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PANHELLENIC COUNCIL (PC)

The Panhellenic Council has been off to a busy start so far this semester. First, we had three officers attend the Association of Fraternal Leadership and Values Central Conference. Myself, the Vice President of Judicial Affairs and the Director of Greek Relations all gained many new ideas to bring back to our community and hopefully you will see them implemented soon. We also held our annual Scholarship Celebration for the first time in the Beggs Ballroom. The entire ballroom was decorated in the theme of Tiffany and Co. We had Sandy Sipes as a keynote speaker and all of the individuals who received 4.0s were recognized. Chapters also had the opportunity to recognize some other outstanding academic achievements by their members that ranged from best big and little GPA, cumulative GPA over 3.5 and most improved GPA. It was wonderful to see all of the chapters represented there and our Director of Scholarship did an amazing job of planning the event. Lastly, we hosted the monthly Wichita Area Panhellenic meeting in the RSC. We normally have one representative attend their meetings but since it was on campus we had four of the officers attend. I gave them a short presentation of what our council has done so far and a couple of updates. I look forward to the successes the rest of the semester will bring.

Hello my fellow Greeks! I hope everything is well as we dive into our second month of school. Remember to keep up the studying, as Midterms are approaching faster than we think! As we settled into February, the Council Presidents, Vice Presidents and some executive members had the opportunity to attend the Association of Fraternal Leadership and Values Conference. After attending this week long conference, I can honestly say it helped everyone who attended develop as people. It challenged us emotionally, created an unbreakable bond among the executive council members and opened our eyes to new perspectives of leadership and values. I would recommend this conference to any Greek member. This is just another reason YOU should join your council’s executive board! Don’t forget that the Multicultural Greek Council will be hosting our eighth annual Step Show in April! Finally, as some of you heard, one of our fellow Greek members was in a terrible accident. Please support the efforts to help raise funds for him and his family. #GreekUnity

Hello fellow Shockers! As February comes to a close, the IFC Council (specifically Anthony Mai- Service Chair) has been hard at work solidifying plans on upcoming events like Take Back the Night, IFC neighborhood cleanup, and the second round of the Wu has the biggest heart blood drive. We are also exploring other avenues through which our chapters can give back and be even more involved in the community. Also, Chris Thiel-Greek Relations Chair, is excited and working diligently with the other Greek Relations chairs to get the All Greek Mixer, All Greek Volleyball, and other social events planned and executed. As always, if you have any suggestions for the IFC Council or would like to speak at public forum, please email me at wsuifcpresident@gmail.com! Proud to be a Shocker!
ORDER OF OMEGA

Order of Omega is thrilled to announce our first fundraising event for this semester! We partnered with Chick-fil-A to support our chapter’s scholastic efforts on campus. This semester, Order of Omega started to implement proctored study hours every Wednesday from 7-9PM. This is a great opportunity for Greeks to come together. We can motivate each other for the enhancement of scholarship in all chapters. Everyone feel free to stop by to get some studying hours in! Next, our workshop is planned for March 29th from 5-6 PM in Rhatigan Student Center, Herrman Room 262. We are honored to have an alum speaker present on the topic of getting involved after graduation. Any upper classman (junior or senior) is welcome to attend the workshop; you do not have to be a member of Greek life or a member of Order of Omega to attend. For Order of Omega members, feel free to come early this Wednesday because the workshop will be held before the chapter meeting from 6-7 PM! We hope you all ace your midterms and have a fantastic Spring Break!

Rachael Embrey
Order of Omega President

NEW MEMBER GREEK COUNCIL (NMGC)

Now that we all have settled into the routines of a new semester at WSU, New Member Greek Council is just getting underway! On February 13th, we presented a check to the Muscular Dystrophy Association. This money was raised at our fall philanthropy event, Jail-N-Bail, which was so successful! We are so looking forward to our spring philanthropy event, Play for Parkinson’s, which will be held on May 5, 2017. Keep an eye out for more information on how to participate!

In addition to Play for Parkinson’s, we are in the process of planning a few other events, such as a Bowl-a-Thon fundraiser and a social event for all of the Greek community.

Follow us on social media for more updates and announcements!

