President’s Message

It doesn’t seem possible that it is almost three months since our chapter presidents and representatives met in Atlanta to experience first-hand the Lambda Sigma principles of scholarship, leadership, fellowship and service. I hope that what they learned over that weekend has carried over in their work with their chapters and that you are having a great year so far!

A highlight for me was the presentation by Marjy Stagmeier about Star-C, the charity she founded to work with at-risk students. What an inspiration for all of us to see the impact that one person can have when she sees a need and acts on it. If you have not visited her website, www.star-c.org, prepare to be impressed and motivated!

We had a lot of fun and, I hope, learned a great deal over the weekend. We also got some business done. In addition to electing Tyler Henson as President-Elect and re-electing Courtney Walters as Recording Secretary, we also welcome Reese Dunn as the student-elected representative to the board. Our second “Advisors’ College” was also held in conjunction with the conference and proved to be helpful to those advisors who attended.

We also welcomed the Beta Pi chapter at Jacksonville State University in Mississippi to their first National Presidents’ Leadership Conference along with their advisors.

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 the campus newspaper or other social media, 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

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In less than three years Lambda Sigma will turn 100!

Lambda Sigma chapters, alumni, and special guests will celebrate the Centennial where it all began—at the Alpha Chapter at the University of Pittsburgh as part of the 2022 National Presidents’ Leadership Conference over the weekend of September 16-18, 2022.

A committee of past and present national Lambda Sigma leaders is hard at work to make this an unforgettable event as we begin our second century as a national honor society. Knowing that effective advisory and student leadership is essential for strong chapters, one goal of the national board is to bring both the president and a faculty/administrative advisor from every chapter together for this milestone conference.

During the conference weekend participants will hear from inspiring speakers, network with other chapter leaders, and learn about the history and traditions of the national organization, as well as ideas and best practices of chapters around the country. Advisors should mark their calendars now for this once-in-a lifetime event and should promote it to chapter presidents as the time grows closer.

We are looking for a logo for the Centennial celebration!

This is a great opportunity for budding graphic designers in your current chapter to develop a logo which will be seen across the country. The logo should include the name “Lambda Sigma” (or the Greek initials), the Centennial anniversary (100 years), the Lambda Sigma diamond shape, and the Lambda Sigma colors of blue and gold in it. Entries are due February 15, 2020 and may be sent to Dr. Denise Rode at drode1@niu.edu. The winning logo will be featured prominently in Lambda Sigma national publications, on Centennial awards, and on the national website. The winner will also receive a $100 prize!

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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’ conference. The board members and the chapters they are responsible for are listed on the back page of this publication. Don’t hesitate to contact your liaison when you have questions. Your liaison is there to help you make the most of your year!! And, of course, your student representatives are always willing to help you.

And, of course, you have chapter advisors who can be of great help in navigating the rules and regulations on your campus. They may know the right person/s 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 set the standard for future chapters.
The 2019 National Presidents’ Leadership Conference was held in Atlanta, Georgia this past September, with representatives from almost every chapter in attendance. In a departure from past conferences, there was no host institution this year as all activities were held at the Embassy Suites Atlanta Airport. While this presented some new challenges and changes to logistics, the weekend was very successful overall.

Our attendees started off Friday evening with some team-building activities, including a very competitive game that involved creating a tower out of spaghetti, tape, and string. It was a great kickoff to the night of fun led by the Student Representatives, Cailin and Josie. We also heard from speaker Marjy Stagmeier about her charity Star-C over dinner. Attendees brought children’s books to donate to her organization.

Saturday was a marathon of learning about rituals, service, fundraising, and running a chapter. It ended in the traditional manner, with a banquet and observance of the Lambda Sigma Gift of Fellowship. Our guest speaker was none other than Jane Price Harmon, our long-time president who is advisor for the Alpha Kappa chapter at Georgia Tech. She brought inspiring words of wisdom to our attendees!

