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**SPRING 2020** 



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#### Editor's Note

With the exception of the President's Letter below, the content of this issue of Torch & Trefoil was written prior to March 2020. The message below was adjusted in order to provide a timelier message from the Fraternity's National President with acknowledgment of the current state of the country and the Fraternity. Thank you for reading this and for your dedication to our Cardinal Principles.

Brothers,

As I write this message, campuses are closed, and students are completing their spring academics in a virtual learning environment. Companies

and organizations across the country are shut down and many in the work force are working remotely or laid off. All of this to slow the spread of the Covid-19 pandemic in the U.S. It is, unequivocally, a tough time for the communities we live in and serve.

Members of Alpha Phi Omega respond well in difficult times because, for us, Leadership, Friendship and Service are a daily way of life. Doing our part in this effort will be a tremendous service to our campuses, to our communities and to each other. Now more than ever the APO spirit of resilience and service is needed all across our nation. Thank you for the work you are doing or will do to help support communities and causes that need the servant leaders of APO.

This issue of Torch & Trefoil is being brought to you digitally in order to meet you where you live right now – socially distant but technologically networked! The digital transition of this issue will also allow the Fraternity to reposition the funds used to print and mail this publication to better support our chapters and members in the wake of this crisis. This issue is full of good news and praise for the work of the amazing members who make up APO. I hope it brings you happiness and helps you reconnect to a community that continues to support you in your years beyond college.

Now... It is time to celebrate!

In the winter issue, we shared that the Fraternity had initiated its 500,000th member. This issue, we are excited to introduce Brother Alexander Tran from the Rho Pi Chapter at the University of California, San Diego. Congratulations to both Brother Tran and Rho Pi Chapter! Check out page 12 to learn more about the 500,000th initiate and how he symbolizes the hard work of each and every APO member who came before him.

We are also excited to celebrate an amazing fall semester filled with area conferences, new petitioning groups, Youth Service Grant recipients, and much more.

Enjoy the work of the members of this amazing organization and know that tomorrow is a new day. Alpha Phi Omega was founded for moments like this. The work of our members and their commitment to our Cardinal Principles will shine through this dark time in our country.

I am grateful for each of you and for Alpha Phi Omega.

Fraternally,

Robert M. Coop, P.E. National President



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#### **COVER STORY**



#### 500,000th Member – Brother Alexander Tran

Learn more about Brother Tran from Rho Pi Chapter at the University of California, San Diego and how he symbolizes the hard work of each and every APO member before him.

#### **FEATURES**

Brotherly Campout Spans
Four Decades

What started as a simple campout in 1975 for brothers of Eta Chapter, turned into a meaningful 45-year tradition that continues to this day.

Chapter Stands Up For Alum Battling Cancer

> Alpha Gamma Chi Chapter show the connection amongst chapter members that spans the decades as they step up to support chapter alum and brother, Kristen Acosta, as she fights breast cancer.

2020 Youth Service Grant Recipients
This year, 22 chapters were awarded

with a Youth Service Grant for their service to the youth in the community!

Thousands Attend First-Ever Area Conferences

This fall the Fraternity hosted area conferences around the country for the first time. Take a look back at these conferences and learn how the Fraternity continues to find new ways to build connections amongst brothers through national programming.

#### **DEPARTMENTS**

Torch Topics

Brother Updates and News, APO Dateline, and Welcome to New Petitioning Groups

Chapter Notes

Chapters share their social media posts to showcase Leadership, Friendship and Service.

Donor Engagement

Thank you donors whose support helps sustain APO.

#### **DIGITAL ONLY ISSUE:**

Just like most organizations and businesses around the world, Covid-19 has had a significant impact on the operations and finances of Alpha Phi Omega and its chapter. In order to be conscious stewards of our student fees, we have decided to make the spring issue of Torch & Trefoil digital only, so no printed copies will be distributed. For those who have chosen not to provide an email address, the magazine will be available to view at www.apoarchive.ora.

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## NATIONWIDE FRATERNITY NEVVS

### BROTHER AND DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS, PHILIP H. PRINCE, PASSES AWAY AT 93

It is with great sadness and profound respect that Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity recognizes the passing of Brother and Past APO Endowment Trustee Philip H. Prince.

Brother Prince, 93, died Friday, February 28, 2020.

