OMEGA GAZETTE
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panhellenic council (PC)

Wow! Another year for the books! This year was definitely a learning experience for the Panhellenic Council as we implemented a new structure and programs. Recently, our Director of Service, Emily Rausch, jumped into her position quickly and implemented a fantastic Greeks Give during Greek Week! The Greeks who volunteered were enthusiastic and quick, and filled bags of snacks for Habitat for Humanity volunteers in under an hour! Brooke Anderson, Director of Greek Relations, also ended off the month with an 80s roller skating mixer for Panhellenic women. The ladies had a great time mixing and moving to the beat. Bailey Shupe, our Director of Scholarship, was also hard at work putting together scholarships for Panhellenic women and going through each of the applications from our outstanding new members.

Throughout the year, we saw where our strengths and weaknesses were, but we are taking what we learned to transition in the new council! We had an outstanding pool of applicants for our officer elections and I have no doubt the officers selected will be able to push our council forward next year.

In conclusion, I want to thank all of you who continue supporting the Panhellenic Council. Because of your help, we are able to develop the women in our community and bring them together to form friendships and memories. I have been blessed to have the opportunity to lead the Panhellenic Council this year, and I am so excited to see what is in store for Panhellenic. This is Jenny Nguyen, signing off!

multicultural greek council (MGC)

The Multicultural Greek Council has now hit the straightaway on the track this semester. MGC was proud to host a successful Walk Off Your Insecurities event during Wichita State’s Greek Week. I was very fortunate to have met some of the WSU students that partook in this event to discuss our insecurities, strengths and goals. It was definitely a great learning experience and something I will never forget. We also had our fundraiser at Buffalo Wild Wings on November 14th, and I would like to thank all the people that supported us that day.

We are already underway planning for next semester and couldn’t be more excited. Sweet Celebration and our next informational will be coming back in the Spring, as well as Step Show! Finally, I am proud to say that MGC will be transitioning to a new executive board by the end of this semester. I couldn’t be more proud of my executive team on all the things we were able to accomplish, but now it’s time to grow new leaders and to bring fresh ideas to the table. I am so proud of this council and I only wish for its continued growth and success.

interfraternity council (IFC)

Hello Shockers! As 2016 comes to an end, so do the terms of the Interfraternity Executive Council. As I look back over the year, I see that IFC did some really super awesome stuff, and I would like to publicly thank all of the IFC Exec Members for it! We held our highly successful traditional service events, such as the IFC Neighborhood Clean-Up and Walk-A-Mile, and even started a new tradition of Sexual Assault Prevention Awareness Week, thanks to the dedicated work of Service Chair Luke Mohr. Thanks to the concentrated genius of Public Relations Chair Dane Laughlin, we all were able to gather together and have a good time at All Greek Volleyball. One of my personal favorite events of the year, was our Rageball Tournament, which all the credit for its organization and success, as well as fun times at the All Greek Mixer, goes to Greek Relations Chair Ryan Siebuhr. Thanks to James DiLollo, the handsome Administrative Chair, we had an amazing budget that funded all our projects without making IFC broke, and we also had exciting minutes recorded for all of our meetings. On top of all of the successful events, IFC had one of our best years of recruitment to date, and that directly correlates to our motivated and impactful Recruitment Chair Carl Schmidt. Last but not least, is Vice President Josh Chase, he didn’t do anything, but thanks anyway Josh! Just kidding, during the semester he charmingly dished out Intramural bans and made a benchmarking project that would knock your socks off! Lastly, I would like to congratulate the newly elected IFC Exec Members and wish them the best of luck! Welp, this is my last one of these, so peace out Greek Life!
ORDER OF OMEGA

Order of Omega is excited to finish this semester strong. Thank you to all the Greeks and Faculty/Staff who attended our Faculty Appreciation Luncheon during Greek Week. We will be hosting a fundraiser at the Il Vicino at Bradley Fair all day Thursday, Dec 8 to help raise funds for the Outstanding Junior Scholarship which will be awarded at Greek Awards. Please remember to mention you are, “dining to donate” for 20% of the purchase to go to a good cause. Lastly, we would love to introduce our executive board for 2017. Rachael Embrey will be serving as our President, Samantha Stinson as our Vice President, Joshua Chase as our treasurer, Julie Nolte as our Secretary and Jamillah Sleiman as our Public Relations Chairman. Be sure to come out to our events as we wrap up the year. We wish everyone happy holidays and a safe winter break!