We concluded our evening with awards for the 2018-2019 Honor Chapters, Most Outstanding Chapter (Chi), Most Improved Chapter (Beta Kappa), and Outstanding Advisors (see pages 6-7). Two members of the National Board who were attending their last conference as board members were honored: Dr. Denise Rode (Past President) and Josie Hadaway (Student Representative). Finally, the Jane Price Harmon Gift of Honor was awarded to the late Kevin Cuccia, long-time advisor to the Chi Chapter at Louisiana Tech University, who passed away in April of 2019.

The weekend was a resounding success, with the only regret being we did not have enough time together. Hopefully our attendees went back to their chapters with a new energy and plenty of ideas to implement. We look forward to next year’s conference in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania!
Emma Boicken
Northern Illinois University
*John Yocca Scholarship*

Emma started out as the Secretary for the Omicron Chapter of Lambda Sigma, but shortly before the school’s winter break she stepped up to take over the vacant position of President. Through her leadership the organization was able to accomplish a number of service and social activities over the course of the year. Emma is also involved with several other organizations on campus, such as the Student Hospitality Association, Kappa Omicron Nu Honor Society, and the Huskie Food Pantry Leadership Team. She was also awarded the Kevin D. Knight Sophomore Leadership Award for her involvement in service and leadership roles on campus. Emma is getting her degree in Hospitality and Tourism Management and aspires to also get a graduate degree in Business Administration. She plans to work in a Convention and Visitors’ Bureau one day and travel the world!

Alexa Demetrios
Slippery Rock University
*Jane Price Harmon Scholarship*

Alexa is a Biology major with aspirations of being a Physician Assistant. In Lambda Sigma Alexa served as Secretary for the organization, along with helping the president plan and brainstorm. She led the chapter in making blankets to donate to charities such as the Ronald McDonald House of Pittsburgh. Alexa also walked five hours for Lambda Sigma’s team during Relay for Life.

Besides her work with Lambda Sigma, Alexa is in the Honors College at Slippery Rock University and active in many clubs, including the biology honor club Beta Beta Beta, the University Programming Board, and the Pre-Physician Assistant Club. Through these organizations she has been able to volunteer in the local community and better prepare for her future as a Physician Assistant. Alexa is also helping to tutor students in Chemistry and Biology.

Jacob Sinopoli
Auburn University
*Pat Watt Scholarship*

Jacob is a Biochemistry major with a minor in sports coaching at Auburn University. This past year he served as the Vice President of Philanthropy in the Pi chapter of Lambda Sigma. He

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National Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to the recipients of the 2019 – 2020 national scholarships! These individuals serve as great representatives of Lambda Sigma National Honor Society, 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.
Darryl Delsoin
Berry College
Emily Taylor Scholarship

Darryl is a Biochemistry major at Berry College who hopes to attend medical school in the next couple of years. He has served in a variety of ways already in college and believes the college experience should always go beyond just the classroom. He has become involved with Habitat for Humanity in Rome, Georgia, and he is a member of Colleges Against Cancer. Darryl also is in the Honors Student Union at Berry and recently was named a Richards Scholar, which provides a grant for research projects. This past summer he went back to his home country of Haiti to start a venture that will help provide cooking fuel to families living in extreme poverty.

In Lambda Sigma Darryl served as the Community Service Coordinator, through which he helped create a partnership with Habitat for Humanity. He also took his role as a member very seriously, attending every meeting in addition to organizing all service projects for the chapter. His peers and advisors describe Darryl as selfless and an integral part of Lambda Sigma’s success at Berry.

Cammie Hopkins
Mississippi State University
Thyrsa Amos Scholarship

Cammie served as the secretary for the Alpha Iota Chapter of Lambda Sigma. In her position she tried to set the example and stayed heavily involved, attending many projects and developing relationships with other members. Because of that leadership she was able to gain confidence and found a passion for service, and she now serves as a junior advisor to the organization.

Cammie is involved with a number of other organization as well, including Zeta Tau Alpha, Spanish Club, Campus Crusades for Christ, and the International Business Society. She is majoring in Management and Spanish, with a concentration in International Business, and upon graduation plans to attend law school. While she is not sure what to do eventually, Cammie wants to speak for those unable to do so themselves. One day she hopes to also teach at a university to impact student lives in the same way her professors have impacted her life.
Outstanding Chapter Award, 2018-2019

The Chi Chapter has historically been a very strong chapter of Lambda Sigma. This year the chapter continued to perform at a high level while facing numerous obstacles that no chapter should have to face.

