President’s Message

Almost two months ago chapter presidents and representatives were meeting on the beautiful University of Pittsburgh campus to experience first-hand the Lambda Sigma principles of scholarship, leadership, fellowship and service. Thanks to the Alpha Chapter, their advisor Cheryl Finlay, and conference coordinator Tyler Henson for their hard work to make this another great Presidents’ Leadership Conference.

We had a lot of fun, and I hope everyone learned a great deal over the weekend. We also managed to get some business done. In addition to re-electing Amy Fountain as National Vice-President and Cailin Sims as the new Student Representative, the presidents took the proposed changes to the national constitution back to their chapters to be ratified so that the constitution was brought in line with what we were actually doing in our election of national officers. Thank you, presidents, for shepherding this change to the national constitution through your chapters and getting a unanimous vote. Our first-ever “Advisors’ College” was also held in conjunction with the conference. It proved to be a big success and one we will repeat at next year’s conference in Atlanta. You will be reading about some of the other activities in another article in this newsletter.

We extend a warm welcome to the Beta Pi Chapter at Jacksonville State University in Mississippi. Their seventeen charter members and four honorary members were inducted at a ceremony on October 25, with Amy Fountain and Student Representative Josie Hadaway representing the National Executive Board. We are excited about this exceptional addition to our ranks and look forward to many good things from the Beta Pi Chapter.

Now that you are well into the semester I trust you are establishing your unique personality as a chapter – performing service projects that have an impact on at-risk youth, your institution and your community; holding fundraisers if necessary; and promoting scholarship and leadership on your campus.

You should also be doing some preliminary thinking about recruiting next year’s class by getting some publicity about Lambda Sigma in places like the campus newspaper or on social media,

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participating in your campus’ activities fairs, and talking about Lambda Sigma to outstanding and motivated first year students, many of whom may be in honors classes. While you won’t know who is eligible for membership until early next semester, your sharing of what Lambda Sigma stands for and does may inspire a first-year student to ensure that s/he meets the eligibility requirements.

Remember that your chapter also has a national member who is your resource person. You should have met your liaison at the Presidents’ Leadership Conference. The board members and the chapters they are responsible for are listed on the back page of this newsletter. Don’t hesitate to contact your liaison when you have questions; they are there to help you make the most of your year! And, of course, your student representatives are always willing to help you.

You all have chapter advisors who can be of great help as well in navigating the rules and regulations on your campus. They may know the right person to call to get what you need, to run interference for you and the chapter, and can offer great advice on how to deal with any challenges you have. They are advisors because they like working with bright, motivated and energetic students like you. Use them!

Let’s make this a memorable year for you and your chapter. Our national board joins me in wishing you the best and offering our help to realize the potential that you and your chapter have to be the best chapter in your institution’s history!

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Betax Pi - Jacksonville State University

Lambda Sigma National Honor Society recently installed a new chapter at Jacksonville State University. The Beta Pi Chapter held its first induction ceremony on October 25, 2018. There were seventeen members inducted into the organization for the inaugural year.

Keaton Glass, the Coordinator of First and Second Year Experience at Jacksonville State, is one of the advisors for the Beta Pi Chapter along with Amy Tomlinson, the Honors Program Secretary. “When working through the installation process of Lambda Sigma,” said Glass, “I was amazed by the national support and the experience this organization can bring to our campus. I am excited to see what is in store for this group of sophomores as they lead the way on campus to improve the second-year experience. My goal for Beta Pi is to serve as a catalyst for sophomores to help them learn to succeed and thrive through leadership development while giving back to the surrounding community.”

“I’m thrilled to work with this chapter as we begin and start growing,” added Tomlinson. “Our university encourages involvement and leadership whole-heartedly. With our campus being very accessible to students who are eager to get involved, I believe that the Beta Pi Chapter will be an influence for these principles even more for our second-year students. Some of our goals for this chapter are to motivate students to continue to build their résumé with leadership and service, not only on campus, but in our community; to foster fellowship amongst our second-year students; and to push these students to be well-rounded citizens.”

