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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Tyler Henson

National President

Lambda Sigma Honor Society is founded on four pillars - leadership, scholarship, service, and fellowship. I love them all, but I have a soft spot in my heart for the leadership pillar because it is a subject I teach. One of the best features of Lambda Sigma is helping students develop their leadership skills early on, and for some students they learn their first lessons on leadership during their time in the organization. We all try to support that in any way that we can, from chapter advisors to the National Board. This fall we offered a leadership workshop for all Lambda Sigma members (special thanks to Joshua Robinson at Jacksonville State University for hosting!) and we hope to continue to do more in this area.

When recruiting for Lambda Sigma we ask chapters to judge leadership in their assessment of potential members. Of course that does not mean Lambda Sigma only accepts those who have leadership experience into their ranks; what we look for are those with leadership characteristics and potential. We look for traits that you cannot teach, like a positive attitude, respect for others, high work ethic, showing initiative, and the ability to problem-solve. With the right traits and skills, anyone can be taught how to be a leader--they just need the right direction and opportunities. Lambda Sigma can provide all of that.

It has been my absolute joy to follow up on past Lambda Sigma members from my chapter and others to see what they are doing years after they graduate. From my chapter I have seen once shy sophomores blossom into company executives, medical professionals, and teachers. I like to think that Lambda Sigma attributed to that success just a little bit, if nothing else by giving them opportunities early on to learn what it takes to be a leader.

In my leadership class that I teach every spring, my students reflect on their leadership journey so far, and many of them talk about their involvement while an undergraduate as a key starting point for them. There are many ways for students to get involved and become leaders, whether they are part of a fraternity or sorority, professional organization, or other honor society. I am always appreciative that students choose Lambda Sigma Honor Society to join for that starting point, and I genuinely believe that our organization offers a unique way for students to get involved and learn to be a leader. And Lambda Sigma would not be possible if we did not have a great network of chapter advisors and committed National Board members!

One of the other things I do in my class is quote great leaders, and there are a lot of good quotes out there on leadership. My personal approach to supporting Lambda Sigma is probably best encompassed by a quote from the great Ted Lasso, and while he is talking about soccer players the words are applicable to so many situations:

“For me, success is not about the wins and losses. It’s about helping these young fellas be the best versions of themselves on and off the field.”

In the end, Lambda Sigma’s success is measured by how we help our students, our future leaders, become the best versions of themselves!

National Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to the recipients of the 2023-2024 national scholarships! These individuals serve as great representatives of Lambda Sigma, and we are proud to recognize their many accomplishments. Each will receive a \$1,400 scholarship for their third year of college. The funding for these scholarships comes from the generous donations of the Lambda Sigma chapters and private donors, and many are named after individuals who made a lasting impact on Lambda Sigma.

- **John Yocca Scholarship** - honoring a 1987 scholarship recipient who passed away from Hodgkin's disease at age 20 that same year
- **Pat Watt Scholarship** - in memory of the founder of the Duquesne University chapter in 1968
- **Emily Taylor Scholarship** - honoring the long-time Dean of Women at the University of Kansas who was instrumental in chartering the Tau chapter in 1960
- **Thyrsa Amos Scholarship** - in memory of the former Dean of Women at the University of Pittsburgh who founded the forerunner of Lambda Sigma, the National Society of Cwens, in 1922
- **Jane Price Harmon Scholarship** - honoring the long-time president of Lambda Sigma

Alexandra Robinson Pittsburg State University *John Yocca Scholarship*

Alexandra is a junior at Pittsburg State University. She is majoring in biology and chemistry, with an emphasis in pre-medicine. She conducts research in the field of electrochemistry alongside Dr. Gupta and currently has two publications. Outside of academics, Alexandra is an umpire, tutor, and pitching coach. In her spare time, she likes to go on runs with friends, read, and paint. Recently, she was the president of the Omega chapter, which taught her how to quickly adapt and assess new responsibilities. Lambda Sigma's pillars deeply resonate with her, since she dedicates most of her time to her educational involvement. She is thankful to be a part of the society and to have received this scholarship.



Amber Ojuade Middle Tennessee State University *Pat Watt Scholarship*



Amber Ojuade is a nursing major and former president of the Beta Delta chapter at Middle Tennessee State University. An international student from Nigeria, Amber has thrived by embracing leadership and service opportunities on campus. Beyond Lambda Sigma, she serves as a Student Ambassador, representing MTSU at key events

and fostering connections with alumni and donors. Amber also supports other international students through the International Student Affairs Office, helping them navigate their transition to campus life. Passionate about helping people in need of critical care, she aspires to become an ICU nurse and plans to become a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist. Amber's collegiate journey reflects her dedication to leadership, service, and empowering others to achieve their goals.

