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FROM THE FRATERNITY

*“One man may seem incompetent, another not make sense.
While others look like quite a waste of company expense.
They need a brother’s leadership, so please don’t do them in.”*

– *“Brotherhood of Man” from “How to Succeed
in Business Without Really Trying”*

Each year, students from around the world come to college and university campuses to pursue their educational and academic interests. Along the way, many of them seek involvement in extracurricular activities. Some are interested in athletics, others in faith-based organizations, and many are interested in activities that allow them to provide service to others.

Alpha Phi Omega has, in its nearly 88-year history, become more inclusive. In fact, all that is really required to join APO as a college student is to be enrolled as a college student.



Our chapters must continue to cast the widest nets possible in an effort to bring in the most diverse student members. Of course, we also strive to increase our membership, and while I hear the arguments that we should pursue “quality over quantity,” I will argue that the two are not mutually exclusive. We can have BOTH!

Every student who walks on a campus where we have a chapter has the potential to Be a Leader, to Be a Friend and to Be of Service. Every student. It is our responsibility to provide them with the opportunities to demonstrate that potential. And when a student does not demonstrate, perhaps, the commitment we seek, it is OUR responsibility to help them achieve it. We must do all we can to ensure that the people seeking admission are given a fair chance to obtain it. We must remove artificial barriers and demonstrate to them that our Cardinal Principles are more than just mere words.

Now and then, some who seek admission in our fraternity cannot find a place elsewhere, or perhaps they do not know what their place is. We offer them a real opportunity. For many of our members, WE are their collegiate family. We owe it to them, and every other student seeking membership, to give our best efforts in helping them achieve their greatest potential. To do so shows that we respect others. To do so demonstrates a continued commitment to the principles espoused by our Fall 2013 Pledge Class Namesake Honoree, David A. Emery, Iota Phi ’79. To do so makes our chapters, and our fraternity, stronger.

All of us – students, alumni, advisors – have a solemn duty to demonstrate that our Cardinal Principles are living, timeless standards. It is time we all tried to do that just a bit more.

Fraternally,

Mark Stratton
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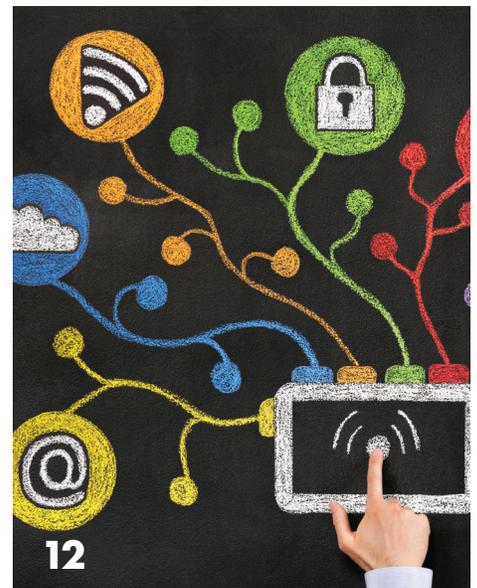


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The 2013 National Volunteer Conference was held July 18-21 in Kansas City, Missouri, for 167 alumni looking to further develop their skills as effective volunteers of the Fraternity. This conference strived to provide alumni with training to be successful, whether they recently graduated or are veteran volunteers.

This year's opening session keynote speaker, Lethia Owens, taught brothers about making a difference and understanding their personal brand value. Attendees were given



the opportunity to develop and present their “personal elevator speeches” with their peers at the end of the session.

Workshops kicked off Friday morning and covered a wide variety of subjects, such as social media, Board restructuring, the business of



Photos courtesy of Brother Kevin Lowe, Gamma Beta '02



All in all, the conference helped attendees fine-tune their skills as volunteers as well as create some great memories.

See you at the 2015 National Volunteer Conference!

— Libby Karcher, Gamma Xi '12

June Board Meeting Recap

The following actions were taken by the Alpha Phi Omega Board of Directors at the June 27-28, 2013, meeting:

The Board approved the minutes of the January 26, 2013, meeting and approved the following membership goals for the 2013-14 fiscal year:

- Pledges: 15,429
- Initiates: 13,002
- AAMD: 14,148
- Charter Reaffirmation: 361 or 100%
- Chapters Paying AAMD: 361 or 100%
- New/Rechartered Chapters: Net 14

Pursuant to Article IX, Section 7 of the National Bylaws, the President declared the charter of the following chapters null and void:

- Pi Delta Chapter at Western Carolina University (Region III, Section 79)
- Alpha Gamma Delta Chapter at SUNY New Paltz (Region II, Section 88)
- Alpha Zeta Psi Chapter at the University of Wisconsin-White-water (Region IX, Section 27)
- Nu Mu Chapter at the University of Minnesota Duluth (Region IX, Section 23)

Alpha Phi Omega, being a responsible volunteer, risk management and partnering with other organizations.

In addition to the educational sessions, this year's conference offered attendees a number of opportunities to network with other alumni

volunteers. Brothers had the chance to eat lunch with a Fraternity leader, dine on the Country Club Plaza – one of Kansas City's premier tourist and shopping attractions – and even attend and cheer on the Kansas City Royals at their game against the Detroit Tigers.