NEW MEMBER GREEK COUNCIL (NMGC)

As the semester comes to an end, I would like to thank the Greek community for all of the support our council has received. Last Monday, during Greek Week, we had the opportunity to raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. With the help of the Greek community, our annual Jail and Bail event was record breaking! We set a goal of $250 and after counting it all up, our grand total was $360, shattering what was raised in years past. We can’t wait for our new members to present the check to the MDA next semester and once again we would like to thank everyone that came out!

For the month of December, we have two more events for everyone to attend. December 2 we will be hosting a holiday party with games, hot chocolate and more. Finally, we look forward to welcoming and transitioning our new members on the council and we thank the community for making our time on the council great. We hope you all have a great few final weeks of classes and a very happy holiday break!

member highlight

Vanessa is a senior here at Wichita State studying sports management. She will graduate in the Spring and intends to become a high school athletic director. Vanessa is the intramural chairwoman for G Phi and she has helped lead our sorority to much success in these competitions. In her free time she enjoys crafting, listening to music and playing soccer. A fun fact about Vanessa is that she had to have open-heart surgery when she was 6 months old.

Vanessa Campos, Gamma Phi Beta
Fraternity and Sorority Life would like to start out by thanking all the council and chapter officers for all their hard work and dedication they have put in to making 2016 another successful year here at Wichita State University. In addition to our officers, we would also like to give a special shout out to our two newest members of the team, Shamiece and Kylie, for all the work they put into organizing records, facilitating programs, and marketing for our Fraternity and Sorority Life community.

This year we have seen a substantial increase from the students coming to Wichita State University who want to join a chapter. As we move into 2016 retention will continue to be a high priority for the office and for individual chapter advisors. In the spring semester we will be alternating our New Member Greek Council program from a year commitment to a ten week emerging leader program where students will still gain valuable skills in leadership and event management through committee work and focusing on the common read book “Start Something That Matters.” We have also split the HiStory Men’s Retreat and Kallistei Women’s Retreat from Greek Retreat and those two programs will be offered independently for our fraternity men to explore men and masculinity and for our sorority women to explore wellness and empowerment in leadership. Registration will open for those retreats when students return in the spring semester on January 17, at wichita.edu/greeklife.

As we look to next year, we are very excited to celebrate the accomplishments of our Greeks on February 27, at the Annual Greek Awards Ceremony. All chapter and individual award applications are due to greeklife@wichita.edu by Friday, December 16 at noon. When we return in the spring chapter presentations will take place on Saturday, January 28, and interviews will take place on Monday, January 30, and Tuesday, January 31. Additionally, chapter and council elections have concluded and we are looking forward to working with the new council and chapter officers that were elected this November and having the opportunity to see the impact they will have during the 2017 year. As our community, programs, and initiatives continue to grow and evolve, we anticipate chapter members to continue to be positively impacted by the Wichita State “Greek Experience.”

As we conclude another year, from our office we would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season. See you in 2017!
Congratulations to the Man and Woman of the Year winners, Ashwin Govindarajan and Jenny Nguyen!