National Scholarship Recipients

Lauren Janson Alvernia University *Thyrsa Amos Scholarship*

Lauren is a third-year occupational therapy major with a biology minor from Alvernia University. She aspires to earn her master's degree and specialize in pediatric occupational therapy. At Alvernia, Lauren is a peer tutor in the Academic Success Center, an orientation weekend leader, a member of



Side by Side and the Coalition of Occupational Therapy Advocates for Diversity. She also serves as the president of Circle K, secretary of the Student Occupational Therapy Association, and student leader of the Holleran Service Engagement Corps. She lives to serve and loves to serve, and hopes to continuously use her passion for volunteering to help other both within and outside of her community.

Alexis Sedlak Penn State Behrend *Emily Taylor Scholarship*

Alexis, a biology major, served as the vice president of the Alpha Eta chapter at Penn State Behrend. In addition to Lambda Sigma, she serves as the founder and vice president of the Behrend Strings Club, recruitment chair of Beta Beta Beta, public relations chair of the Outdoors Club, entertainment specialist for



the Lion Entertainment Board, and a tutor for biology and chemistry. After graduating, she plans to go to physician assistant school. Lambda Sigma has allowed her to accomplish great things, while meeting some amazing people along the way.

Kaitlyn O'Donnell University of Pittsburgh *Jane Price Harmon Scholarship*



Kaitlyn is a third-year in the nursing program at the University of Pittsburgh, obtaining her BSN, RN. She was one of 194 student accepted in the program out of over 3,700 applicants. After obtaining her BSN, she plans to continue her education at Pitt to become a nurse practitioner and

eventually own her own practice. In addition to Lambda Sigma, she is a member of the Nursing Student Association, the National Student Nurses' Association, Student Nurses Association of PA, the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. She works as a nursing assistant at a local hospital, as well as teaching swim lessons and babysitting over the summer.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO
EACH OF OUR
SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS!**

Every chapter is encouraged to nominate a member for the national scholarships. Scholarship applications for the 2024-2025 scholarships will be due May 1, 2025.

**[VIEW MORE INFORMATION AT
LAMBDA SIGMA.ORG/SCHOLARSHIPS](https://lambdasigma.org/scholarships)**

2023 - 2024

AWARDS & HONOR CHAPTERS

Chapter Awards

2023 - 2024 Honor Chapters

Lambda - Westminster College

Pi- Auburn University

Omega - Pittsburg State University

Alpha Delta - University of Southern Mississippi

Alpha Eta - Penn State Behrend

Alpha Iota - Mississippi State University

Beta Delta - Middle Tennessee State University

Beta Mu - Alvernia University

Outstanding Advisor

Malda Kocache

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Outstanding Chapter

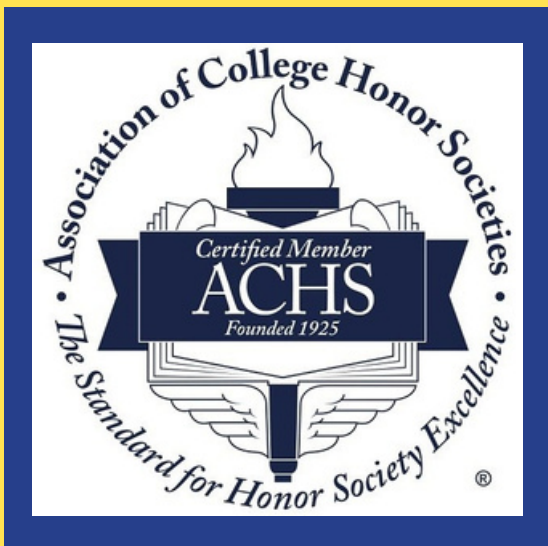
Alpha Delta

University of Southern Mississippi

DIVERSITY STATEMENT

Lambda Sigma Honor Society and the National Board stands by and affirms its commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion, and anti-racism. Diversity and inclusivity serve to enhance the potential for leadership and service by acknowledging the wide range of students within the institutions and their potential to contribute to the goals of the Society.

Lambda Sigma Honor Society does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national or ethnic origin, biological sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, age, disability, or veteran status in its membership, volunteer leadership, programs, and activities. Individual chapters will also not discriminate in their membership selection processes and should exhaust opportunities to engage in inclusive practices in all aspects of the chapter's recruitment, selection, and chapter activities.