The Board approved:

- Granting the charter of Rho Beta Chapter at Armstrong Atlantic University (Region IV, Section 77)
- The 2013-14 budget
- Naming Brother David A. Emery, Iota Phi '79, as the 2013 Fall Pledge Class Namesake Honoree
- Suspending the membership of Katherine Zyla, Nu Alpha, and Lionel Jackson, Eta Pi, and recommended expulsion from the Fraternity to the 2014 National Convention
- Placing Delta Sigma Chapter at the University of Connecticut on probation

- Amending the Fraternity's Operations and Policy Manual, Category V – Membership and Extension, Sub-Category 4 – Enforcement, Policy V – Procedure
- Renewing the Memorandum of Understanding with the Girl Scouts of the USA

The Board held strategic discussions on the following topics:

- Capital Campaign
- Program Evaluations
- Technology and the establishment of a Technology Committee

Updates were provided on Convention directives, the Endowment and items relating to specific programs. The Region Director's Cup was presented to Region X.

The next Alpha Phi Omega Board of Director's meeting is January 24-26, 2014, in Dallas, Texas.

Notes from the Field

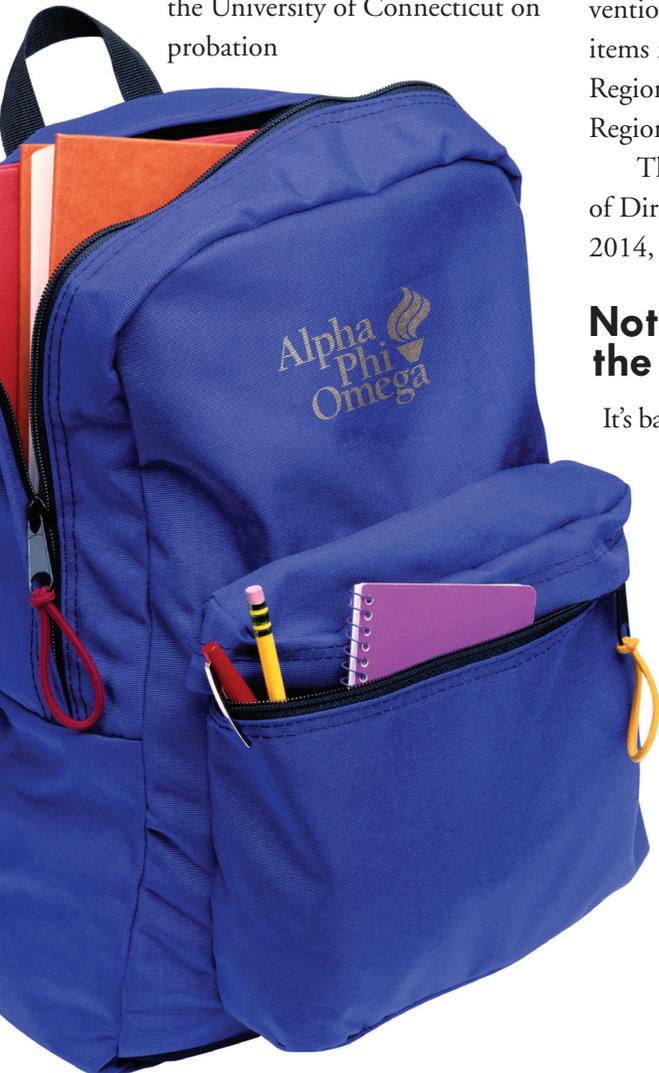
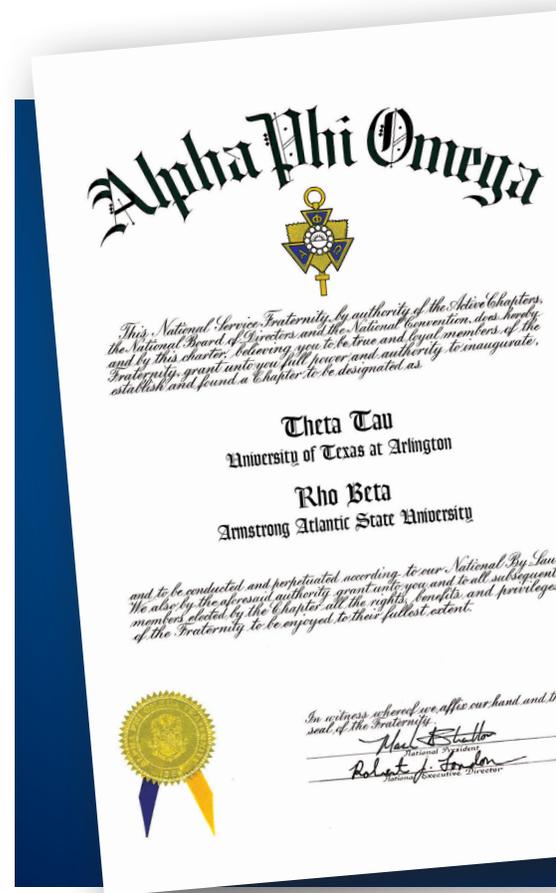
It's back to school time, and as students begin to make the trek back to campus, the chapter consultants have stuffed their suitcases to the brim and mapped their visit routes for the fall semester.

The Chapter Consultant Program has made great strides in the past several years with the main goals of strengthening our active chapters, supporting extension efforts through recruitment and retention practices, and building a sense of

brotherhood and identity on campuses.

This fall, the consultants will work with over 30 schools across the United States. Consultants will provide on-campus trainings and workshops that are specific to the needs of the group. Consultants do not need to be on campus in order to be a resource; they also offer remote trainings through video conferences, emails, and phone calls. The consultants are trained to work with both chapter and extension efforts, which allows for any consultant to be effective wherever there is a need for growth. Chapters can always reach out to the consultants if they have questions or need assistance.