Born in Bostic, North Carolina, and raised in Tennessee,

Prince received an athletic scholarship to Clemson College in 1944, but his time in college was interrupted by service to the nation in the U.S. Army (Pacific Theatre) during World War II. Upon completion of his army service, Prince returned to Clemson and the university's football program and was co-captain of the 1948 football team.



At the same time, Prince began his journey with Alpha Phi Omega. On April 19, 1948 he was inducted into Gamma Lambda Chapter at Clemson, beginning what ended up being a lifetime commitment to the Cardinal Principles.

After graduation, he attended Columbia University and Kings College, then served in the Army again from 1950 to 1951.

He began a career with Milliken and Company in 1951 and held various management and executive positions until 1967. He then served the company as vice president. In 1978, he became senior vice president for American Express before accepting a similar position at Synco Property Inc. in Charlotte, North Carolina. He retired in 1985.

Prince has a distinguished record of service to Clemson. He was a member of Tiger Brotherhood and served on the Board of Visitors and the Alumni National Council. Beginning in 1982, he served on the board of the Clemson Foundation and became its president in 1989. He continued his dedication to Clemson University, rising to the position of university president, which

he served in from June 1994 through May 1995.

Alpha Phi Omega has been a recipient of his time and talents at both local and national levels. He delivered the keynote address to Gamma Lambda's 50th anniversary celebration kick-off banquet in 1990, at which time he was presented the Chapter's Distinguished Alumni Service Chair award.



Mr. Prince participating in the Gamma Lambda annual blood drive.

During Gamma Lambda's annual Clemson-Carolina (University of South Carolina) Blood Challenge in the fall of 1994, Mr. Prince (at age 68) gladly accepted the chapter's invitation

to kick off the blood drive by donating the first unit. Philip Prince also has served as an unofficial advisor to past APO National President Jerry Schroeder on matters of fundraising.

In 1991, Brother Prince was recognized for his record of generous service and civic responsibility when he was presented the Fraternity's National Distinguished Alumnus Key. Soon after, he was named the 1995 Fall Pledge Class Namesake Honoree.

Prince continued his service and leadership to the Fraternity as a Trustee to the Alpha Phi Omega Endowment from 1996 through 2007.

In honor and gratitude of his service to the Fraternity, Brother Prince was awarded APO's highest honor – the National Distinguished Service Key – at the 2006 National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky.

The Fraternity is forever grateful to have called Philip Prince a friend and brother.

#### FORMER ENDOWMENT CHAIR DICK STRATFORD HONORED BY JAPAN FOR SERVICE



Ambassador Shinsuke of Japan confers the Order of the Rising Sun with Neck Ribbon on Brother Dick Stratford, former Chair of the Alpha Phi Omega Endowment. The award was authorized by the Emperor and signed by the Prime Minister in recognition of his contributions toward strengthening nuclear cooperation between Japan and the United States.

#### APO DATELINE

#### MAY

**5/1:** John Mack Scholarship Application

Deadline

Fall Pledge Class Namesake

Honoree Nomination Deadline

Service Innovation Grant

Application Deadline

Spring Youth Service Day Report Due Date

5/10: Mother's Day

5/25: Memorial Day

#### JUNE

6/21: Father's Day

Visit www.apo.org/calendar for a complete list of deadlines and events.



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#### ALPHA PHI OMEGA ALUMNI

#### **ARE A BUNCH OF HAPPY CAMPERS**

By Eva Richards The story was originally published by the NIU Alumni Assocation

What started in 1975 as a simple weekend campout in Watersmeet, Michigan, for 14 brothers from Eta Chapter at Northern Illinois University, eventually turned into a meaningful 45-year tradition.

These men met through their affiliation with NIU's national service fraternity Alpha Phi Omega (APO). Through the years, attendance has shifted, as family and job responsibilities called away members from time to time, but there has been an annual camping trip each year, and it has become a planning priority for the friends.

Two members of the core group, John Kelly, '77, and Bruce Spiewak, '75, have proudly attended all 45 campouts. Each year, the friends routinely fly or drive from their locations across the country to meet at a campsite somewhere in Illinois, Wisconsin or Michigan.

"I even traveled in from Paris two years in a row to be able to attend," Kelly remembered. "I didn't want to miss it."