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STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE SPOTLIGHT: IAN HERR



By Madelyn McClain

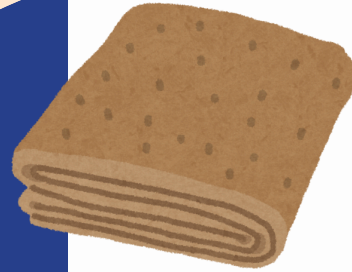
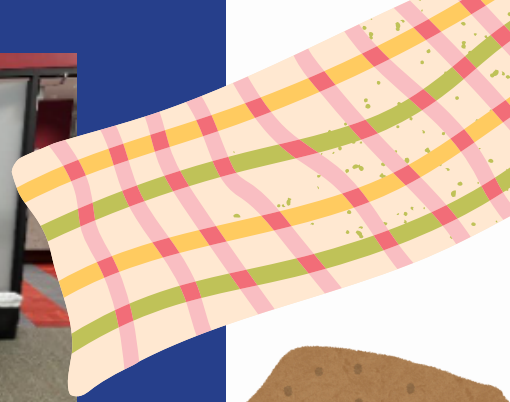
Lambda - Westminster college

Westminster College student Ian Herr took the initiative to get involved with Lambda Sigma during his sophomore year. Yet, his engagement with the organization did not stop there. Ian is a senior computer science major with a math minor. He serves as the president of the band and an associate trustee on the Westminster College Board of Trustees. However, most interestingly, he continues to be involved with Lambda Sigma as a national student representative.

When Ian was first recruited for Lambda Sigma, he was inspired to become a chapter president because of his experience with high school National Honor Society. He served as a chapter president while in high school and loved the incorporation of academics, community engagement, and leadership development. When he was elected president of the Lambda chapter at Westminster College for the 2022-2023 school year, he gained the opportunity to work alongside a very supportive executive board to make a change at the college and the surrounding community, while also developing life-long skills. He positively reflects on his experience as a chapter president, stating that his most valuable takeaways were becoming a better leader, learning how to collaborate with others, and managing time outside of academics. He also notes that this organization was a great way to become more involved on campus with students outside of one's major.

At the conclusion of the 2022-2023 school year, national representative and Lambda chapter co-advisor, Neal Edman, encouraged Ian to apply for a national student representative position. Ian took the initiative to apply for this position because he wanted to continue to help future chapters, both locally and nationally. Since becoming a national student representative, Ian has continued to improve his leadership and networking skills. He particularly enjoyed having the opportunity to meet the national board in person this past summer, and he loves being able to connect with all the chapter presidents to see what each campus is getting involved with.

As Ian prepares to graduate in the spring, his nearly three years of dedication to Lambda Sigma Honor Society do not go unnoticed. He strongly recommends the national student representative position to students who are seeking to further their experience with Lambda Sigma. His advice to all members of Lambda Sigma is, **"If you CAN believe, you CAN achieve. You only have a certain amount of time in Lambda Sigma, so make sure you use your time wisely."** Ian hopes that all students in Lambda Sigma will be able to find the value of becoming involved and making an impact in their communities. The Lambda chapter at Westminster College thanks Ian for his hard work and dedication to the Lambda Sigma Honor Society, and we are extremely grateful for the lasting impact he will leave on this organization.



PROJECT LINUS RECAP

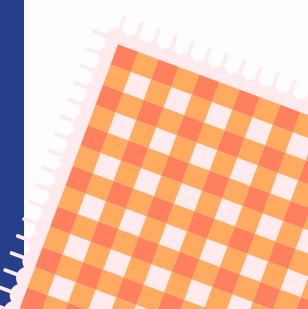
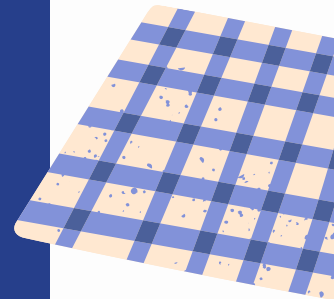
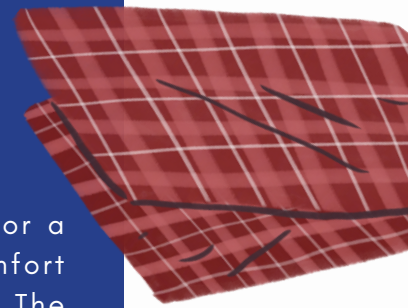
By Elizabeth Wasson

Alpha Tau - University of Alabama

At the University of Alabama, Lambda Sigma members recently gathered for a meeting dedicated to Project Linus, an organization that has brought comfort to countless children across the country through handmade blankets. The project originated when Karen Loucks, Project Linus' founder, read a touching article about a young girl named Laura, who was diagnosed with leukemia at just 3 years old. During her two-year fight with the disease, Laura found great comfort in a special blanket which she held close during her many hospital stays and treatments. This story touched Loucks so deeply that she decided to make and donate blankets herself, beginning with the children at Denver's Rocky Mountain Children's Cancer Center. Since its creation, Project Linus has grown and created chapters across the country that help create and distribute these cozy blankets to children in need, from hospitals and shelters to social service agencies and beyond.