In addition to working with students to improve programming, consultants also meet with administrators, advisors and sponsors in order to enhance com-





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University of Texas
at Arlington

RHO BETA
Armstrong Atlantic
State University

munication and clarify their roles with the chapter or extension effort. Consultants work directly with volunteer staff – sectional chairs, regional directors, and regional extension coordinators – to assist in achieving the goals of that area.

It is important that our students, alumni, volunteers, and national staff work together to reach our national goal of 500 healthy chapters by the year 2025. To contact a consultant, reach out to the local sectional chair, regional director, or visit www.apo.org.

— Brother Emily Lowndes, Epsilon '08,
Chapter Consultant



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APO DATELINE

SEPTEMBER

- 09/22:** First Day of Autumn
- 09/22:** APO IMPACT Live: Advisors
- 09/26:** APO IMPACT Live: Retention
- 09/30:** Section 30 Conference, Boulder, Colorado
- 09/30:** Charter Reaffirmations Available on Officer Portal for Processing



OCTOBER

- 10/03:** APO IMPACT Live: Risk Management
- 10/04-06:** Region VII Conference, Fort Worth, Texas
- 10/10:** APO IMPACT Live: So you've got a committee, now what!?!?
- 10/10:** APO LEADS Online Launch Content Training
- 10/14:** APO IMPACT Live: Chapter Finance A-Z
- 10/16:** APO LEADS Online Achieve Content Training
- 10/22:** APO IMPACT Live: APO is for Life
- 10/22:** APO LEADS Online Basic Skills
- 10/28:** APO IMPACT Live: Vice President of Membership
- 10/31:** Halloween



NOVEMBER

- 11/01-03:** Region IX, Des Moines, Iowa
- 11/01-03:** 87/88/89 Tri-sectional Conference, Albany, New York
- 11/03-09:** National Service Week: Respect for Self
- 11/05:** APO IMPACT Live: Motivation for Service
- 11/08-10:** Region III Conference, Fairfax, Virginia
- 11/08-10:** Region VI Conference, Champaign, Illinois
- 11/13:** APO IMPACT Live: Is Your House Structurally Sound?
- 11/15:** AAMD and Insurance Fee Due Date
- 11/15:** National Service Week Reporting Deadline
- 11/15-17:** Region V Conference, Huntington, West Virginia
- 11/21:** APO IMPACT Live: Fundraising