Chi Chapter participated in several campus wide activities, such as the Dog Haul to help new students move in to the dorms and a hurricane supply drive. As a chapter they helped the Boy Scouts of America collect food for local pantries. The members hosted a fall festival at a local church, and for Valentine’s Day they made cards for veterans in a retirement home.

In the spring their community of Ruston, LA, was hit by a devastating tornado. In the immediate aftermath the members of Chi Chapter went out and helped where they could until organized relief efforts began. Around the same time the group also lost their longtime advisor, Kevin Cuccia, who passed away unexpectedly.

Despite these tragedies the Chi Chapter came together to set examples of leadership and service for all Lambda Sigma chapters and students at Louisiana Tech University. A perennial contender for Outstanding Chapter, this year the members of Chi went above and beyond to deserve this recognition.

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- Zeta — Muskingum University
- Iota — University of Mississippi
- Lambda — Westminster College
- Pi — Auburn University
- Chi — Louisiana Tech 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 Psi — University of Toledo
- Alpha Omega — Westfield State University
- Beta Delta — Middle Tennessee State University
- Beta Zeta — Pace University, NYC Campus
- Beta Mu — Alvernia University
- Beta Xi — Jackson State University

Chi Chapter
Louisiana Tech University

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

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Ruth Knights Outstanding Advisor Award

Dr. LaTonya Robinson-Kanonu, Beta Xi Chapter
Jackson State University

LaTonya Robinson-Kanonu is a native Mississippian. She earned her B.A. with Honors in Speech Pathology, M.Ed. in Counseling Student Personnel Services from Southern Miss and Ed.S. in Counseling Psychology and Ph.D. in Educational Leadership Higher Education from Jackson State.

LaTonya currently serves as the Assessment and Program Evaluator in Academic Affairs at JSU where she evaluates program effectiveness to enhance the teaching and learning experience of the general education program. LaTonya has held professional appointments in K-12 and higher education by serving as an educator, counselor, instructor, practitioner, researcher and retention coordinator.

During her tenure at Jackson State she has been selected as a recipient of the JSU Presidential Creative Award, Global Inquiry Faculty Teaching Seminar Fellow, and Staff Leadership Institute Fellow. LaTonya chartered the Beta Xi chapter of Lambda Sigma and also serves as the advisor of Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society.

LaTonya is a dedicated member of several professional and civic organizations where she holds leadership positions and serves on advisory boards. LaTonya is a member of Zion Travelers Baptist Church and favorite scripture in Philippians 4:6-7. LaTonya is married to Enebeli Kanonu and they have three children, Antonio, Enebeli II, and Baleigh.

Dr. Galina Bennett, Beta Xi Chapter
Jackson State University

Galina Bennett is an academic advisor at Jackson State University and advisor to the Beta Xi chapter of Lambda Sigma. Galina has worked with the organization for the past four years and believes that if students have an opportunity be leaders early in their academic careers they set the foundation for all future endeavors. Her dedication to higher education has led her to steer her students into numerous opportunities for leadership, scholarship, and service.

Galina has a bachelor’s in Psychology, Masters in Counseling/Psychology, and Ph.D. in Educational Leadership. She is a wife, mother, and educator. She could not be more proud to work with Lambda Sigma and the students of Jackson State University.

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 ◆ ◆ Gold Level ◆ ◆ Blue Level ◆
$250 or more
Omicron
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Alpha Eta
Beta Delta
Beta Mu

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Alpha
Chi
Alpha Iota
Alpha Omega
Beta Zeta

$100 - $149
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Iota
Alpha Theta
Alpha Kappa
Alpha Sigma
Serving Abroad

Spring break is typically a time where college students pack up their cars and drive to the nearest beach to relax amidst their busy semesters. For some students at Gannon University, though, they pack up their carry-on suitcases to embark on an alternative break service trip (ABST) where they will serve people both domestically and internationally. These students go into the experience ready to give their time to others, but they ultimately gain a lot more than that.