Facebook: WSU New Member Greek Council
Twitter: @nmgc_wsu
Instagram: _nmgc

First, the competitive sports staff would like to take the time to thank you all for participating in the intramural sports program here at WSU. We hope you have enjoyed intramural sports thus far and we want your feedback! Please let us know how we are doing, ways to improve the program and sports that we can add in the future. Please email your questions to cr.competition@wichita.edu so we can hear your feedback.

There is still plenty of time to sign up for the Football Combine and the Dodgeball Tournament (both of these are super easy ways to get Greek points)! Our next session for IMSport Sign-ups will be on March 6 at 5 a.m. and will last until March 15 at 11:59 p.m. One of our newest sports, FootGolf, will be worth 25 points per Greek member that plays! Also, remember we give 5 points per chapter for coming to monthly meetings and 10 points for participating in our practice games to help train our officials. If you do not have any monthly meetings please use the email above.

Here are the current standings for the Greek Cup as of 2/14/2017.

Fraternity:
1) Sigma Phi Epsilon
2) Phi Delta Theta
3) Beta Theta Pi
3) Delta Upsilon
3) Lambda Chi
3) Pi Kappa Phi
7) Sigma Alpha Epsilon

Sorority:
1) Delta Delta Delta
1) Kappa Kappa Gamma
1) Delta Gamma
4) Alpha Phi
4) Gamma Phi Beta

Campus Recreation Update
Although February is the shortest month out of the year, it is one of the busiest months in Fraternity and Sorority Life, both as a community and as individual chapters. At the beginning of February we traveled with eight council leaders to Indianapolis for the annual Association of Fraternal Leadership and Values Central Conference. At the conference, we were able to connect with chapters from around the nation, listen to influential speakers and attend educational sessions that built the leadership skills of the new incoming council leaders. The council leaders took away personal and professional skills, but focused much of their time throughout the conference learning about recruitment techniques, better ways to market on campus, and how to increase the campus’ yearly philanthropic donations. At the return of the trip the council leaders were very excited to begin implementing many of the initiatives they learned in Indianapolis.

After returning from AFLV, Fraternity and Sorority Life programming was in full swing as our new members from fall and spring attended New Member Greek Academy. They participated in Greek trivia, community building activities, learned about time management and financial management, and tie-dyed t-shirts. Additionally, we held our annual Greek Awards where we were able to celebrate the numerous accomplishments obtained by chapters and individuals in 2016. The accomplishments of our chapters from this past year were not only here at Wichita State University, but many of our chapters brought back chapter awards, chapter of the year, and chapter of the year at conferences and conventions. We look forward to seeing the high standards of excellence continue throughout the rest of 2017.

There are many great upcoming Fraternity and Sorority Life events throughout March, including the HiStory Fraternity Retreat and the Kallistai Sorority Wellness Retreat, which was sponsored by the Jan Henrie Women in Leadership Fund. Finally, we would like to wish everyone a fun, safe and relaxing spring break at the end of the month.
As we attended our third workshop, I chose another MGC workshop. This workshop definitely was not what I expected. There was so much hate in the room towards IFC and PC. It was constant complaining of no support and why we should support them when they don’t support back. Even the presenter had a tough time. So I used that time to write down a speech of everything I have learned so far as a Greek trying to achieve Greek Unity. It was very eye opening for me to witness how different each campus’ Greek community is and realize how good Wichita State University has it. On that note, I raised my hand and taught them what has worked for us and gave them my solutions and used my own story with my little brother, Jesse. My speech silenced the crowd, I received appraisal and was asked what University I was from.

After attending the week long conference, Association of Fraternal Leadership and Values (AFLV), I can honestly say it helped me develop as a person, challenged me emotionally, created an unbreakable bond with my fellow executive council members and opened my eyes to new perspectives of leadership and values. Also along the way, I was able to form new relationships and connections!

Kent Dang
Chi Sigma Tau National Fraternity, Inc.