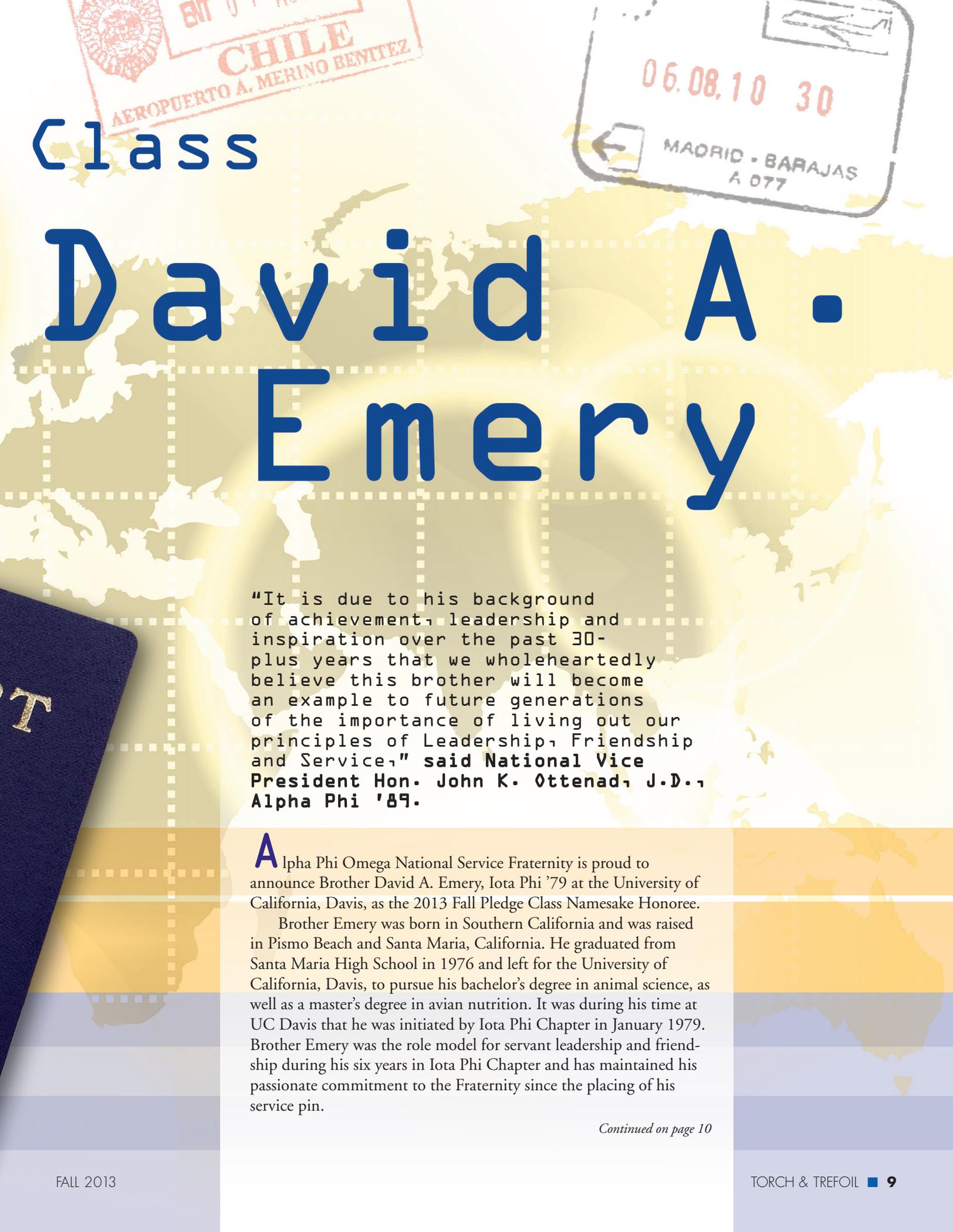


2013 Fall Pledge Namesake Honoree:



Departures

16:10	Washington
20:00	Paris
18:50	Hong Kong



Class

David A. Emery

"It is due to his background of achievement, leadership and inspiration over the past 30-plus years that we wholeheartedly believe this brother will become an example to future generations of the importance of living out our principles of Leadership, Friendship and Service," said National Vice President Hon. John K. Ottenad, J.D., Alpha Phi '89.

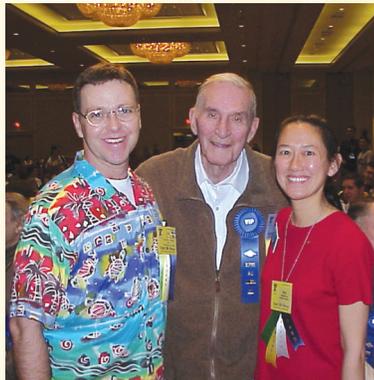
Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity is proud to announce Brother David A. Emery, Iota Phi '79 at the University of California, Davis, as the 2013 Fall Pledge Class Namesake Honoree.

Brother Emery was born in Southern California and was raised in Pismo Beach and Santa Maria, California. He graduated from Santa Maria High School in 1976 and left for the University of California, Davis, to pursue his bachelor's degree in animal science, as well as a master's degree in avian nutrition. It was during his time at UC Davis that he was initiated by Iota Phi Chapter in January 1979. Brother Emery was the role model for servant leadership and friendship during his six years in Iota Phi Chapter and has maintained his passionate commitment to the Fraternity since the placing of his service pin.

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Above: Brother Emery snags a kiss from the Sphinx statue in Cairo, Egypt. Right: Brother Emery and Brother Elizabeth Tom pose with 1978 Fall Pledge Class Namesake Honoree, Dean Lewis Jones at the 2000 National Convention.



“Brother Emery has been a powerhouse of dedication to the Fraternity since joining in 1979. He has served in many of the Fraternity’s highest offices and has been adorned with our highest awards, including the National Distinguished Service Key,” said nominating Brother Ashish Bhatt, Iota Phi ’08. “However, the honor of fall namesake does not only reflect the honoree’s contributions. A namesake is a symbol that represents the best of us – of what we as individuals and as a collective aspire toward – and Dave is that symbol.”

During his time with Iota Phi Chapter, Brother Emery was an active and enthusiastic leader, serving as pledge class secretary, chapter secretary, historian, vice president of membership and chapter president.

He often traveled off the beaten path to grab the attention of brothers and drive them toward developing leadership, providing friendship and being of service. He ran for a number of offices and saw the value each position provided to the chapter. After serving as chapter president, Brother Emery ran a vigorous and uncontested

campaign for chapter historian. This campaign helped him emphasize the importance of each leadership position and the role it plays in the success of a chapter, which left a lasting impression on the brothers of Iota Phi Chapter.

“Beyond elected offices and workshop presentations, Dave leads by example,” said Brother Elizabeth Tom, M.D., Iota Phi ’79, International Relations Director and longtime friend of Brother Emery. “He makes routine tasks fun while he inspires dedication to our Cardinal Principles. He invents traditions that create a sense of community among disparate people. He listens and gives perceptive advice.”

Upon graduation from UC Davis, Brother Emery joined the Section 1 staff and eventually took on the role of Section 1 Chair in 1984. He joined the Section 4 staff in 1985 and became Section 4 Chair in 1986. He continued to move through the



Left: Brother Emery joins APO-PHIL and APO-USA brothers for a photo during his first trip to the Philippines in 1989. (From right to left: Brother Emery, National President Stan Carpenter, Past National President Earle M. Herbert and APO-PHIL President Caloy Caliwara). Below Left: Brother Emery and husband Freddie Marsh pose in front of the Pyramids in Egypt



ranks of the Fraternity’s leadership over the course of the next 20 years, serving the Fraternity as Region X Director, Service Committee Chair, Public Relations Committee Chair, International Relations Director and Leadership Development Director.

“Dave has always encouraged brothers to see a bigger Alpha Phi Omega – that the Fraternity goes beyond your chapter, your section, your region, even your country,” said Brother Tom.

Among Brother Emery’s most significant contributions is his impact on the Fraternity’s international extension efforts and his key role in the creation of the International Council of Alpha Phi Omega (ICAPO). In honor of the work and vision of Past National President Earle M. Herbert, who was also Brother Emery’s friend and mentor, Brother Emery helped create ICAPO in 1996 and served as the council’s first chair until 1999.