Beta Pi immediately wanted to give back to their community, so members quickly organized the first service project on campus. They hosted a clothing drive that benefitted the Salvation Army. For several days members set up a collection table in the student center so students, faculty, and staff could donate clothes they no longer wore or needed. Beta Pi’s first service project was a great success!

This organization has already introduced me to people I would have otherwise not met on campus. I know these connections will be beneficial to each of us as we continue through our journey at JSU and into our future careers. Lambda Sigma has encouraged me to be a leader on campus and in other organizations that I am involved in, and being involved with others who have the same goal is inspiring. I am very excited to see what the rest of the year holds for our chapter!

Julia Webb, Charter Member
Beta Pi Chapter

Beta Pi’s Inaugural Class, 2018-2019

Member of ACHS
Since 1981
The National Presidents’ Leadership Conference, an annual event held for our new leaders of Lambda Sigma chapters across the country, was held in Pittsburgh, PA, this year on the campus of the University of Pittsburgh. The Alpha Chapter graciously hosted this event again for us and provided a wonderful atmosphere for our chapter presidents to learn more about Lambda Sigma National Honor Society.

As always our weekend began on a Friday night with a service project, and this year we packed 10,000 meals for the organization Rise Against Hunger. Our chapter presidents and board members all pitched in to fill bags with food, seal them, and prepare them for shipping to folks in need around the world. It was amazing to see the great teamwork involved from a group of students who just met!

Saturday was a full day of meetings, presentations, and discussion to allow our chapter presidents to learn more about service projects, fundraising, rituals, recruitment, and all that goes into running a chapter. Chapter presidents also were able to meet with their liaisons, who can be very valuable resources from the national board for chapters in addition to their chapter advisors.

We ended Saturday with our traditional banquet and awards ceremony. This banquet is a chance for attendees to see how a full Lambda Sigma ritual is performed, complete with lit candles and all! Our group was also incredibly fortunate to hear from Dr. Kathy Humphrey, Senior Vice Chancellor for Engagement and Secretary of the Board of Trustees, University of Pittsburgh. Dr. Humphrey provided a very powerful and encouraging message to everyone, including a beautiful song to cap her speech!

Our weekend came to an end faster than anyone wanted, as there is more to discuss about Lambda Sigma than two days can hold. However, as always we hope that our chapter presidents benefited from the experience and took the fire and passion we saw for our four pillars back to their campuses. It promises to be another wonderful year for Lambda Sigma chapters!
Sean Halloran
The University of Toledo
John Yocca Scholarship

Sean Halloran is a Pre-Medicine major at the University of Toledo, where he served as the President of the Alpha Psi Chapter this past year. When not studying hard and making exceptional grades, Sean stays very busy with a number of student organizations and service opportunities. He is a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity which has allowed him to serve in a variety of ways, such as with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Toledo. Sean is also a member of Pay It Forward Toledo, an organization that encourages random acts of kindness across campus. He also works as a campus tour guide, a student orientation leader, and a mentor for other students.

As a member of Lambda Sigma, Sean led the organization well in his role as President and helped raise over $2,500 through different events. He helped to revamp the chapter’s membership application and evaluation process. His most noteworthy contribution, though, was helping to establish the “Lambda Sigma Freshman Excellence Scholarship,” which benefits an exceptional male and female freshman each year. Sean plans to attend medical school after graduation to become an anesthesiologist and specialize in pain management.

CeDrice Howard
D’Youville College
Jane Price Harmon Scholarship

CeDrice Howard was nominated as the national scholarship applicant from the Alpha Lambda Chapter at D’Youville College for her dedication to the chapter, the campus, and the four pillars of Lambda Sigma. CeDrice is a very active student, starting with her participation with the school’s Division III basketball team. She serves as a Resident Advisor, planning events for her floor and advising students through personal and academic challenges. She also serves as an Orientation Assistant helping new students become introduced to campus during the summer. CeDrice also assisted in teaching Freshman Focus classes, an orientation course required of all freshmen to help them transition to college.