Lambda Sigma Honor Society members, Julia Danko, Gabriella Makowiecki, and I had the opportunity to travel to Queretaro, Mexico in Spring 2019 to stay in a home for people with disabilities, El Arca. Serving El Arca, also referred to as L’Arche, provided students the opportunity to live among the members of the home and take in the rich Mexican culture firsthand. The students were able to be a serving presence to the people of the home but, in the end, they all agree that they were the ones who gained more from this experience than they were able to give.

“Staying in L’Arche was one of the most unique experiences that I ever had,” said Danko. “L’Arche has my heart and I will be forever grateful to them for inspiring me to be a better person every day.” This was a service opportunity that allowed the students to, in the words of Danko, “see that I can learn a lot more from the members of L’Arche than they can learn from me.”

Makowiecki explained how love was a theme of the trip. “I felt love in so many ways during this trip, whether it be a hug when I walk into a room, receiving a homemade bracelet, a smile from a distance, or even reflecting with my group on how proud of each other we were.” She continued with an impact statement from the trip, “I have never felt so loved.”

Something that we always talk about and a question that is bound to run through the minds of students who come back from an ABST journey is “when can I go back?” That is not only a testament to the positive impact of the program but also direct proof of young people’s desire to serve others.

Emily DeStefano
Alpha Sigma Chapter

Leading Abroad

As a native of the Bahamas, the Beta Delta chapter’s current president Lashae Whyte never imagined herself to have this opportunity. She is the first person in her family to study abroad and describes coming to Middle Tennessee State University to study her passion, graphic design, as “an entire blessing.” President Lashae Whyte was initially drawn to Lambda Sigma as a way to achieve her greatest potential; she knew that fostering ideals of leadership, fellowship, scholarship, and service would serve her well in the future. After committing to our honors society, she understood that her talents would best serve the other members in a leadership role.

In addition to diligently leading our chapter of Lambda Sigma, Lashae is also Vice President of our school’s Caribbean Student Association. She helps encourage other students to broaden their cultural horizons as she has. Not only is she successfully balancing these two leadership roles, but she is also creating collaborations between the two groups. We have an upcoming collaboration called “CSA Tea Talk” where students have the opportunity to discuss current events and issues in a safe, productive environment. She is also a two-year member of the Four Kingdom Bible Study Ministry, which she uses as an additional outlet for passion and service.

Lashae is an excellent example of leadership because she balances school, work, a social life, and these other commitments, all while thriving in a completely foreign environment. When asked for any additional information, Lashae Whyte shared her own personal life motto: “I refuse to steal from the world things that only I, Lashae Shanique Whyte, can give.” She is certainly living up to this motto by consistently exceeding our expectations and adding unquantifiable value to our organization.

Mary Burst, Editor
Beta Delta 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 Pi Thriving in Second Year

From the moment the Beta Pi chapter members were given the opportunity to interview for membership last Spring, it was clear that one of our main goals as an organization would be to make ourselves more known on campus and serve as a voice and resource for our fellow second year students. We wanted to gain more insight into what other second year students outside of Lambda Sigma wanted from us as representatives of them, so we decided to hold a tailgate for second year students at JSU’s first home football game.

The tailgate not only gave us the opportunity to interview for membership right members were given the opportunity to fellowship, but it gave us a platform to spread the word about Lambda Sigma so that we will be more well known for potential new members.

There were many members of the Alvernia University community that volunteered to help out in a variety of positions. Members of the society volunteered right away to help however they could at the trick-or-treat night event. The event was a great way for the members of the society to interact with children of the surrounding communities as well as serve the university. Some Lambda Sigma Beta Mu members spoke out in regard to the event.

Some of the positions that members volunteered for were handing out candy, giving tours, escorting children, and running subject specific rooms. All participants had a ton of fun and represented the club in an amazing way. All of the members that weighed in said they can’t wait for the event to take place next year.