Early campouts were just that. The guys were happy to "rough it" in tents with mosquitoes and sometimes heavy rain in northern Wisconsin or Michigan's Upper Peninsula. In their younger years, the campers would gather for a large campfire, while listening to Dire Straits or the Rolling Stones on the boom box. Evening beach time was generally preceded with steak dinners cooked over charcoal grills.

Over the last 30 years, the group has moved to a more "civilized" setting at a lakefront house on Apple Canyon Lake in Galena, Illinois, and typically meet from Wednesday through early Sunday of each Father's Day weekend in June.

"We enjoy poker games, golf, fishing, and food is always in abundant supply," said Dave Read, '74, who makes the trek each year from his home in Colorado. "We like to recount tall tales of NIU dorm and apartment life, which have seemed to grow taller over the years."

The campers agree that they feel lucky to be part of such a wonderful group of core friends, united over a common bond with NIU and APO. The fraternity is committed to serving

others and generally does monthly service projects in northern Illinois area.

When the campers were on campus, they did lots of work with the regional Boy Scouts and their "Camporees." Other projects included putting on a Sesame Street play at Dixon Mental Hospital and taking orphans roller skating at a facility in Elgin.



Front Row (L-R): Tom Nolan (attended NIU '75-'76), Warren Diegel ('75), Mike Zerbe and John Victor (Friends of NIU/APO), Eric Loos (M.S. '90), John Kelly ('77) Back Row (L- R): Tom Vesecky ('73, '74), Dave Read ('74; M.S. '76), Mike Wittes ('79), Jeff Forsythe ('76) Bruce Spiewak (attended NIU '74-'76), Dave Spiewak ('75), Ed Carpenter ('76)

These APO brothers have gotten together for annual campouts every year since 1975!

"We wonder how 45 years could go by so quickly," Read said. "We are confident that the tradition will continue at least through a 50th campout in 2024 and much probably later. As long as we can make the drive, walk down the hill to the boat dock and safely handle a golf cart, I think we'll still be camping."

Sadly, in the last 10 years, three long-time attendees and friends—Peter Cerf, Richard "Fitz" Fitzgerald and Robert "Mick" Michalek—have passed away and are dearly missed. Missing these individuals only makes the campers feel more determined to meet up each year and spend precious time together.

"I am honored to have Mick's ashes, and he still comes along on the trips with us every year," Spiewak said. "We know the others are also there in spirit."

#### ALPHA GAMMA CHI CHAPTER SUPPORTS ALUM IN FIGHT OF THEIR LIFE

By Hannah Pinson, APO Intern

Alpha Phi Omega's Cardinal Principles of Leadership, Friendship and Service are instilled in APO members upon initiation and fully they remain present throughout the rest of their lives. As such, we are always grateful to see displays of our Cardinal Principles in members, active and alumni, in stories like these.

Kristen Acosta was initiated into Alpha Gamma Chi Chapter at Frostburg State University in 1993. After minimal interaction with Alpha Phi Omega for almost 20 years, Acosta reconnected with brothers from her alma mater at a leadership conference in 2017. She traveled from her home in California

to Frostburg's campus in Maryland to give a speech to young leaders about empowering those around them. Three members of the audience were APO actives in Alpha Gamma Chi. After her speech, these members approached Acosta, struck up a conversation with her, and even showed her their chapter of

the year award given to them by the university.

Following this visit, Acosta and the three members stayed in touch. They kept her updated on what was going on with the chapter and she gave advice. Acosta said they even helped her participate in the chapter's 25th anniversary celebration. Of the celebration, she said that "since I couldn't attend, the members made a point to FaceTime me during the celebration so that I could be a part of it, even if I was 2600 miles away." The relationship has been maintained to this day.

This relationship has been increasingly important to Acosta

this year. In August, she was diagnosed with breast cancer. When Alpha Gamma Chi Chapter learned of the diagnosis, the chapter dressed up in pink clothes, took a photo, and sent it to Acosta to show solidarity and support behind their brother. Acosta was moved by this touching display, saying "When I got the picture, I just teared up."