With Lambda Sigma CeDrice was a very active member and helped lead the fundraising committee. She participated in a number of service activities, such as making holiday cards for the elderly, serving dinner to the less fortunate, participating in D’Youville’s Halloween party for local neighborhood children, and putting together exam packets for campus residents. Despite her busy schedule with basketball and other campus activities, CeDrice put a great deal of time and effort into making the year a success for the Alpha Lambda Chapter. CeDrice plans to become a Physician’s Assistant upon graduating college and work in underserved areas.

Madison Smith
Auburn University
Pat Watt Scholarship

Madison is an Economics and English Literature major at Auburn University. She works in the Miller Writing Center as a writing consultant and assists students in becoming better writers. She is also
involved with the Student Government Association, the University Honors College, and other honor societies on campus. Madison has participated in numerous service activities, too, and is very dedicated to mentoring others.

Madison is a firm believer in the four pillars of Lambda Sigma: service, scholarship, leadership, and fellowship. She says that Lambda Sigma taught her that service is not just measured in hours; rather it is measured by the impact it makes on others. Madison helped make a tremendous impact on others through Lambda Sigma, too, by helping to organize their “T-shirts for Texas” drive. The Pi Chapter collected thousands of t-shirts for victims of Hurricane Harvey in Texas, and Madison was instrumental in folding, organizing, and transporting the donations to the appropriate center. She hopes to continue helping others in her professional career as an intellectual property lawyer so that she can protect the ideas and innovations of others from being taken by others.

**Bailey McCarver**  
*Mississippi State University*  
**Emily Taylor Scholarship**

Bailey McCarver served as the Treasurer of the Alpha Iota Chapter at Mississippi State University, where she studies Biochemistry and Pre-Medicine. Bailey has served her campus and community in a number of ways, making her deserving of this prestigious scholarship. She volunteers at the TK Martin Center, a school for children with disabilities, and has helped underprivileged children with home-work. Bailey is a part of several organizations on campus that provide service, such as Delta Gamma Sorority and Physicians on the Rise, the latter of which allowed her to work with a bone marrow donation bank. With Lambda Sigma she was involved in a number of service activities, the most impactful being when she helped make “Blessing Baskets” of food for needy families in the area. Bailey plans on heading to medical school after graduation and aspires to be a physician, which will allow her to continue serving others in an even greater capacity in the future.

**Jenna Eckstrom**  
*Westfield State University*  
**Thyrsa Amos Scholarship**

Jenna Eckstrom is an Elementary Education major and served as the Rituals Chair of the Alpha Omega Chapter at Westfield State University. She is very involved on campus, working as a mentor in the Honors Program and tutoring students in a number of different subjects. Jenna is also the Underclassmen Representative on the executive board of the Student Education Association of Massachusetts, which has allowed her to be very involved with the National Education Association and their conferences. Off campus Jenna works for the YMCA of Greater Westfield with an after school program at a local elementary school and was a summer camp counselor with YMCA in California.

Besides being Rituals Chair for Lambda Sigma, Jenna helped in a variety of other roles to make sure her chapter was a success this past year. She worked extensively with new members to prepare them for induction and the ceremony to come. Jenna also participated in several service activities, such as Read Across Westfield, the Run Stanley 5K race in Westfield, and HOOT Day, an annual city-wide service event. Jenna plans to become a teacher, specifically working as a second grade Sheltered English Immersion teacher in an urban community. She also hopes to continue her education to one day become a school psychologist and eventually pursue a doctorate in Educational Leadership to become an elementary school principal.
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 bylaws by due date
- Submit at least one article to The Diamond
- Submit all reports, initiate list, and dues by their due dates
- Have strong, consistent attendance at meetings
- Contribute at least $50 to the national scholarship fund

Most Improved Chapter: Alpha Omega, Westfield University

Outstanding Chapter Award, 2017-2018

This year’s recipient of the Outstanding Chapter Award went to the deserving Beta Mu Chapter at Alvernia University. The chapter had an excellent year, but they are consistently a strong Lambda Sigma chapter. They provide excellent service to their campus, meet all of the deadlines required of Lambda Sigma chapters, and set a great example for how other chapters should run. Alvernia’s chapter is proof that big things can come out of small schools! Beta Mu stayed incredibly busy this year as they made cards for veterans and food-service employees at Alvernia, assisted with a trick-or-treating event on campus for local children, and raised funds for multiple charitable causes. They also adopted the Nolde Forest Environmental Education Center as a site for service where they helped to clear trails, build fences, and improve the play area for children. This service project will likely become a recurring event for future chapters because of the positive impact it made on the students and community. Beta Mu also made sure to mix in plenty of fellowship opportunities with their service, had consistently high attendance at meetings, and remains a highly respected student organization among faculty and staff. Congratulations to the Beta Mu Chapter on a fantastic year!