At our Lambda Sigma meeting, members worked on creating their own blankets to donate to Project Linus. Our members got to work with a diverse mix of fabric colors and designs, ensuring each blanket was unique and also carried the warmth and care of the members who made it. Our conversations during the meeting included members discussing and understanding how impactful a simple, handmade gift can be to children undergoing difficult experiences and how important it is to help serve that community.

By participating in Project Linus, Lambda Sigma members not only get to contribute to a meaningful cause but also connect to the spirit of giving back, a core value of our society. The meeting helped our members understand the power of how small acts can create a feeling of support and positivity for those facing tough times not just in our Tuscaloosa community, but throughout communities all across the country.



CHI SUPPORTS THE LOUISIANA TECH SPECIAL OLYMPICS



*By Mary Valentine
Chi - Louisiana Tech*

Lambda Sigma Chi Chapter of Louisiana Tech had the privilege of combining with other organizations on campus to host the 2024 Louisiana Tech Special Olympics. The opportunity came about with the suggestion made by our President, Mary Valentine, and Vice President, Emma Istre, who are both involved in the Louisiana Tech Kinesiology Club. One of the goals for our chapter this year is to encourage that all members are involved in at least one other organization on campus. By doing so, we are able to promote the values of our chapter through other organizations on Tech's campus.

The Special Olympics this year took place on Friday, October 25th. Shifts included set up, welcome crew, the games, lunch, sendoff, and clean up. This event was the perfect opportunity for our members to gain service hours while working closely with each other and members of other organizations on our campus.

Participants in the Special Olympics came from several different elementary and middle schools from around the area. Several members in our chapter commented on how seeing the kid's faces light up with joy made them feel like they were truly making a lasting positive impact in their community. Not only were we able to represent Lambda Sigma values of service, but we were able to represent the pillars of leadership and fellowship as well. This is an event we hope to encourage future leaders of our chapter to continue on for years to come.



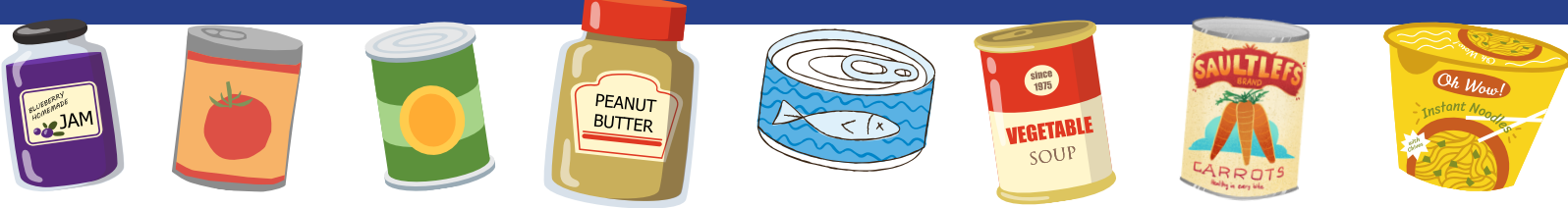
CONTINUING Tradition

By Havonna Finkley

Beta Lambda - University of North Carolina at Pembroke

In October 2024, the University of North Carolina at Pembroke held their annual Pembroke Day that is dedicated to the local community of Pembroke, NC. Our chapter, Beta Lambda, hosted a table for the event to meet members of our community and inform them of the Lambda Sigma. Members of Lambda Sigma volunteered to participate at this event and were able to meet and communicate with local supporters of UNCP. Our table handed out candy and fidgets to the visitors of our table, and we provided beautiful photo prop to be posted on our chapter Instagram page. We managed to make lasting connections with prominent members of our community while supporting those that also support us.





SERVING WITH PURPOSE

By Catherine Bolanos

Beta Pi - Jacksonville State University

The Beta Pi chapter of Lambda Sigma has had a productive semester, marked by a strong commitment to community involvement and member engagement. One of our organization's hallmarks is the active participation of members in various campus groups. Representing a diverse array of majors, our members are involved in sororities, fraternities, the Jacksonville State University Ambassadors, and many other organizations.

Members of Lambda Sigma excel at balancing their commitments, managing jobs, maintaining high academic standards, and staying dedicated to our mission. We unite to raise funds, collect goods, and spread positivity within our community.

One of the highlights of our service initiatives this semester was our canned food drive. As a chapter, we took on the challenge of collecting as many canned goods as possible to support the Gamecock Market. This on-campus resource assists students facing food insecurity by providing access to food they might otherwise lack. The Gamecock Market serves as a vital support system, ensuring that students can utilize these resources without feelings of guilt or shame.