Panhellenic’s Scholarship Celebration is held during the month of February because, according to the National Panhellenic Conference, February is the “Month of the Scholar.” Each year, Panhellenic Council and its five chapters recognize the accomplishments of members that go above and beyond. We continued this tradition by recognizing the women with 4.0 GPAs in Spring of 2016, Fall of 2016, and both Spring and Fall semesters of 2016. Also, there were 3 awards that each chapter had the chance to receive, and they were as follows… the chapter with the Highest New Member GPA, the chapter with the Most Women Above 3.5 GPA, and the chapter with the Most Improved GPA. Delta Gamma won the award for the Highest New Member GPA! Gamma Phi Beta won the Most Women above 3.5 GPA award and the Most Improved GPA award! Gamma Phi Beta received a $250 donation to their philanthropy, Girls on the Run. To top it all off, we had the pleasure of having Sandy Sipes as our keynote speaker! Mrs. Sipes spoke to Panhellenic women about her own story as a sorority woman and incorporated that in with academic achievements and future success.
To kick off the spring semester, Fraternity and Sorority Life hosted a Meet the Greeks event downstairs in Shocker Sports Grill and Lanes. Greeks and students interested in joining a chapter enjoyed a night of free bowling and billiards, while having the opportunity to meet and mingle with members of the Greek community.

In addition to Meet the Greeks, Springfest was also held at the beginning of the semester, on the second floor of the Heskett Center. Many recognized student organizations came out to the event and set up display tables showcasing their groups. In addition to tabling, there were interactive sports activities to participate in, along with a mechanical bull. It was a great way to start off the year, get students involved on campus, and to meet students interested in the Fraternity and Sorority Life community.
INTRODUCTION TO
New Member Greek Council

President: Kylie Gregg, Delta Gamma
Vice President of Administration: Will Schindler, Delta Upsilon
Vice President of Philanthropy: Jonathan Harvey, Phi Delta Theta
Vice President of Scholastics: Jane Lickteig, Alpha Phi
Vice President of Public Relations: Danny Le, Sigma Alpha Epsilon

New Member Greek Academy Recap

New Member Greek Academy was held at the Rhatigan Student Center in Beggs Ballroom on February 19. Over 70 new members from the fall 2016 and spring 2017 new member classes attended the event this year. NMGA is an event where new members come together to learn about the community, the councils, and expectations of our Greek members here at Wichita State University. New Member Greek Council facilitated many of the teambuilding activities and helped the participants tie-dye their t-shirts after the program completed. Additionally, Meritrust Credit Union facilitated a workshop on financial management while the Beta Eta Chapter of Order of Omega facilitated a workshop on time management. Finally, the new members had the opportunity to ask their council presidents any questions about the council or Fraternity and Sorority Life community.
GREEK AWARDS

President’s Fraternity Scholarship Cup:
Phi Delta Theta

President’s Sorority Scholarship Cup:
Gamma Phi Beta

PC Intramural Champions:
Delta Delta Delta

IFC Intramural Champions:
Sigma Phi Epsilon

Community Servant Award:
Jami McVay, Alpha Phi

Gamma Phi Beta
Greek Unity Award (Fraternity):
Bach Nguyen, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Gamma Phi Beta
Greek Unity Award (Sorority):
Rheanna Pierce, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Dottie C. Miller Award:
Chelsea Dyer,
Muscular Dystrophy Association
Fundraising Coordinator
GREEK AWARDS

MGC Schneikart-Luebbe
Camaraderie Award:
Delta Delta Delta

Outstanding New Member
(Sorority):
Rheanna Pierce, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Outstanding New Member
(Fraternity):
Bach Nguyen, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Interfraternity Council
Outstanding Advisor:
Nate Schwiethale, Sigma Alpha Epsilon

Multicultural Greek Council
Outstanding Advisor:
Fidel Serrano, Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity, Inc.

Panhellenic Council
Outstanding Advisor:
Jennifer Nolte, Kappa Kappa Gamma

Craig Barton Outstanding Greek
Sophomore Award (Fraternity):
Breck Towner, Sigma Alpha Epsilon

Craig Barton Outstanding Greek
Sophomore Award (Sorority):
Kayla Haase, Gamma Phi Beta
Rhatigan Silver Standard of Fraternal Excellence:
- Delta Delta Delta
- Phi Delta Theta
- Sigma Alpha Epsilon
- Sigma Psi Zeta

Rhatigan Gold Standard of Fraternal Excellence:
- Alpha Phi
- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
- Delta Gamma
- Gamma Phi Beta

Rhatigan Legacy Award:
- Fraternity Life: Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
- Sorority Life: Delta Gamma

Dean of Students Award for Innovation:
- Dane Laughlin, Sigma Phi Epsilon

Order of Omega Outstanding Greek Junior Award:
- Sorority Member: Shannon Loofs, Gamma Phi Beta