Honor Chapters, 2017-2018

- **Alpha** — University of Pittsburgh
- **Epsilon** — Allegheny College
- **Zeta** — Muskingum University
- **Eta** — Carnegie Mellon University
- **Iota** — University of Mississippi
- **Lambda** — Westminster College
- **Omicron** — Northern Illinois University
- **Pi** — Auburn University
- **Chi** — Louisiana Tech University
- **Omega** — Pittsburg State University
- **Alpha Gamma** — Duquesne University
- **Alpha Zeta** — Texas A & M University
- **Alpha Eta** — Penn State Behrend
- **Alpha Theta** — Slippery Rock University
- **Alpha Iota** — Mississippi State University
- **Alpha Sigma** — Gannon University
- **Alpha Tau** — University of Alabama
- **Alpha Phi** — Ferrum College
- **Alpha Psi** — University of Toledo
- **Alpha Omega** — Westfield State University
- **Beta Gamma** — University of Pikeville
- **Beta Delta** — Middle Tennessee State University
- **Beta Zeta** — Pace University, NYC Campus
- **Beta Eta** — Pace University, Pleasantville
- **Beta Mu** — Alvernia University
- **Beta Xi** — Jackson State University
Vincent Birkenmeyer, Beta Eta Chapter
Pace University - Pleasantville

Vinnie Birkenmeyer advises the Beta Eta Chapter at Pace University—Pleasantville in New York. At Pace he works as the Associate Director of Training and Development for Residential Life and Housing. Vinnie has been advising the chapter for 5 years, but his time with Lambda Sigma actually began in 2008 when he was inducted into the Beta Eta Chapter and served as the chapter President. He loves working with Lambda Sigma since it brings together the best and brightest of the sophomore class to better themselves as individuals and work together to achieve their goals as a group. He is excited to continue working with the group to continually enhance the campus community! Vinnie was chosen by the National Executive Board to receive this honor because of his dedication to the Beta Eta Chapter and the relationship he has built with members over the years. He exemplifies how advisors can help build successful chapters on their campuses.

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.

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 current contributions 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**
  - $250 or more
  - Omicron
  - Rho
  - Alpha Eta

- **Gold Level**
  - $150 - $249
  - Alpha
  - Pi
  - Alpha Iota
  - Beta Delta

- **Blue Level**
  - $100 - $149
  - Epsilon
  - Alpha Gamma
  - Alpha Theta
  - Alpha Kappa
  - Alpha Sigma
  - Alpha Omega
  - Beta Eta
Most Improved Chapter

Earning the Most Improved Chapter award for the 2017-2018 academic year was certainly not easy. When Carly Thibodeau came into her sophomore year as President of Lambda Sigma National Honor Society she was given very little guidance and a chapter that needed to be completely reformed. She faced many challenges throughout the year, but Carly was able to make the best of her year despite the obstacles.

One of the fundraisers from last year that Carly was most proud of was selling raffle baskets in the residence halls. This was one of the most successful events because after the first night the executive board was able to effectively address any of the difficulties they had and improve on them for the next night. By communicating the successes and failures of the fundraiser after the first night, they were able to increase their profits for the following nights and raised a total of $500 for the chapter.

After attending the Presidents’ Leadership Conference Carly was motivated by the other chapter presidents to be the change for Lambda Sigma at Westfield State University, and she hopes that the Alpha Omega Chapter for the 2018-2019 academic year will continue to follow in her footsteps. She hopes that the current chapter will maintain the Honor Chapter status as well as work to make Lambda Sigma’s presence known on campus. As President for the 2018-2019 academic year I hope to live up to the standards set by Carly. She persevered through all of the challenges that came her way and was still able to accomplish so much with the chapter. I hope to continue her legacy of making a positive change on campus in an enthusiastic and professional way.