“His determination to ensure the dignity of our brothers is expressed in the ICAPO Operating Policies where hazing is not allowed in any international extension efforts,” said Brother Tom. “His many visits to the Philippines have cemented relationships between our two National Organizations, and his enthusiasm for those visits has encouraged other

brothers to take the trip across the Pacific.”

In addition to his assistance in the creation of this council, Brother Emery served as the U.S. Delegate to the APO-Philippines National Conventions in 1989, 1995, 1997, 1999 and 2005. His hard work and dedication to the vision of Past National President Herbert has had a direct and meaningful impact on the Fraternity's international relations.

“Brother [Emery stands] not only for the service [he] has given over many years, but also is a role model for all of our brothers of someone living out our Cardinal Principles of Leadership, Friendship and Service in everyday life,” said Brother Ottenad.

Brother Emery is a member of the Society of Life Members and is a gold Torchbearer. He serves APO as a member of the International Relations/Canadian Extension Committee as well as host of the GLBTQ (gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, questioning/queer) social events at the Fraternity's biennial National Convention.

He has been awarded a Chapter Distinguished Service Key from Iota Phi Chapter, a Sectional Distinguished Service Key from Section 4, a Regional Distinguished Service Key from Region X and a National Distinguished Service Key.

Professionally, Brother Emery is a sales manager for FMTM, a travel marketing company. He lives in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, with his husband, Freddie Marsh.

Congratulations, Brother Emery! ■

FALL 2013

A Challenge to the 2013 Fall Pledge Class

Dear Pledges,

As a small and “brainy” kid, I was picked on and bullied in both junior high and high school. I was fortunate enough to start at the University of California, Davis, at age 16 and found acceptance, both on campus and within my chapter after pledging the Fraternity's Iota Phi Chapter in 1978.

Alpha Phi Omega taught me a number of important life lessons, including the importance of making activities fun and even funny, and how this makes us more effective in the serious, substantial times; however, it also taught me the true meaning of friendship. Being accepted by my chapter brothers helped me grow and gain confidence as a person and as a leader.

Looking back, I realize I actually grew up while attending UC Davis, and with my Iota Phi brothers. As an out gay man in 1981, I found that the brothers in my chapter always valued me as a person and cared about my character over anything else. As you may have read, I went on to become chapter president of Iota Phi Chapter, a 60-plus member chapter at that time, and then moved along to a number of Fraternity leadership positions after graduating from UC Davis, including serving on the Alpha Phi Omega Board of Directors for 20 years.

As National Service Director and a Red Cross HIV Instructor Trainer in 1992, I encouraged the National Convention to adopt HIV/AIDS awareness as the program of emphasis for National Service Week in 1993.

It was that fall, exactly 20 years ago, that our brother and my mentor, Past National President Earle M. Herbert, was named the 1993 Fall Pledge Class Namesake Honoree. Brother Herbert encouraged his pledges to do a service project for or with youth. The next spring, we lost him as a victim of the AIDS epidemic.

With this in mind, I challenge the 2013 fall pledges to again carry out a project for or with youth this fall, with a special emphasis on an anti-bullying or a youth suicide prevention project. Though not all of you may relate directly with the topics of bullying or youth suicide, you undoubtedly know students or have siblings who are.

While these issues aren't exclusive to GLBTQ (gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, questioning/queer) youth, gay youth are disproportionately affected by bullying, depression and suicide. Numerous studies have shown that GLBTQ youth are roughly four times more likely to be bullied because of their sexual orientation or to attempt suicide than their straight peers.

As APO brothers, we take pride in having open, diverse and accepting chapters. I look forward to seeing how you, our newest members, will interpret this service challenge and express your own unique interests this fall. Welcome to Alpha Phi Omega!

In Brotherhood,
David A. Emery, 2013 Fall Pledge Class Namesake Honoree

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TODAY'S COLLEGE STUDENTS ARE DIFFERENT FROM THOSE IN PREVIOUS GENERATIONS. THEY'VE ALWAYS HAD THE INTERNET AND CELL PHONES. THEY ARE LESS LIKELY TO MARRY, MORE LIKELY TO HAVE A TATTOO AND PREDOMINATELY USE THEIR CELL PHONES FOR TEXT MESSAGING. GOOGLE AND LIKE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN VERBS TO THEM.

They think, learn, interact and apply knowledge differently than any other generation before them as well. They are given more freedom to interact in the classroom, are encouraged to discover facts and are expected to apply what they learn in a variety of ways.

Alpha Phi Omega is dedicated to supporting the changing needs and wants of chapter members and is hard at work updating the tools and resources available to them.

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While the needs of students and the delivery of knowledge evolve, the foundation to managing a successful, growing chapter hasn't changed much over the last 88 years. A few things are certain:

- Chapters continue to thrive when they have consistent, engaged chapter advisors who provide motivation, counseling and arbitration in the right doses.
- They benefit from educational programs and tools that provide resources so they can handle a variety of challenges that face them as chapter members and officers, as well as prepare them for a post-graduation world.
- They continue to seek face-to-face support and guidance from leaders at varying levels of the Fraternity.

These elements remain at the heart of the services the Fraternity provides chapters, though the services themselves will continue to change and evolve in order to fit the needs of the membership.

"Each chapter has its own unique set of challenges and circumstances. The services and tools we offer them must not only be flexible to their chapter needs, but we must also be attentive to rapidly changing environments," says Nick Antista, APO's Director of Chapter Services.