The support for their brother did not stop there. Maddie Fick, an Alpha Gamma Chi active, and the rest of the chapter coordinated a fundraiser in Acosta's honor. In October, the chapter hosted a step challenge. For two weeks, Alpha Gamma Chi members tracked their steps through watches and apps and secured sponsors to donate based on how many steps they had

taken by the end of the two weeks. In addition, the chapter set up a GoFundMe account to raise additional money for the Breast Cancer Research Foundation.

The members of Alpha Gamma Chi demonstrated all of APO's Cardinal Principles in doing this for their brother. They demonstrated

leadership by stepping up to organize this fundraiser, service by serving those with breast cancer, and most importantly, friendship by supporting their brother. As Acosta puts it:

"You never know what kind of impact you made on a person until something like this happens. I had only been with the current APO brothers for only a few short hours on that March day in 2018, however I would have never known that I made such a deep impression on them until a few short months ago. This whole experience left me completely at a loss for words. I applaud their thoughtfulness, their hearts, and their tenacity in supporting this APO alum."

## A LOOK BACK AT YOUTH SERVICE GRANTS

ach spring, Alpha Phi Omega awards the Youth Service Grant (YSG) to qualifying chapters to enable them to perform proactive service to youth in the

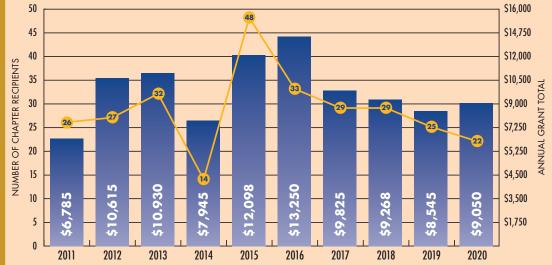
community, in the nation or around the world. All chapters in good standing, as defined by the National Bylaws, are encouraged to apply before the annual February 1 deadline for submissions to be received and reviewed by the Youth Service Grant Committee. The proposed projects must focus on service to pre-college-age youth, such as chapter-based service to benefit youth, or appropriate organizations, or socially positive programs of youth development. The emphasis is on proactive, positive outreach. The project may be one-time, shortterm, or ongoing. The YSG Committee selects recipients based on the purposeful impact

to be made by the proposed projects.

Over the past 10 years, the Fraternity has awarded almost \$98,311 in grants to help support chapters in their service for and with youth.



#### TEN YEARS OF YOUTH SERVICE GRANTS



#### CONGRATULATIONS

### TO THE 2020 YOUTH SERVICE GRANT RECIPIENTS

#### **REGION A**

San Jose State University

Gamma Beta Chapter

Santa Clara University

Eta Alpha Chapter

University of California at Davis **lota Phi Chapter** 

#### **REGION B**

University of California at Santa Barbara

**Psi Chapter** 

University of Southern California **Alpha Kappa Chapter** 

#### **REGION C**

University of Denver

Alpha Eta lota Chapter

#### **REGION E**

lowa State University
Xi Chapter

#### **REGION F**

Knox College
Alpha Beta Gamma
Chapter

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Alpha Alpha Chapter

Ball State University

Delta Xi Chapter

**REGION H** 

Ohio University

Delta Gamma Chapter

The Ohio State University

Alpha lota Chapter

#### **REGION I**

Marshall University

Eta Upsilon Chapter

University of Kentucky **Alpha Zeta Chapter** 

#### **REGION J**

Albany State University

Psi Sigma Chapter

Emory University **Delta Kappa Chapter** 

#### **REGION L**

Clemson University

Gamma Lambda Chapter

North Carolina State University

Iota Lambda Chapter

#### **REGION Q**

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute **Epsilon Zeta Chapter** 

SUNY Geneseo
Alpha Beta Xi Chapter

SUNY University at Albany
Alpha Delta Eta Chapter

#### **REGION R**

Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Omicron lota Chapter









National Leadership Development Chair, Matthew Rom at Area C Conference



Area LMN Conference



2019 Pledgeclass Namesake Allen Wong at Area LMN Conference

## FALL AREA CONFERENCES OFFER NEW EXPERIENCES TO THOUSANDS OF BROTHERS

At the start of the 2019-2020 Operations Council Term, the Board of Directors charged the Meetings and Conferences Program to develop a plan and pilot process for moving from the previously structured regional conferences to a new system of area conferences. The drive for change started with the 2018 restructuring and the creation of the current 18 regions. Under the new structure, the Fraternity faced the question, how do we best serve our membership and streamline the conference process so that every member has access to quality education and experiences?