Carly is still contributing to Lambda Sigma’s success as a junior advisor, guiding me and my fellow Executive Board members, and being there whenever we need her. We would like to thank Carly and the former board for their extended effort to make the Alpha Omega Chapter successful in their term and for giving us the necessary tools to lead the chapter.

Thalita Neves, President
Alpha Omega Chapter

Mr. and Miss Lambda Sigma

Welcoming a new academic year, Jackson State University’s Beta Xi Chapter ensured to exemplify elegance, grace, and sophistication with their participation in JSU’s 2018 Homecoming festivities. Represented by their chapter’s king and queen, Mr. and Miss Lambda Sigma, the organization was able to exhibit the excellence embodied by all of its members. The two most fulfilling events were the Jackson State University Homecoming Coronation and the Jackson State University Homecoming parade. In these arenas, both Mr. and Miss Lambda Sigma were able to serve as the faces of the organization, illustrating every facet that the Beta Xi Chapter is founded upon.

The Beta Xi Chapter’s Mr. Lambda Sigma is Mr. Henri’ Williams, a sophomore computer engineering major hailing from the hospitable town of Greenville, Mississippi. Williams describes his Homecoming experience as one to truly remember. “It was an absolute honor to be in the homecoming parade and to be able to represent as Mr. Lambda Sigma. The parade allowed us to not only pridefully show our school’s spirit, but also allowed us the opportunity to inspire, uplift, and to be role models to the innocent faces looking up to us. It was truly invigorating to see the alumni, students, and community be involved in celebrating Jackson State University’s Homecoming. My overall homecoming parade experience was one filled with pride—pride for my school, pride for my peers, and pride for the future students who will come after us.”

The Beta Xi Chapter’s Miss Lambda Sigma is Miss Taylor Jade Collins, a sophomore computer science major hailing from the illustrious city of Jackson, Mississippi. Collins’ summation of her Homecoming experience can be represented using one word—refreshing. “I have always considered myself to be a representation of excellence; therefore, being able to represent an honor society of such prestige was truly remarkable. I thoroughly enjoyed every moment of this exhilarating experience. From seeing the enthusiastic faces of the community’s Mr. and Miss Lambda Sigma to chatting with alumni of JSU, it was an honor to show my Tiger Pride while celebrating Jackson State University’s Homecoming.”

The members of the Beta Xi Chapter of Lambda Sigma Honor Society devote much of their time to promoting excellence and service throughout their small, but ever-loving community. Whether that amounts to physically serving the community or simply being an example for the youth who admire them, the members always strive for brilliance in everything that they do, and will continue to do so for many years to come.

Kassidy Neal, Editor
Beta Xi Chapter
Happy Halloween from St. Louis

Lambda Sigma’s Beta Epsilon Chapter has honed the Halloween spirit with the Sigma Sweets candygram sale. Reaching out to both students and parents in the Washington University in St. Louis community, we are fundraising for and serving the local Ronald McDonald House. For each candygram sent to a student we will personally hand deliver a candy bag to a child at the Ronald McDonald House.

Students have the choice of purchasing one bag for $2 or two bags for $3, which they can send to a friend with a note that will be delivered on Halloween. The money that is made from the student purchases will pay for the candy that is bagged and given away to a child. Parents have the choice of a small bag or a small bucket to send to their child that will also be dropped off at their dorm room. The money made from the parents will fund our participation in the Holiday Hearts program, which is part of the St. Louis Crisis Nursery. We will be sponsoring a family that cannot afford their own holiday gifts and help bring cheer to their holiday season.

This program has been an ongoing Lambda Sigma, Beta Epsilon tradition that we are excited to use. Once fundraising was over the chapter together sold over 65 candy bags and 20 parents purchased buckets for their children. With such a successful fundraiser and community service event, Lambda Sigma is proud to say we will be giving Ronald McDonald house 65 candy bags and are able to support our Holiday Hearts sponsored family that deserves nothing but the best holiday this season.