The National Office recently completed the automation of chapter management. Chapter officers and advisors are now able to manage required business, such as roster updates, dues and insurance payments, and service project reports (among other things) in real time through the Chapter Officer Portal (OP) on an ongoing basis. There's no longer a need to complete tedious paper submissions when they

can go to the OP, make the change, and see the final product in a matter of minutes. The Fraternity has seen a great response with this transition and hopes to continue to advance technology that simplifies the work of our chapters.

The automation of chapter management opened the door for APO to aggregate more information than ever to assess chapter trends. With this information, we can see where our chapters are thriving as well as struggling, then provide resources applicable to their needs.

The Fraternity is working on a chapter diagnostic tool so members can take proactive measures to keep their chapter healthy and growing. Once their areas of need are identified, chapters will be given solutions to move forward.

"We are changing the way we offer services to support the Fraternity. For example, we are utilizing data to help us make more informed decisions, redesigning the way we're using technology, developing tools that will help keep chapters healthy and maximizing the services of APO traveling consultants," says Antista.

A successful program that's taking a new approach is the Chapter Consultant Program. Every fall, the consultants hit the road to visit chapters that are struggling in one capacity or another, extension groups that need guidance or campuses that do not currently have an APO chapter.

The consultants spent the summer revamping the way they conduct visits, making them more interactive for chapter members. The chapters

they visit with will participate in hands-on, collaborative learning and will receive an action plan that puts their training into motion.

Additionally, the consultants are making themselves more available for follow-up consultations, remote



training, and help sessions through video conferencing and social media. This exciting new technology provides chapters with a more customized and ongoing relationship with their assigned consultant, resulting in a happier, healthier chapter. For more information on what the chapter

consultants are up to, check out Torch Talk on page 6.

Today's students have thousands of choices for extracurricular activities and are heavily recruited each day as they pass from one class to the next. It is our responsibility to maintain and create resources to help them develop as servant leaders on their campuses and in their communities.

The goal of APO's chapter services is to support programs and services

that impact chapters and members. As the tendencies and needs of college students change, so too should the services offered to them.

We don't know what the college freshmen of 2025 will be like. We don't know how they will communicate, travel, learn or serve. What we do know is that in order to continue growing the Fraternity and closing the gap on 500 chapters by 2025, it is essential that we continue adapting to our members' needs, learning styles and engagement preferences.

Watch www.apo.org for more information and updates to the Fraternity's chapter services and programs. ■



CELEBRATING 15 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH ALPHA DELTA SIGMA

This past March, nearly 80 brothers united in service to celebrate the 15th anniversary of Alpha Delta Sigma Chapter at Lindenwood University. Brothers came out to serve with Brightside, an organization dedicated to the beautification of St. Louis. Working alongside alumni, brothers assisted in cleaning up Brightside's Demonstration Garden and the surrounding areas to prepare for the spring.

Alpha Delta Sigma was rechartered in 2006 and has gained strength and support from a very strong Section 49.

"When we started the recharter process, we weren't even sure we would get it off the ground.

It's astonishing to see how far the chapter has come. Being a part of Alpha Delta Sigma has always been and will always be a source of pride for me," said Chad Briesacher, Alpha Delta Sigma '06 and Section 49 Chair.

The event was organized in six weeks, and David Amelotti, Beta Psi '10, contacted 500 brothers through a Facebook event page in only 48 hours. Through this page and word of mouth, brothers and alumni alike came from seven chapters in Section 49: Alpha Delta Sigma Chapter, Alpha Phi Chapter at Washington University, Beta Psi Chapter at Southeast Missouri State University, Chi Omega Chapter at McKendree University, Delta Delta Chapter at Saint Louis University, Epsilon Chapter at Truman State University, Epsilon Pi Chapter at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, and Sigma Alpha Chapter at the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

"It was amazing to see so many brothers from across the section



come together at one event to celebrate the anniversary of the chapter," said Briesacher. Two brothers also came from Section 35, hailing from Beta Mu Chapter at Missouri State University and Gamma Xi Chapter at Rockhurst University.

The 78 brothers attacked Brightside and the surrounding community with trash bags, rakes, brooms and shovels for three hours.

As groups were sectioned off to focus on different areas, introductions were made, work gloves were put to good use and even Disney songs were sang to help pass the time. Groups bagged leaves, swept dirt, picked up cigarette butts, separated trash from yard waste and helped the community area become a brighter, cleaner place to be.

Many friendships were formed through the diversity of this celebration.





Through a fellowship lunch after providing service to Brightside, laughter and cookies were shared among brothers who had traveled minutes or hours to be there for Alpha Delta Sigma on this day. Brothers from Section 35 were welcomed into the close-knit Section 49 family as if they were one of their own. The idea of brotherhood was truly demonstrated through this event hosted by Alpha Delta Sigma! ■

— Libby Karcher, Gamma Xi '12

REGION II

Sigma Nu Chapter at Delaware Valley College in Doylestown, Pennsylvania, participated in a Multiple Sclerosis Walk on May 5, 2013. Chapter brothers walked to support the cause and enjoy time together as a group.

REGION III

Tau Chi Chapter at Winston-Salem State University in North Carolina, in collaboration with the American Red Cross and the WSSU Health Center, held a Blood and Bone Marrow Drive on April 23, 2013. Chapter members helped register participants, provide information on donating blood, plasma and bone marrow, and hand out snacks while members of the American Red Cross conducted the blood drive.