**Man & Woman of the Year**

**WSU Men's Basketball Pick-Up Dates**

**Pickup Date -- Opponent (Game Date)**

- Monday, Oct. 31 – Augusta University (Nov. 5)
- Monday, Nov. 7 – South Carolina St. (Nov. 11), Long Beach St. (Nov. 13)
- Wednesday, Nov. 9 – Tulsa (Nov. 16)
- Tuesday, Nov. 15 – Maryland-Eastern Shore (Nov. 20)
- Monday, Nov. 21 – So. Nazarene (Nov. 29)
- Wednesday, Nov. 30 – Saint Louis (Dec. 6)
- Friday, Dec. 9 – Oklahoma St. (Dec. 17 at INTRUST Bank Arena)
- Thursday, Dec. 15 – South Dakota St. (Dec. 22)
- Friday, Dec. 23 – Bradley (Jan. 1) – Shocker Ticket Office & Bookstore Only
- Friday, Dec. 30 – Drake (Jan. 4) – Shocker Ticket Office & Bookstore Only
- Thursday, Jan. 5 – Loyola (Jan. 11)
- Monday, Jan. 16 – Indiana St. (Jan. 21)
- Wednesday, Jan. 18 – So. Illinois (Jan. 24)
- Monday, Jan. 30 – Illinois St. (Feb. 4)
- Thursday, Feb. 2 – Missouri St. (Feb. 9)
- Monday, Feb. 13 – No. Iowa (Feb. 18)
- Wednesday, Feb. 15 – Evansville (Feb. 21)
This year Shocktoberfest was filled with both new and traditional events that the Greeks here at Wichita State participated and competed in, all celebrating the “Spirit of Wu.” Saturday and Sunday was filled with two traditional events; the Pumpkin Run, hosted by Campus Recreation, and Trunk or Treat, hosted by the Student Activities Council. Then on Monday chapters helped Wu celebrate his birthday at Wu’s Birthday Bash. Greeks made birthday cards for Wu and enjoyed birthday cake, music, games and a photo booth. On Tuesday, the Student Activities Council hosted a dodgeball tournament where Delta Delta Delta and Beta Theta Pi took first place out of all the teams that competed. Halfway through the week the Community Service Board hosted their annual Hunger Games competition where groups had to build sculptures made out of the food, hygiene, and water donations made to the community. Overall Gamma Phi Beta received second place and Delta Delta Delta received third place. Thursday morning chapter members were able to attend Breakfast with Bardo to enjoy brunch and to recognize the finalists for Man and Woman of the Year. Friday Student Health Services hosted Big Pink Volleyball and then on Saturday we concluded with Songfest. Congratulations to Delta Delta Delta, the Multicultural Greek Council, and Phi Delta Theta for taking home First Place in Songfest and to Delta Delta Delta, the Multicultural Greek Council, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon for winning the overall First Place award for Shocktoberfest.
Each year, Fraternity and Sorority Life takes the opportunity to promote the community and bring more awareness to how the Greeks positively impact the campus and greater Wichita community. This year, chapters took part in numerous events and activities to impact the community and spread the awareness of Fraternity and Sorority Life. This year, Greek Week was kicked-off by New Member Greek Council’s Jail-N-Bail event to raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. This year the new members gave Greeks the option to keep Lyston and Chad in jail or help them out by donating money to bail them out of jail. Additionally, they had a competition amongst the councils to see who would raise the most money. New Member Greek Council went above and beyond their goal this year and more than doubled the amount of money the council raised last year.

On Tuesday, the Panhellenic Council highlighted the pillar of service by hosting Greeks Give at Delta Gamma. Members of the Greek community had the opportunity to build snack baskets for the volunteers of Habitat for Humanity. As the week continued, the Multicultural Greek Council hosted their annual Walk Off Your Insecurities philanthropy event. The council’s philanthropy initiative is the Positive Pathways Program, so to promote positivity the participants had to write insecurities visibly on their body. Then they had the opportunity to hear from SGA President, Joseph Shepard, about his personal struggles and motivation to affect positive change. The event concluded with a walk and social where Greeks were able to share their personal stories and hardships with members of different chapters.