Sydney Krivitsky, Vice-President
Beta Epsilon Chapter

Humane Service

Over the last couple of months the Omega Chapter at Pittsburg State University has sold programs at the university’s football games in order to raise money for the honor society, for community projects, and scholarship funding. In addition to this we gathered together and set to work constructing tie blankets for the animals at a local shelter, the SEK Humane Society. This provides comfort and warmth for the animals, and it helps the shelter. The SEK Humane Society in Crawford County is a no kill, nonprofit organization that provides shelter for cats and dogs. They get no government funding and run solely on donations. By providing these blankets to the society we allow them to use their funds to help the animals in other ways, such as spaying and neutering the animals before adoption. All of the animals at this shelter are spayed, neutered, and vaccinated prior to adoption and we are honored to have had the opportunity to help them. In the coming months we have more plans and are eager to help our community and raise money for the Humane Society.

Julia Hobbs, Editor
Omega Chapter

Brewed Awakenings at Muskingum

At Muskingum University every Thursday night there is a Brewed Awakenings event hosted by a different club every week and held on the bottom floor of our Student Union building. This is an event where students can unwind, play games, win prizes, and sip on some coffee. The Zeta Chapter of Lambda Sigma decided to host one of the Brewed Awakenings since it is such a well-known event for the students and it would help us become a stronger presence on campus.

We hosted a tailgate-themed Brewed Awakenings as it was immediately following the University’s homecoming bonfire, and we wanted to continue the excitement of hyping up our football team for the big game. It was a huge success! We bought over 30 large pizzas, lots of chips and root beer, and other various sodas in addition to the coffee and scones that were available for the students to enjoy. For activities we organized it so that everyone had a small pumpkin to paint and could compete in a football themed kahoot with prizes for the winners. Our prizes included a Keurig, a polaroid camera, and a plastic jack-o-lantern full of Halloween goodies.

We had planned for there to be more to do, like corn hole, face-painting, a bonfire, and other activities one would find at a festival, but unfortunately it was too cold outside on the day we had decided to host the event and we kept everything inside. The Zeta Chapter learned a lot by hosting such a large social event like Brewed Awakenings and are prepared to do more this coming year!

Maysen Moorehead, Historian
Zeta Chapter
Thinking Globally

The Pace University NYC Chapter of Lambda Sigma embodies the warmth of giving amidst a season of chilling temperatures. Our service efforts thus far show a willingness to help those around us as a means of stretching our community far past the Pace University walls and into the realm of a global world. Our willingness to learn is not confined to the classroom!

Upon discussion at our first meeting, we decided charity work was first on our agenda for the academic year. The “National Alliance on Mental Illness” was selected as our first charity. As the nation’s largest mental health advocacy group, their influence touches lives across borders. According to their website, one in five Americans have a mental health condition. To raise funds we held several bake sales on campus with all proceeds going to the “NAMI”. Members happily donated homemade desserts, while others volunteered to operate the bake sale. Fresh chocolate chip cookies, Oreo Rice Crispy bars, and chocolate dipped Oreos are just a sampling of the treats that were donated. Students and faculty were actively engaged with while making their purchases as they were told about the organization they would be supporting. In total $100 was raised for the organization and all leftovers were donated to the Pace University Tutoring Center to feed hungry minds hard at work.

Following this bake sale a fundraiser will soon be conducted for “The Thirst Project” through the Chipotle Fundraiser Program. Flyers will be handed out to Chipotle customers so that when they make their purchases 33% of the proceeds will go back to the organization. Burritos with bright benefits! The organization looks to educate students about the global water crisis and raise funds to provide communities in Swaziland with safe, clean water. After this project, the chapter will be meeting during the holiday season to create cheery holiday cards to send to children in a local hospital. Thus bringing full circle Lambda Sigma’s desire to be of service to the community as well as the world.

Amanda Fedele, Editor
Beta Zeta Chapter

Lambda Sigma National Honor Society Diversity Statement

Inherent in the purposes and ideals of Lambda Sigma Society is the understanding of the importance of diversity within the organization in achieving its goals. To this end, the National Executive Board of Lambda Sigma Society encourages its member chapters to actively pursue candidates for membership who would broaden and strengthen the local chapters by providing diverse backgrounds. This diversity within the organization should serve to enhance the potential for leadership and service by acknowledging the wide range of students within the college or university and their potential to contribute to the goals of the society.