REGION V

Iota Xi Chapter at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania held a Chinese Auction on April 29, 2013, to benefit the American Cancer Society. Chapter members created a themed basket for the auction and sold tickets for a week in the Student Center. Tickets were sold for \$1 for one, \$3 for five and \$10 for an arm's length.

Lambda Omicron Chapter at West Virginia University in Morgantown held its first Autism Awareness Walk on April 27, 2013, in honor of Autism Awareness Month. Participants walked for 88 minutes to represent the 1 in 88 people affected by autism. Proceeds from the event benefited the Autism Society of Pittsburgh.

REGION VI

Alpha Beta Gamma Chapter at Knox College in Galesburg, Illinois, hosted the chapter's annual Run-A-Thon from Friday, April 26, at 3 p.m. to Saturday, April 27, at 3 p.m., during which time at least one runner was on the track every hour to raise money and awareness for the Knox County Humane Society. Participants logged 512.75 miles, 190 of which came from four students!

Eta Epsilon Chapter at Millikin University in Decatur, Illinois, put on a Hunger Games Youth Service Day event on campus on April 14, 2013, for 65 local Girl Scouts. Leading up to the event, the chapter collected food for a cornucopia, just like the one in the *Hunger Games* trilogy. On the day of the event, the Girl Scouts paid an admission fee and donated food to get extra tickets to participate in activities for the day, such as an inflatable obstacle course, face painting, tie-dye shirt making, a puppy play area provided by a local animal shelter, and archery. The event was a great success, and the chapter donated 1,850 canned goods to local food pantries.

REGION VII

Gamma Rho Chapter at the University of North Texas in Denton brought some of their furry friends from Justin Animal Alliance to campus. The purpose of the four-legged friends' visit was to raise money and hopefully find some forever homes for the animals. There were 13 dogs and five cats that came to campus, and students were able to pet and play with them between classes. Brothers enjoyed the beautiful day talking with fellow students and raising awareness for the animal alliance. The chapter raised \$430 that will be used to keep the animals' medical records up to date and to buy new cages. It was an exciting day for animals and brothers alike, and two of the dogs also found new "fur-ever" homes!

Alpha Epsilon Chapter at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge hosted "Shoes for Hope" on April 30, 2013, where participants painted and decorated shoes with messages of hope and encouragement. The shoes were then sent to underprivileged youth around the world.

REGION X

Zeta Chapter at Stanford University in California, in partnership with Cardinal Nights, STOP, Challah for Hunger, and Night Outreach, held a Hunger and Homeless Charity Auction on May 25, 2013, to raise money for Palo Alto Opportunity, a local homeless shelter. Auction items ranged from salon gift cards to a serenade by an acappella group on the Stanford campus.

The Good News of APO Giving

Alpha Phi Omega members have given so generously this year. Thank you to everyone who invested in the future of our Fraternity through your financial support.

I am thrilled to tell you that more than \$181,000 was donated to APO last fiscal year (which ran from August 1, 2012, to July 31, 2013), which is the most we've ever raised in a single year, thanks to each of you.

Your gifts, combined with the support from other brothers, help us to focus our priorities and continue to strive to grow service on campuses and in communities across the United States.

As we kick off our new year, with your generous support, we will be able to accomplish all we've planned to make APO an even stronger organization. We know that with your loyal support, our Fraternity

can continue to impact communities through stellar APO service and leadership. We plan to grow our service opportunities by:

- Developing the Fraternity's newest educational program, Membership University, to continue helping big chapters manage growth and retention – stronger chapters will enable greater service impact.
- Allocating funds to support regional alumni training events that will directly impact the quality and quantity of service we are able to

provide – stronger leaders will enable greater service impact.

Please continue your support this year. There are a lot of ways you can give. Here are just a few:

1. Donate to the Torchbearer Fund – become a Torchbearer in our 2013-2014 year and be included in our annual Tribute to Donors calendar next fall.
2. Donate to the Endowment – gifts to the Endowment provide long-term benefits to perpetuate and meet the goals of APO. The income generated from Endowment investments support many areas and programs of the Fraternity.
3. Consider APO in your estate plans – this is often in the form of a bequest or will, gift annuity or life insurance. If you have included the Fraternity in your estate plans, we would like to provide you with the proper recognition in the Blue & Gold Society, which honors donors making a gift or estate commitment of \$10,000 or more.

Your support this year, combined with the support from other brothers, will help us to continue to provide APO students with even greater experiences in the future. Many members are getting involved as a Torchbearer with a gift of \$75 or more. This gift can be set up so you pay only \$6.25/month. Please go to www.apo.org/give to make your gift today.

Thank you in advance for your continued generosity! ■



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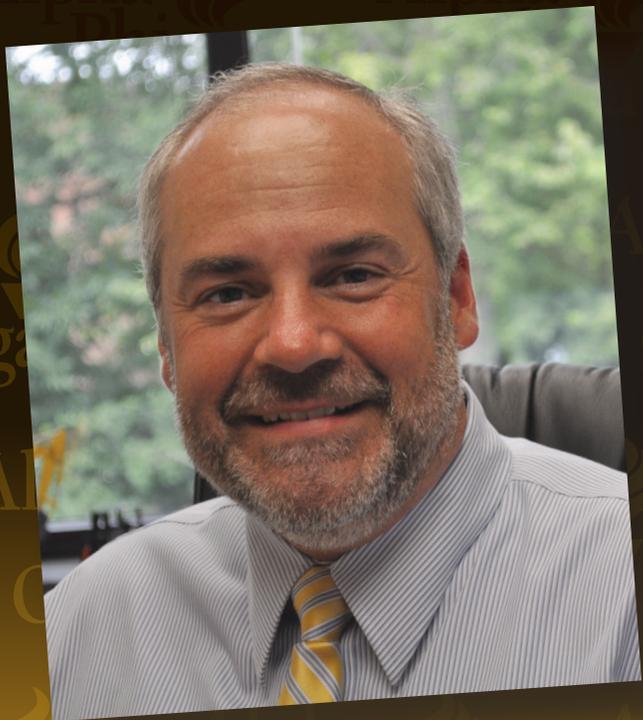
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Continuing the Legacy of Alpha Phi Omega