On Thursday, the Interfraternity Council hosted a Rageball Tournament at Wichita Sports Forum and the winning fraternity and sorority teams each received a $1,000 donation to their philanthropies. To cap off the week, Order of Omega hosted a Faculty Appreciation Luncheon for Greeks to connect with faculty and staff that support and influence the Fraternity and Sorority Life community here at Wichita State. Thank you to all the Greeks that took part in living the values of our community during Greek Week and showing the students of Wichita State University what Fraternity and Sorority Life ultimately stands for.
Andrew Mai is an outstanding new member from Fall 2016. He is a Junior majoring in Environmental Biology. In his free time, he enjoys writing original music. He is passionate about Diversity and Inclusion. He volunteers as an Ambassador for the office of Diversity and Inclusion and is a mentor for the Multicultural Student Mentoring Program (MSMP), which advocates for underrepresented students. Within Lambda Chi Alpha, Andrew has taken on great responsibility by becoming the chapter’s social chair. Holding a position of leadership has allowed Andrew to positively impact Lambda Chi Alpha in his short tenure as a member.
2017 INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE BOARD

President: Dane Laughlin, Sigma Phi Epsilon
Vice President: Ryan Siebuhr, Phi Delta Theta
Administrative Chair: Brayden Hosman, Phi Delta Theta
Recruitment Chair: Harley Hower, Phi Delta Theta
Public Relations Chair: Clayton Baughn, Beta Theta Pi
Greek Relations Chair: Chris Thiel, Sigma Phi Epsilon
Service Chair: Anthony Mai, Phi Delta Theta

2017 MULTICULTURAL GREEK COUNCIL EXECUTIVE BOARD

President: Kent Dang, Chi Sigma Tau
Vice President of Programming: Abel Barraza, Sigma Lambda Beta
Vice President of Administration: Alexis Hernandez, Kappa Delta Chi
Greek Relations Chair: Elizabeth de Santiago, Kappa Delta Chi
Public Relations Chair: Tommy Ong, Chi Sigma Tau
Step Show Executive: Samantha Tran, Sigma Psi Zeta
Step Show Executive: Josh Villa, Sigma Lambda Beta

2017 PANHELLENIC COUNCIL EXECUTIVE BOARD

President: Erin Kirchoff, Kappa Kappa Gamma
Vice President of Judicial Affairs: Alexis Thuston, Delta Gamma
Vice-President of Finance: Aleyah Murray, Alpha Phi
Vice-President of Recruitment: Carlie Hurst, Gamma Phi Beta
Director of Scholarship: Rachael Embrey, Alpha Phi
Director of Greek Relations: Tajahnae Stocker, Delta Gamma
Director of Service: Samantha Howell, Delta Gamma
Lambda Chi Alpha

There is a lot to be thankful for this November at Lambda Chi Alpha. As we look towards the end of the year, our philanthropy has started to play a major part in our everyday operations. Feeding America is our passion and you will see several of the brothers Caroling for Cans as we raise food and money for the Kansas Food Bank. Additionally, we had our 4th annual Fratsgiving in which we share each other’s company and favorite Thanksgiving dish.

Delta Delta Delta

November was quite a busy month for Delta Delta Delta. We started the month by initiating 30 amazing women into our chapter. We ended the month by celebrating Founder’s Day and 128 years of sisterhood! Throughout the month, we supported other Greeks by attending their philanthropy events. We attended the Miss Black and Gold Pageant and supported our sister Holly as she competed for the crown. The most exciting part of our month was choosing our new officer positions for 2017! We’re looking forward to seeing what all these new officers can bring to our chapter!

Gamma Phi Beta

November allowed the members of Gamma Phi Beta to be truly thankful for the many blessings we have. We celebrated the initiation of 29 new sisters into our chapter with a week filled with sisterhood activities. Activities were based around our four core values of love, labor, learning, and loyalty. Our annual friendsgiving event allowed our sisters to enjoy a Thanksgiving-styled feast all the while enjoying each other’s company. We were able to end our I-Week events with our big/little reveal. Our semester is winding down and with finals lingering around the corner, our sisters are gearing up to tackle our final tasks. We’ll celebrate the close of our semester with a Christmas party as well as a holiday inspired date party.
Chi Sigma Tau

The brothers of Chi Sigma Tau have been very busy during the past few weeks! First, was our National Convention which took place on November 5th. Our brothers had a great time participating in discussions, workshops, as well as bonding with the many brothers from different chapters. This year, the brothers of Epsilon Chapter were awarded “Chapter of the Year” by the Chi Sigma Tau National Board, for our hard work and dedication over the past year. This is a very large accomplishment for us as we are able to represent Wichita State at a National Level. We also hosted our annual Stroll For Tomorrow event where multiple Greek Organizations, locally as well as out of town, came to compete for a Cash Prize of $500, and we would like to once again congratulate Wichita State’s own Kappa Delta Chi for winning first place! We were able to reach our ultimate goal and will be donating all proceeds from the event to the Alzheimer’s Association.