At the conclusion of our drive, we were thrilled to have collected over 400 cans. This achievement exemplifies the impact we can make when we collaborate for the benefit of our peers and community.

While our canned food drive was underway, we simultaneously worked on another initiative. The chapter created and decorated sticky notes with inspirational messages, which we posted around campus. Messages included affirmations such as "I believe in you and am proud of you," "Good job on semi-finals!" and "You are worthy of love and happiness." This effort aimed to spread joy and encouragement, demonstrating that uplifting others is a source of personal fulfillment.

I take great pride in being part of an organization that prioritizes the well-being of those around us. We support one another in times of need, and it is common to exchange friendly smiles and greetings with fellow members across campus. Lambda Sigma embodies the principles of community, family, and belonging.

In summary, the Beta Pi chapter of Lambda Sigma has demonstrated its commitment to service and community this semester. Through initiatives like the canned food drive and inspirational outreach, we have fostered a spirit of collaboration and support among our members and the broader campus community. Our achievements reflect the dedication and hard work of our members, and we look forward to continuing our efforts to make a positive impact.



Linked by Pink



By Timofei Galitskii

Alpha Eta - Penn State Behrend

This fall, the Alpha Eta chapter of Lambda Sigma at Penn State Behrend organized an event aimed at Breast Cancer Awareness Month, underscoring its commitment to addressing a critical issue that impacts millions nationwide. The event is designed not only to raise money for donations but also to bring our community together. Our venture extended beyond simple fundraising; it aimed to increase attention, foster unity, and inspire collective action.

As our chapter prepared for the event, we dedicated time to crafting and promoting pink ribbons—a symbol of unity for most breast cancers sufferers and survivors. Each ribbon sale contributed at once to a specialized fund for breast cancer studies and affected person help, supplying monetary resources to agencies actively working to improve results for the ones impacted by the disorder.

The event preparations started out with a chapter meeting, throughout which the members of the society got together to cut the pink ribbons. This meeting was not only to prepare for the event and served as a possibility for connections development inside of our chapter, particularly because it marked the first great event organized by our chapter. By operating together on ribbon-making and planning, our participants developed more connections, along the way of uniting us in our shared purpose.

On the day of the event, we set up a table inside the main building of our campus, offering a comfortable location for students and faculty to purchase ribbons. Each ribbon offered the customer an opportunity to write down the name of a cherished one affected by breast cancer, including a deeply personal involvement to the occasion. Participants should then place their ribbon on a delegated wall alongside others, growing a developing display of collective help and remembrance for those impacted by the sickness.

The Alpha Eta chapter's commitment to Breast Cancer Awareness Month is going beyond the monetary contributions raised. Our energetic involvement reflects our willpower to construct a compassionate and engaged campus community, one that strives to make a positive impact. Through this initiative, we aim to foster a spirit of service.

In our small yet impactful way, the Alpha Eta chapter has shown that service is at the heart of Lambda Sigma, and we continue to be steadfast in our dedication to creating a distinction, one step at a time. This occasion exemplified the spirit of service and compassion that our society holds, as we attempt to raise awareness and support those affected by the vital problem.



ICE CREAM IS THE ANSWER

By Merrin Tommie

Pi - Auburn University

Lambda Sigma at Auburn University sure is sweet!

On September 29th, 2024 the Pi Chapter of Lambda Sigma joined with Auburn's Project Uplift to host an ice cream sundae party for children of the Boys and Girls Club of East Alabama. Project Uplift children and their college-aged mentors were able to come to the event held on Samford Hall's Lawn and have an afternoon of fun! Pi Chapter members served ice cream with lots of toppings for children to grab a sweet treat! They played games, ran around, and listened to happy music to soak up the sun on this beautiful day.

Our chapter greatly enjoyed collaborating with Project Uplift members to further their mission of ensuring the success of every young person who walks through their doors. They also seek to provide activities that demonstrate good character and citizenship. The Pi Chapter members stepped up to the challenge providing a great opportunity for everyone involved - and most definitely got beat by some fast little friends playing football! Great fun was had by all.



Launching

SERVICE

By Gabrielle Kelpis Rho - Thiel College



Our chapter launched off our service projects with aiding in our local backpack program. We paired up with a local school, Greenville Area School District, to aid students that are in need of free or reduced lunches. During the program, several of our members stuffed backpacks filled with food for these students in need. The backpacks contained around twenty different food items for the students to enjoy.

We also did our biannual roadside cleanup to help keep our local roads clean and uphold our environment. This event was a hit as our members filled up around ten bags of trash from just walking up and down roads in the town. Our chapter is excited to continue our service projects together throughout the rest of the year.