It's a privilege to maintain my association with such a worthwhile brotherhood. As long as our brothers continue to "give unselfishly of their time and energy," I'll gladly do my part to further the principles of Alpha Phi Omega. Financial contributions are a great way for alumni to promote the Fraternity we love.

— **Tommy Brennan,**

Alpha Gamma (Purdue University)

– Fall 1988

Alpha Gamma Xi (University of Dayton)

– Community Advisor since 2005

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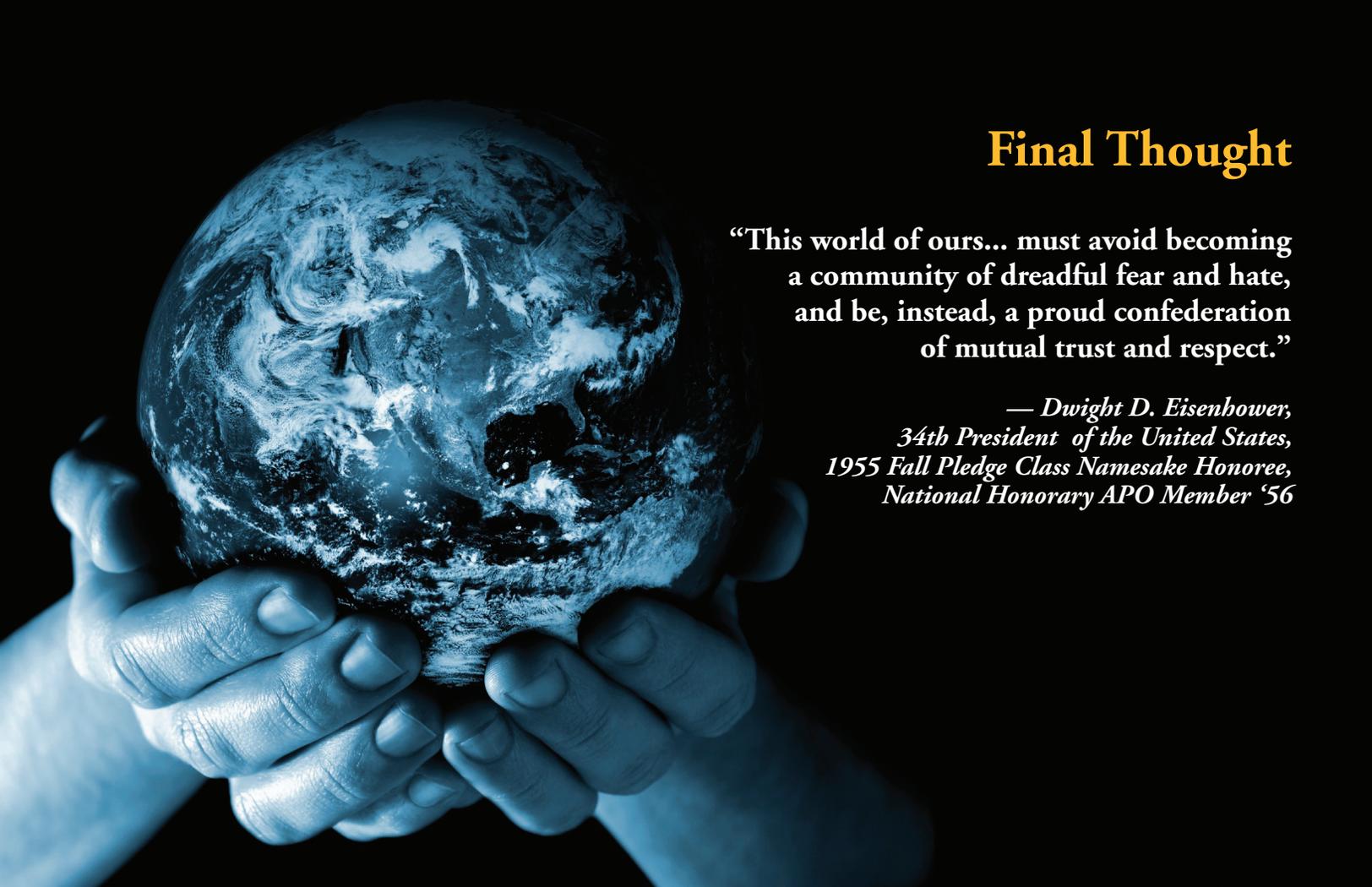
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Final Thought

“This world of ours... must avoid becoming a community of dreadful fear and hate, and be, instead, a proud confederation of mutual trust and respect.”

*— Dwight D. Eisenhower,
34th President of the United States,
1955 Fall Pledge Class Namesake Honoree,
National Honorary APO Member '56*