Marathon Serving

The Omicron chapter of Lambda Sigma has been busy these first few months. As we begin our journey as a chapter, we have been getting to know each other and been completing service events.

We began the school year with volunteering at Welcome Days on campus. We helped the incoming freshman class at Northern Illinois University move into the residence halls and were able to answer any questions they had about the upcoming school year. We were able to promote Lambda Sigma not only at move-in but also at the Involvement Fair. These events allowed us as a chapter to get to know each other and learn how to work as a team.

In the beginning of October most of thechapter volunteered at the Chicago Marathon, this being our biggest event of the year. We left campus at 7:15 in the morning and took a train down to the city. From there we headed to Grant Park to check in where we received complimentary jackets and hats, and then we received our station. We handed out Gatorade at the finish line and congratulated the runners. Our members enjoyed this event because it was a unique experience and it was nice to see the smiles on the participants faces when we congratulated them.

We are continuing our longest running service tradition to usher for the School of Theater and Dance here on campus.

This year we are ushering for five different productions. As part of our commitment for ushering, we are able to watch the performance for free. After a great start, we are excited to see what the rest of the year has in store for our chapter.

Anne Hirschfeld, PR Chair
Omicron Chapter
Coming Back Strong

On a campus of over 35,000 students it’s hard to believe that the Beta Kappa Chapter at George Mason University had a total of only three members to begin the 2018-2019 school year. Since beginning in 2008 with 35 members, the Lambda Sigma chapter at George Mason has been steadily getting smaller and smaller. In the spring of 2018 when current members Alex, Ruth, and Nicki were inducted, they did not know they would hold the fate of the Beta Kappa Chapter in their hands.

The suggestion of placing the organization on hold was given, but these three girls were not going to give up on their chapter. The three stepped into leadership positions and began working closely with their chapter advisor and board liaison to plan a fall recruitment. Although it was an intimidating first step to take, they took it together, with National President John Hauser coming to work with them for a few days.

The number may not be high, but they were able to induct new members with passion and dedication to service, bursting with new ideas and suggestions for the organization. When the time for the ceremony came, it was clear that this group was ready to make memories while changing the lives of people around them. They may be small in number but are great in ambition and spirit for Lambda Sigma. The Beta Kappa Chapter at GMU is ready to strengthen their bond of friendship, serve their community, and continue to grow.

Alexandra Berrios, President
Beta Kappa Chapter

Excellence in Teaching 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

Here are some ways Lambda Sigma Chapters are serving their campuses and communities:

- The Alpha Mu Chapter at Berry College got together to write Christmas cards for the elderly in their community of Rome, Georgia. They combined the event with a night of fellowship for the chapter, listening to Christmas music while writing their cards.
- At Middle Tennessee State University the Beta Delta Chapter volunteered at a local food bank. There they helped organize, distribute, and carry food for needy families in the community.
- Mississippi State University’s Alpha Iota Chapter spent time working at the Palmer Home Thrift Store donating their time to help organize and label items in the store. The Palmer Home helps children who have been orphaned, abandoned, or abused, and this is a small way the chapter can help support this great organization.
- The Alpha Gamma Chapter at Duquesne University raised over $100 during homecoming by painting faces and selling cake pops, and they will soon participate in ZooZilla, a 5k run at the Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium, representing Lambda Sigma.
- Members of Alpha Lambda Chapter at D’Youville College assisted with the university’s annual Children’s Community Halloween Party, an interactive party for local kids. They handed out prizes and gifts to participants!
- The Lambda Chapter at Westminster College has spent several Saturday mornings at the Shenango on the Green Nursing Home near campus. There they participate in activities with residents suffering from dementia, such as baking cookies, painting pumpkins, and making treat bags.
- At the University of Toledo, Alpha Psi Chapter members have been getting to know each other through fellowship activities. They require members to participate in study tables, visited a pumpkin patch together, and are planning a holiday party. These events have increased meeting attendance overall and created a more collaborative environment among members.
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
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Advisor’s Report
Treasurer’s Report
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