KEEPING UP WITH ALPHA DELTA

By Kaitlyn Padgett

Alpha Delta - University of Southern Mississippi

This semester has been off to a great start for the Alpha Delta chapter of Lambda Sigma. We started off the year hosting a game day button fundraiser as a way to add more funds into our account. Our members sold around 300 game day buttons! We are currently hosting a pet supply drive for the Southern Pines Animal Shelter that is local to Hattiesburg. We are collecting things such as toys, food, blankets, etc. for the animals housed at Southern Pines. These items will greatly benefit the shelter and help so many underprivileged animals.

Soon we will have a new advisor for the Alpha Delta Chapter. Her name is Hannah Scott Back. Hannah is the Coordinator of Fraternity and Sorority life here at the University of Southern Mississippi. She is a former member of Lambda Sigma Alpha Delta, and she is so excited to be taking on this new role as our advisor. She was involved in other organizations on campus such as Delta Gamma sorority, Southern Style, Baptist Student Union, and the Luckyday Scholars Program.

Many of our members in Lambda Sigma are doing amazing things on campus at USM. A majority of our members have recently been interviewing for the Eagle Connection and Southern Style team at USM, which is a group of students who serve as ambassadors for our campus. This is a highly selective process, so it is a great achievement to receive an interview from these organizations. Our members are also involved in Greek life, honors college, Luckyday, and so much more! The members of Alpha Delta are truly remarkable!



GRADUATION HONOR CORDS

Many chapters provide honor cords to their graduating seniors or make them available for purchase to be worn at graduation. Chapters should verify that these are approved to be worn at their institution's graduation ceremony. For purchasing inquiries, please contact:



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By The Diamond Committee
Beta Mu - Alvernia University

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Alvernia University's Beta Mu chapter started off the semester with bright eyes, holding our first official meeting in mid-September. Members got the chance to formally meet each other, learn more about the society, and start generating ideas for the chapter's future. Our chapter made the decision to split members into three committees, fundraising, the Diamond, and service. We believe this will allow for closer connections between committee members, and make our chapter run more smoothly.

In early October, members got the chance to create a banner to display at the university's homecoming, which provided a chance to channel some inner creativity while further strengthening the bond between chapter members. The banner was a bit bigger than anticipated, though our members had a fun time challenging themselves to fill in empty spaces and show some school spirit!

After reaching out to several organizations, the chapter secured its first service opportunity held on November 8th. Members assisted in a dinner service at Hope Rescue Mission, an organization that operates as a place of refuge for those experiencing homelessness in Berks County. Our members assisted with serving, cleaning, and socializing - further building a connection between Alvernia University and its community, while bringing awareness to the significance and impact of homelessness.

Despite it seeming like the semester started days ago, months seemed to have slipped by in the blink of an eye. Each member of our chapter has been hard at work within their respective majors, and within the society as well - planning, talking, anticipating. Overall, the Beta Mu chapter of Lambda Sigma is undeniably excited to see what the future has in store for us!

ALL ABOUT Alpha Iota

By Sadie Stevenson
Alpha Iota - Mississippi State University

Over the past semester, the Mississippi State University chapter of Lambda Sigma has made notable contributions to the community through service. Our chapter has had the privilege to have an impact on a multitude of community events and hear from amazing mentors about leadership, scholarship, fellowship, and service.

We have served in many events thus far. The first being the St. Jude fun run where we were able to break out into different areas throughout the course and cheer runners on. Next, we had the opportunity to host a table at the costume carnival hosted by the university where we passed out candy and encouraged children in the community. Lastly, we have attended our local community projects weekly. These projects include J.L. King, Habitat Restore, Starkville Strong, and West Point Animal Shelter. Each of these projects has not only given us the opportunity for amazing outreach, but they have also made our chapter members form close bonds with one another.

In our meetings, it has been our mission to implement at least one of our four pillars. By doing this, we do service projects such as creating plastic yarn blankets and packing goody bags. We also listened to two amazing speakers. Our speakers were Rodrick Holmes, the coordinator for the Montgomery Leadership program, and David Hoffman, the Director of Prestigious External Scholarships. Mr. Holmes explained the importance of being a trustworthy leader and encouraged us to fellowship with one another intentionally. Mr. Hoffman gave us an insight on each of the scholarships made available to us during our time in college and showed us how to prepare for them.

It has already been such an incredible year full of growth for the Alpha Iota chapter, and we have major plans for the Spring semester. As the spring semester kicks into high gear, Alpha Iota plans to make a meaningful impact in the Starkville community. With a lineup of exciting projects and events, the organization aims to uplift local residents in any way we can.

ALPHA PSI

Achievements & Successes

By Grant Clay

Alpha Psi- University of Toledo

Over the course of the first semester of the 2024-2025 school year, the University of Toledo Lambda Sigma (Alpha Psi Chapter) had many exciting events that were a mix of team building and service to make sure that we were creating a positive campus environment.