Ashleigh Crouch
Beta Pi Chapter

Beta Pi’s second year student tailgate featured food, fun, and games specifically for second year students. We ate, played giant Jenga, and spent time talking to our peers to learn what their wants and needs were as second year students at JSU. We offered an online survey for second year students to partake in to give us a better understanding of what they wanted to see improvement on involving campus life. When asked what a positive was about being a sophomore on campus a student wrote, “one positive is that you know what’s going on, but there isn’t as much excitement.” We are hopefully to create some new events next semester to create excitement for our fellow classmates. The tailgate not only gave us the opportunity to fellowship, but it gave us a platform to get our name on campus and spread the word about Lambda Sigma so that we will be more well known for potential new members.

Ashleigh Crouch
Beta Pi Chapter

Trick or Treat Night at Alvernia

Members of Lambda Sigma Beta Mu of Alvernia University volunteered on Wednesday, October 30, at Alvernia University for the annual Residence Hall Association (RHA) & National Residence Hall Honoray (NRHH) Trick or Treat Night. Children from the surrounding communities were welcomed into the university space for a safe night of trick-or-treating.

Serving underprivileged youth is the theme for Lambda Sigma’s service this year. Alvernia University is located within Reading, Pennsylvania. Reading is a city that has a high rate of poverty. With this, there are sadly many underprivileged youth in the area. Through Alvernia University’s RHA & NRHH, this event occurred to help alleviate the safety issues that accompany trick-or-treating in an unsafe environment. In all, about sixty children attended the event!

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Haley Macalush, a head of the public relations committee, said, “It was a life changing event. I had so much fun talking to the excited children and families. I can’t wait until next year!” Isabella Pizzo, secretary of the society, said, “I had a good time! It was great that we could do this for the children!” Brett Berger, treasurer of the society, said, “It was good to be able to give the local community a safe and fun Halloween!” Maggie Arnold, head of the public relations committee, said, “It was great to see all of the excited children who were able to trick-or-treat in a fun and safe environment. I believe that we all participated in this to bring joy to children that need it.”

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Nathan Snyder, Public Relations
Beta Mu Chapter
Linked by Pink

For one of our service events our fundraising committee came up with the idea to create bracelets and donate all proceeds to a local charity called Linked by Pink. Linked by Pink is a nonprofit organization in Erie, Pennsylvania, which aims to increase awareness of breast cancer and support patients and their families. This service event was held in October because it is known as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

The executive board members, including myself, showed the members how to create three different bracelet patterns during one of our general membership meetings, with the assistance of our advisor, Ms. Becki Leonard. These included knots, braids, and the four knotted friendship bracelets.

For each bracelet we added a breast cancer ribbon charm that said “Hope” and the colors for the bracelets were pink, blue, and white – which are the colors of breast cancer awareness, Lambda Sigma, and the Pennsylvania State University (our college).

Everyone had a lot of fun creating the bracelets. Some of our members even made keychains and got creative by making their own intricate patterns! We informed everyone about our fundraising event through our Instagram page as well as posters that our membership committee designed. We sold the bracelets from October 28 to November 1 for $1, $2, and $3, depending on the pattern of the bracelet. Within the first two days of fundraising we raised about $85! Creating bracelets for Linked by Pink was a memorable experience and we all felt very honored to support this organization.

Marissa Schneider, Secretary
Alpha Eta 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.

Getting Bigger (and Better!)

The Alpha Omega chapter at Westfield State University has a new look this year. With just under 50 members we are the biggest that we have been in a while. This means a lot of great people with a lot of great ideas are working together to make an impact in their community. The chapter from the previous year did a lot to help push Lambda Sigma forward in terms of social media presence, putting together resources, and building relationships for fundraisers and service projects. This year’s chapter wants to take that work and run with it to further advance Lambda Sigma, create more connections and do more for their community.

Their first couple of months have been spent on fundraisers and setting the groundwork for a variety of service opportunities to come. The biggest one is volunteering with Horizons for Homeless Children. Horizons is an organization that puts together playrooms in homeless shelters across Massachusetts and recruits volunteers to play with the children in those playrooms. Some of the Lambda Sigma members completed their orientation and are waiting anxiously for their background checks to be approved so they can volunteer and put a smile on a child's face.