Order of Omega Outstanding Greek Junior Award:
- Fraternity Member: Dane Laughlin, Sigma Phi Epsilon

Dr. Sam Cohlmia
- Greek Man of the Year: Dalton Glasscock, Phi Delta Theta
- Greek Woman of the Year: Carley Larson, Delta Gamma
Student Involvement was excited to induct 9 men and women into Order of Omega on Friday, February 24th. Order of Omega is a leadership society for members of Fraternity and Sorority organizations. This honor society recognizes juniors and seniors who have exemplified high standards in the areas of scholarship, leadership and involvement in their respective organizations within Fraternity and Sorority Life, campus and the local community. Members are selected from the top 3% of students at each institution.

Congratulations to the following 2016 Order of Omega Initiates:

Reece Burns                        Phi Delta Theta
Amber Davis                        Delta Gamma
Taran Langston                     Alpha Phi
Jennifer Mattar                    Alpha Phi
Jami McVay                         Alpha Phi
Andrea Murillo                     Delta Gamma
Greg Rubbert                       Delta Upsilon
Paige Shamburg                     Kappa Kappa Gamma
Alyssa Ward                        Delta Gamma
Delta Upsilon

The Men of Delta Upsilon have had a busy and fun month. We have begun the season of Hippodrome and are so excited to compete with the women of Alpha Phi as our partners! This past month we hosted our first annual DU Dad’s Day, in which we got to enjoy a Shocker basketball game with our fathers. We look forward to other chapters’ philanthropy events and warm weather as Spring approaches!

Delta Delta Delta

The ladies of Delta Delta Delta started the year off with the initiation of our fall Continuous Open Bidding class! We just finished off with spring COB and are excited to have our new members with us. Currently, we are getting ready and making plans for Putt for a Cure, while also being involved with our local philanthropies. Since Hippodrome season is beginning, we are excited to take home the trophy with Sigma Phi Epsilon. Fun fact: the last time we placed first was with them in 2005. We are looking forward to the rest of the semester!

Sigma Psi Zeta

During the month of February, our sisters were extremely busy as we kicked off our much-anticipated rush week! It ended up really successful with great turnout! In addition to that, our sisters took advantage of many volunteering opportunities throughout the month, including (but not limited to) the Exploration’s Place’s “Voyage to Vietnam,” the Food Bank, Wu’s Big Event, and the Vietnamese Student Association’s Tet show. But one of our biggest accomplishments was our annual Valentine’s Day bake sale, where a portion of the proceeds were donated to a local women’s shelter to support our philanthropy. We were able to sell out with the amazing support from our campus and we would like to thank everyone that stopped by! Be sure to look out for us on campus as we participate in many more events!

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Chapter Updates

Alpha Phi

We had a very successful Go Red Week this year, raising over $1,000 towards research for cardiac care. Our Executive Council traveled to Texas on February 3rd for Alpha Phi's Leadership Conference. This Conference is an intensive leadership-training program, which also provides the opportunity to network with officers of other chapters, as well as talented alumnae. Our officers came back ready and excited to implement new ideas to better the chapter. Gamma Xi is considered one of the top 10 chapters in the Southern quadrant and earned the Order of the Lamp Award. On February 12th, we had a Valentine’s Day themed sisterhood event. We made Valentine’s Day cards and boxes to put valentines and treats in. This has been one of our most successful and fun sisterhoods and it definitely helped us get away from the stress of school while spending time with our sisters and some of our new members!

Delta Gamma

Spring is in the air and the ladies of Delta Gamma are enjoying this semester. Our 2016 member class received the award for the Highest New Member GPA at the annual Panhellenic Council Celebration. We are so proud! In addition, a few of our sisters attended the Delta Gamma Institute in Columbus, OH and stood as proud representatives of our chapter. After a successful Pancake Feed, we are now looking forward to Casino Night with Envision and the gentlemen of Sigma Phi Epsilon. Preparations for Hippodrome have begun and we are eager to perform for you in April. Until then, you can see us on campus, involved, and working hard as always!