Oct. 7th: As the first general body meeting after the initial welcoming, members of the chapter participating in a pumpkin painting contest in order to build relationships and break the ice while we talked about what the rest of the semester had to offer.

Oct. 19th: Bridge, a student-run non profit which is also the largest student organization, hosted a weekend worth of events all to help the less fortunate that are living in downtown Toledo. On 10/17, members loaded donated clothes onto a Goodwill truck that were then moved downtown. On 10/18, members helped prepare two times the amount of normal lunches, which totaled up to 200. On 10/19, members helped at the kids tent which was the cookie making and face painting tent. Overall, it was a very successful weekend serving our city and having fun!

Nov. 4th: Members made uplifting cards and sent them to nearby retirement home members to lift spirits. This was a good team building activity, but also built the image of the University of Toledo by working with different demographics within our community.

Nov. 20th: Our members worked to sell apple cider and doughnuts to support local charities in the greater Toledo area.

Dec. 2nd: Members decorated holiday cookies to promote group bonding at the end of the semester to keep relationships high as we move into break and the Spring 2025 semester.



Mission Statement

Lambda Sigma Honor Society, a national honor society for second-year undergraduate students, is dedicated to the purpose of fostering leadership, scholarship, fellowship, and service. Our mission is to enable members to realize their fullest potential by connecting individual achievement with a life-long commitment to serving others while promoting and advancing the goals and interests of the colleges and universities they represent.

October Highlights: Events that Made the Month

By Kyra Ippolito

Beta Delta - Middle Tennessee State University



As the leaves turned vibrant shades of orange and gold this October, our organization welcomed an incredible opportunity to strengthen our community ties and foster camaraderie among our members. This semester marked the first time we could meet all our members face-to-face, and we could not be more thrilled about the amazing group we have.

In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, our community service chair, Jaylah Whittaker, took the lead in organizing a meaningful drive for patients at St. Thomas Hospital. This initiative was not only a way to raise awareness but also to provide comfort to those battling breast cancer. Members of our group came together to set up a tabling event, enthusiastically collecting a variety of cozy items for donation. We filled a large box with blankets, fuzzy socks, Chapstick, and heartfelt cards, each carrying messages of hope and support.

Jaylah, along with a few dedicated members, personally delivered these donations to St. Thomas Hospital. This outreach allows us to connect directly with patients, engage in conversations, and offer a little warmth during a challenging time.

On October 25th, we held our first social event, a celebration of our members and Halloween. This gathering provided a perfect opportunity for everyone to relax, mingle, and share ideas about our plans for the upcoming months. Amid laughter and lively conversations, we carved pumpkins and held a costume contest, turning the evening into a fun and festive occasion. The sense of community was palpable, reminding us of the importance of connection and support within our group.

As we look ahead, we are filled with excitement about what the future holds. The experiences we shared in October have laid a strong foundation for collaboration and community service. We are eager to explore more initiatives, strengthen our bonds, and make a positive impact in the lives of others.





Ghouly Good Time for Halloween

By Amelia Shaffstall Zeta - Muskingum University

Muskingum University's Zeta chapter of Lambda Sigma has been busy focusing on service and outreach projects this semester. We have formed three different committees that are led by different members of our executive board and respectively focus on fundraising, service, and campus outreach. An event for the campus outreach committee was held October 30th partnering with the Muskingum University Game Club.

This spooky game night was open to Lambda Sigma and Game Club members and all campus students. The event hosted a costume contest with winning prizes. A little more than half the attendees arrived in costume. The winning costume, Jessica Rabbit, received a plush Halloween-



themed blanket. Snacks and cider punch were provided. Spooky themed board and card games were the entertainment. Everyone enjoyed group social deception games like *Who's The Werewolf*, *Cards Against Humanity*, and *Mysterium*. The room was decorated with fall and Halloween decorations to create a festive space and to perk up the school environment.

One goal of the event was to promote Lambda Sigma and provide students with a fun study break during the mid-semester crunch. Another goal was to provide a social mingle for all students to get to know Lambda Sigma and Game Club members. We intended to provide a safe, fun, festive event where newer students might make new friends. Partnering with another club was a huge success. We have decided to look for more opportunities to partner with other clubs and student organizations.

Common Roots Halloween Party!