Alpha Phi

Change is good. This year, the ladies of Alpha Phi changed their annual Red Dress Gala to an upscale brunch at Crestview Country Club. This philanthropy event was a huge success. Over $12,000 for the Alpha Phi Foundation was raised. Thank you to all those who attended! The Phis are ready to finish this semester strong and are excited for the changes that are to come with the newly elected chapter officers.

Delta Upsilon

The Men of Delta Upsilon are pleased to announce the induction of ten new members into our Fraternity! We are thrilled and honored to aid in building them into better men through their journey during college. We can’t believe this semester is coming to a close and we are preparing for the upcoming officer elections. We wish everyone the very best for the end of the year!
Sigma Psi Zeta Sorority, Inc

November was a busy month as the sisters of Sigma Psi Zeta partook in the many events that Greek Week had to offer. We also collaborated with SGA to table for the Clothesline Project, which raised awareness for violence against women. Our biggest feat this month, however, was preparing for the reveal (probate) and installations of our most newest and passionate members! Our new Epsilon class of eight strong, independent, and dedicated ladies are excited to contribute to the charter and community, and we know they will do great things. They were installed along with our Delta class. As this semester comes to an end, we will be having our annual sisterhood retreat in December and work towards creating an even more successful semester in the spring. Look out for us on campus!

Sigma Phi Epsilon

The men of Sigma Phi Epsilon have just wrapped up the busiest part of their semester these past few weeks. As the bulk of our semester programming lies in November, there was constantly something to look forward to. November 18th-19th, we hosted our 8th annual Zach Mesch Chili Feed at SigEp. Partnered with the ladies of Delta Gamma it turned out to be a very successful event. With many different ways to get involved, brothers had to reach out to local businesses to help fundraise, plan and implement effective marketing strategies for the event, and work operations logistics. All proceeds went directly to the Zach’s Wishes for Miracles Foundation, which helps young adults fighting life-threatening diseases.
Save The Date!

2016 Greek Awards

Monday, February 27, 2017

Reception starts at 5:00 p.m.
Awards Ceremony starts at 6:00 p.m.
UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

12/1: Kappa Delta Chi’s New Member Presentation, 7 p.m./ CAC theater
12/4: Alpha Phi Alpha New Member Presentation, 7:06 p.m., Beggs Ballroom
12/5 - 10: Finals Frenzy
12/6: Sigma Lambda Beta New Member Presentation, 8:06 p.m., CAC Theater
12/8: Chi Sigma Tau New Member Presentation, 7 p.m., CAC Theater
12/8: Douglas Annual Order of Omega Il Vicino Fundraiser
12/9: Study Day, No Classes
12/10 - 15: Final Exams
12/16: Greek Awards Applications Due

JANUARY

1/6: Calendar Submissions Due
1/11: SI Leaders Retreat, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., TBD
1/13: Greek Council Retreat, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
1/17: Meet the Greeks, 6-8 p.m., Shocker Grill and Lanes
1/19: MGC Sweet Celebration, RSC 1st Floor
1/20: Order of Omega Applications Due
1/21: Presidents & Advisors Training, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., RSC 233

COUNCIL MEETINGS...

IFC
Tuesdays
4-5:30 p.m.
RSC 202

MGC
Mondays
3:30-5 p.m.
RSC 202

PC
Fridays
2:15-3:45 p.m.
RSC 202

NMGC
Mondays (bi-weekly)
1-2:30 p.m.
RSC 266