FarmHouse

This month the world of FarmHouse was very productive. Getting the soon-to-be-chartered chapter up to speed has been difficult but fun. All of us are extremely excited for the rest of the semester; and even more excited to participate in Hippodrome for the first time! In other news, we recently partnered with Future Health Care Professionals to host an annual Be The Match drive. This event registered over 50 people in the bone marrow registry, potentially saving the lives of patients in need.
Gamma Phi Beta

During the month of February the Wichita State University Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta saw a myriad of events. Our Spring recruitment, with a theme of “Valentine’s Day,” flourished and blessed us with the opportunity to welcome five new sisters on Bid Day. On Bid Day, there were many sorority families reunited and celebrated. We anticipate some of them growing with our new members. At the Panhellenic Scholarship Celebration, our chapter was awarded two Panhellenic awards; Most members above a 3.5 and Most Improved GPA. In the month of March, keep an eye out for the Girls on the Run events we have coming up as well as events for Heartspring.

Member Highlight

Nibras Karim
Sigma Psi Zeta

We would like to recognize our hardworking Beta class sister, Nibras Karim, who joined in the Spring of 2015. She is currently in charge of our website and works on a national level as an intern for Sigma Psi Zeta. She is extremely involved on campus and in the community with other organizations. Nibras is an At-Large senator for Student Government, a member of the Title IX Student Alliance, and Muslim Student Association. You could call her a huge social justice person and a change agent who aspires to make the world a better and more equal place. Nibras puts passion and spirit into everything she does, and we appreciate all she has done for the sorority.

Member Highlight

If you’re on campus during the week you’ll likely find Breck scurrying from place to place with a handful of books and papers; intermixed smiles and a look of determination. Breck is a busy person, and although he curses it by day he’ll wish it by night. For him, being busy just means he has the opportunity to meet more great people and enjoy the bountiful opportunities here at Wichita State. He has a variety of passions that include exercising in a multitude of forms, martial arts, singing, dancing, writing stories, and watching documentaries. He is a firm believer in trying everything. He sees the good in people first and loves when a team comes together. Breck will die a happy man if he gets to spend his life helping others.
Save the Dates

April 29th
7 P.M.
Wichita State University
Charles Koch Arena

8th Annual Shock the Yard:
Step Show

Ticket Prices:
$8 Early Bird (March 1-17)
$10 Pre-Sale
$15 At the Door

Tickets can be purchased at the Koch Arena Box Office, RSC Bookstore, and goshockers.com
Save the Dates

FRATERNITY & SORORITY LIFE
WORKSHOPS

TIME MANAGEMENT
MARCH 6 | 5 P.M. | RSC 202

Procrastination is not your friend! Come and learn skills to plan and control how you spend the hours in your day in order to accomplish your goals.

Summer Leadership Institute
May 15-19, 2017
Interested in growing as a leader?
Looking to make an impact on campus?
Want to meet other student leaders?

Apply now and attend this week long experience that will allow you to grow as a leader and expand upon your leadership skills and abilities.

Applications available online at wichita.edu/thisis/sli and are due on 3/31/2017 by 5 p.m.
Upcoming Events

March

3/1: Step Show Early Bird Tickets on Sale ($8), Koch Arena & RSC Bookstore
3/1: Order of Omega Study Hall, 7-9 p.m., RSC 007
3/3-3/4: HiStory Fraternity Retreat, Camp Hiawatha
3/6-3/10: SKEE-PHI Week
3/6: Fraternity and Sorority Life Development Workshop, 5-6 p.m., RSC 202
3/8: Order of Omega Study Hall, 7-9 p.m., RSC 007
3/9: Stroll Like an Alpha, 7:06 p.m., Heskett Center
3/10-3/11: Kallistei Sorority Wellness Retreat, Camp Hiawatha
3/13-3/17: Sigma Gamma Rho Week
3/15: Order of Omega Study Hall, 7-9 p.m., RSC 007
3/24: Step Show Regular Team Registration Due, Student Involvement
3/27-4/7: MGC Hygiene Drive, Various Locations
3/27: Step Show Regular Tickets on Sale ($10), Koch Arena & RSC Bookstore
3/29: Order of Omega Senior Workshop, 5-6 p.m., RSC
3/29: Order of Omega Study Hall, 7-9 p.m., RSC 007
3/30: President’s Meeting, 6-7:30 p.m., RSC 142
3/31: Summer Leadership Applications Due, Student Involvement

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
1-2:30 p.m.
RSC 266