By Madison Hulse Epsilon - Allegheny College

The weekend before Halloween, our chapter partnered with Commons Roots, an organization working towards creating affordable housing in the city of Meadville, PA, to throw a Halloween party for kids in the community. We agreed to help raise money for the supplies needed, so prior to the party we planned to raise money through a bake sale that we hosted on campus. With the help of some of our members we baked cookies and had angel food cake to sell. With the bake sale alone, we ended up meeting our goal and raising \$100 to give to Common Roots for supplies. With this money they were able to cover the cost of pumpkins for painting, face paint, cookies, and apple cider for the party. Some of our members were able to attend the event as well and help out with setting up the party as well as with the face and pumpkin painting. The party had a great turn out and the kids seemed to really enjoy it! Events like this are super fun to help plan and be a part of because it brings people together in our community, which is a big value of Lambda Sigma. In the future we hope to continue to take part in thing like this in the community, for example we have discussed doing a Service Saturday together, which will allow us to take part in a project that helps people in the community!



STAR-STUDDED

Diamonds

By Briana Duckworth
Omicron - Northern Illinois University

Greetings from Northern Illinois University! We are the Omicron chapter of the Lambda Sigma National Sophomore Honors Society! Our chapter focuses on uplifting our students throughout our campus and volunteering. We find it very important to uphold leadership and fellowship throughout our campus. Throughout the semester we have gathered as a collegiate group to motivate college students to join honors programs. We have held several events this semester like our bowling event where we came together to get to know and spend time with each other. Our President Briana Duckworth does a great job putting events together on campus and engaging with the students on campus.

During our founders month we will be partaking in several different activities such as our pinning ceremony where all of our members will be receiving their pins and volunteering at our campus's local food pantry. Fundraising is something we also find very important. We host pop ups where we sell snacks and other goodies to students on campus. We also host study tables open to the public for all students to come and study with the Diamonds. Our junior advisor Alivia Parker does a great job guiding us on how we should uphold our values through our events that we host and gives great insight on the importance of leadership and fellowship.

Our adviser Connie Storey is also a great help guiding us on how to draw more engagement to our organization. Throughout the semester we have learned how to lead and bring exposure to our organization. We hold events for new coming freshmen to motivate them to have good grades so they can join collegiate groups such as our own and as a whole it has helped our whole chapter learn how to be more active and proud to be a Diamond on our campus. We want to give a special thanks to all of our administrators and advisors on campus that have let us hold events and programs for all students on campus and help us shine bright like diamonds.



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A Closer Look at the Beta Kappa Chapter at George Mason University

By Cristian Puerto

Beta Kappa - George Mason University



The Beta Kappa Chapter, here at George Mason University, has been at work promoting student involvement, academic success, and community service. We mainly promote these three aspects since they are essential to developing a student organization that can and will make an impact on the community, as well as the students here at George Mason University. Throughout the start of the semester, we have had meetings to form and act upon plans in which we can make a difference. For October, we did a Sock Drive, in which we set up a kiosk and accepted donations both from members of the Beta Kappa Chapter, as well as any students who wanted to. We obtained a large amount of sock donations in which we will donate to a shelter here in Fairfax, Virginia. The Lamb Center is the shelter we will be donating to here in Fairfax, and it is a shelter that collects donations in order to help individuals and families that are experiencing homelessness. Through our promotion of our key values and goals, we were able to help people directly and indirectly, as well as form greater bonds with other members, which is a win-win for all at the end of the day. Throughout the following months, we are planning to either perform another act of community service or organize a fundraising event to raise funds for the next semester's endeavors. None of this could be achieved if it weren't for the help of all the members within the Beta Kappa Chapter here at George Mason University, so I am very grateful I get to make a change with such an amazing group. I would also like to thank our advisor, Malda Kocache, for always being a reliable source of information, thoughts, ideas, and everything in between. I am looking forward to the upcoming events within the Beta Kappa Chapter, as well as the following semester. **You can't make change without a purpose. What is your purpose?**

THE IMPORTANCE OF

Positivity

By Colin Hite

Omega - Pittsburg State University

Brody Kannarr is the Vice President of the Omega Chapter at Pitt State University. Brody wanted this position as leadership and service are two important aspects of his character. He feels that Lambda Sigma was a perfect opportunity for him to grow in both qualities. Another way Brody has worked to develop his leadership and service is by being an active member in Natural Ties, an organization dedicated to fostering relationships and doing activities with special needs adults. Some of his favorite college memories have been brought about by his experiences at Natural Ties. His favorite memory was getting the opportunity to participate in the Halloween party. All the members of this club got to dress up in their Halloween costume and show them off to the students of Pitt State. Brody is an example of Lambda Sigma students wanting to be involved and make change in peoples lives.

The Omega Chapter of Lambda Sigma at Pitt State has held multiple meeting and service projects with the idea of brightening campus. One service project they took part in was painting positive messages on rocks and spreading them throughout campus during the time of midterms with hope in helping people get through their day. Another service project they have taken part in is participating in the local Trunk-or-Treat. This gives the local kids a safe and easy option for trick or treating. Lambda Sigma members at Pitt State are a great example of doing their part in making the world brighter in whatever ways they can.

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