trip through the corn maze. The trip to the orchard served as one of our major social events of the semester and promoted the pillar of fellowship among our members. We are very excited to see what the rest of the school year has in store for our chapter!

Kathryn Blank, Public Relations Chair
Omicron Chapter

Professor of the Month Mugs

Blue ceramic coffee mugs with the Greek letters Lambda Sigma and “Excellence in Teaching” are available for $7.50 each. Contact Neal Edman to place your order. His contact information is listed on the website and on the last page of The Diamond.

Graduation Honor Cords

Many chapters provide honor cords to their graduating seniors to be worn at graduation. If you are interested in ordering these blue and gold cords, you may contact:

Schoen Trimming and Cord Co., Inc.
http://www.cordsandtassels.com/products2.htm
or
(212) 255-3949

Service Activities Around the Country

Chapters are serving in a variety of ways at their schools and in the communities. Here is a sample of what some other chapters are doing, and hopefully you’ll be able to find inspiration and ideas for your own chapter here...

• The Pi Chapter at Auburn University collected over 4,000 t-shirts this fall for hurricane relief efforts. They enlisted the help of many other chapters who brought their shirts to the annual conference and loaded down the Pi President’s car to take back to Auburn.

• Alpha Delta at the University of Southern Mississippi held a Halloween party for the Hattiesburg Boys and Girls Club, whose facility was destroyed last year in a tornado. The chapter plans to hold more events and raise money as the organization rebuilds.

• The Beta Delta Chapter at Middle Tennessee State University also helped out their local Boys and Girls Club, preparing 65 gift bags for their members for an early Christmas present.

• Tau Chapter at the University of Kansas volunteered at a local elementary school’s fall carnival to help them raise money for a new playground. Members painted faces and assisted with cake walks, bounce houses, and more!

• At Berry College, the Alpha Mu Chapter made Halloween cards for children at the local Ronald McDonald House and participated in a school-wide Make A Difference Day event.

• The Alpha Pi Chapter at Lawrence University is working with the Theatre Arts department on campus to both fundraise and host an Emotional Abuse Awareness Week later this semester. Already they’ve been able to raise funds through a bake sale to benefit a local organization, the Harbor House.
Upcoming Deadlines

January 31, 2018
Report on Rituals………………………………………..Megan Adukaitis
Mid-Year Status Report………………………………..Neal Edman

March 1, 2018
Diamond Article #2……………………………………..Tyler Henson

May 1, 2018
Scholarship Application……………………………………..Terri Mando

June 1, 2018
President’s Report………………………………………..Neal Edman
Advisor’s Report
Treasurer’s Report
Initiate List, Dues ($40/member), Conference Assessment ($350), National Scholarship contribution ($50 minimum)

Lambda Sigma Chapter Roster

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