The Alpha Omega chapter is spending a great deal of time helping the community but they have not forgotten about the campus community. The members took part in a “Positive Post-It Project.” Each member made a bunch of sticky notes with positive messages and put them up in the bathrooms around campus. Just something to cheer someone up, put a smile on their face, or give them a boost of confidence when they need it most... something that Lambda Sigma wants to continue to do no matter what the service project.

Bridget Madden, President
Elizabeth Hopkins, Historian
Alpha Omega Chapter
Kicking Off Service

Over the last couple months, the Alpha Iota Chapter has been volunteering for The Outreach Program of Soccer, or TOPSoccer. This is a community-based training and team placement program for young athletes with disabilities. Through TOPSoccer, players with mental or physical disabilities have the opportunity to come together as a team and play this beautiful game in a supervised environment.

TOPSoccer is coached by Kyle Townsend, a senior kinesiology major at Mississippi State University who has a deep passion in working with disabled children. Several Lambda Sigma members volunteer every Sunday at the local soccer fields in Starkville with this organization. We get to form relationships with each individual athlete and provide consistent support to the kids who come. Each Lambda Sigma member is assigned to one or two kids each practice. We make sure that they understand all the directions given to them by Coach Kyle and assist them in the warm-ups and drills during practice. We then split into two teams and play a scrimmage. This gives every player the opportunity to score a goal and celebrate. After the game everyone gathers together and enjoys snow cones and snacks to properly hydrate and refuel. This gives us the chance for us to meet and converse with their parents, along with getting to know the children on a personal level.

TOPSoccer has been and will continue to be one of our most rewarding experiences with Lambda Sigma. The game of soccer unites not only the players but the members of the chapter, too. We are blessed to be able to serve these young athletes and motivate them to excel in the great sport of soccer.

Reese Dunne, President
Alpha Iota 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/product/double-honor-cord/
or call (212) 255-3949

Service Activities Around the Country

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

- Pi Chapter at Auburn helped students deal with midterm exam stress by passing out bubble wrap to pop. The sounds of snapping bubbles could be heard all across the concourse during exam week!
- Members of Zeta Chapter at Muskingum hosted their annual Brewed Awakenings, an evening of coffee and games for students on campus. They even had a raffle for prizes, including a Keurig, on what was a very successful evening.
- Omicron Chapter members at Northern Illinois have stayed busy so far this year and again volunteered at the Chicago Marathon this fall. Members were up at 3:30 am and worked until 6:00 pm on a cold but rewarding day.
- Alpha Pi at Lawrence has been working hard to rebuild their chapter, and they are doing so while partnering with the Boys and Girls Club in town. They are also volunteering as ushers for the school’s convocation series to become more visible on campus.
- Alpha Psi members at Toledo started off quick this year, raising $600 at their philanthropy dinner. They plan to use this money to support children with diabetes in their community.
- Alpha Tau of Alabama has partnered with the University Medical Center’s Pediatrics Unit to provide goodie bags to patients and their families. These bags include books, toys, and other care items for the children.
- Members of the Epsilon Chapter at Allegheny participated in their school’s Make a Difference Day by going to the home of a local elderly couple to help clean up the yard around their home.
- Beta Lambda at North Carolina Pembroke assisted with a local shelter called My Refuge, where they assisted with putting up clothes and storing canned food for delivery. They also held a devotion for those at the center and helped pass out dinner to all.
- Beta Kappa members at George Mason are becoming more active after doubling their membership from last year. They recently walked and volunteered at the Walk to End HIV in Washington, D.C.
Upcoming Deadlines

January 31, 2020 Contact Person
Report on Rituals.................................Megan Adukaitis
Mid-Year Status Report.........................Neal Edman

March 1, 2020
Diamond Article #2..............................Tyler Henson

May 1, 2020
Scholarship Application.........................Ryan Upshaw

June 1, 2020
President’s Report..............................Neal Edman
Advisor’s Report
Treasurer’s Report
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