The goal of the new area conference model was to make conferences more accessible to more brothers and elevate the experiences offered. Area conferences opened these events so, no matter what region the brother is from, they feel welcome to attend any one of the conferences rather than being exclusive to one region. This new format also encouraged brothers to expand their APO network beyond their chapter and region.

The eight conferences held this year offered programing that reflects the national focuses of the Fraternity. Each conference offered education for attendees on risk management, recruitment, membership engagement, leadership development and volunteer development. These topics were presented in various forms, such as facilitated workshops, round table discussions, and



Omega Zeta Chapter's participating in the costume contest



Area HI Conference

"Having student leaders was so beneficial in getting students from my chapter to go. It was also SO rewarding to get to present, and I would definitely want to see this continued in the future"

— Patrick Martens, Delta Delta Chapter

"I had a great time at the OPQR area conference!
From getting one step closer to becoming an APO
LEADS all-star to developing strategies for practicing leadership through service, the activities offered were very helpful. As a graduating senior, I was grateful to learn how I can be involved in the brotherhood after I graduate and connect with other alumni who are still active in many ways. Not only that, but I also became a Life Member! Even as I say goodbye to my days as an active brother in my chapter, this conference reminded me that I'm still part of something greater and that I can still make a difference both within and outside APO!"

— Jackson Wong, Epsilon Zeta Chapter Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

panels of experts. Conference-goers also participated in service projects and fellowship events to strengthen their bond with fellow brothers. For example, at the Area LMN Conference, attendees held a penny war, which raised more than \$400 for Special Olympics. The Area EFG Conference hosted a costume contest on the night of their final banquet for some fun brotherly competition.

The conferences also honored chapters' and brothers' accomplishments over the past year. Fraternity leaders awarded chapters with local and national awards, including 36 Chapter of Excellence, 65 Pledge Program of Excellence and 64 Joseph A Scanlon awards.



Area OPQR Conference

This year's area conferences created a road map for the future of APO conferences, hosting more than 1200 brothers from Fullerton, CA to Syracuse, NY. Building on and improving national conferences continues to be a priority of the Fraternity as increasing member engagement continues to be a strategic focus for APO. The shared connections created at these events develop more leaders that will continue to impact campuses and communities worldwide. The pictures and quotes in this highlight are just some examples of the memorable experiences from this year's area conferences.



Zeta Psi Chapter received the Region A Leadership Award at the Area AB Conference.



Section C-4 brothers at Area C Conference



Service projects at the Area HI Conference

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## Meet Clexander Tran OUR 500,000TH MEMBER

"But neither can we live on past glory. We must launch forth now upon the next decade with even stronger zeal and enthusiasm and faith. Every chapter must grasp the fuller opportunities of service, extend membership to larger numbers...and keep the banner of Alpha Phi Omega flying high over its campus."

— Anonymous
Originally published in the December 1935 issue of Torch & Trefoil Magazine.

In the Winter 2019 issue, we took a look back at the past membership milestones of the Fraternity, remembering the half-million members who make up this fantastic organization and keep the flame of service lit in their communities.

Each milestone since the Fraternity's founding has impacted where the organization stands today, as well as tomorrow and the next day as the world's largest Greek letter organization. Initiating the 500,000th member is a remarkable and profound milestone for Alpha Phi Omega and one that each and every member played a role in achieving – LITERALLY!

Each one of the 500,000 faces has contributed to a service impact that collectively totals more than 40,000,000 hours over the past 95 years. Hundreds of thousands of pints of blood, pounds of food, and clothing collected to give a hand up to others in the community in need of service.

Now, it is time we welcome and celebrate member number 500,000 – Brother Alexander Tran from Rho Pi Chapter at the University of California, San Diego!

Brother Tran is a sophomore at UCSD from El Monte, California. His major and academic focuses are geared toward pursuing a profession in the health care field.

Like many members, Alexander came to APO by way of a friend on campus who persuaded him to attend a rush event.

"I met a few active members, and from hearing their stories and how they felt like they met life-long brothers, I was inspired and wanted to join Alpha Phi Omega as well," said Tran.

Alexander pledged Rho Phi Chapter in October 2019 and was initiated in January 2020 by the chapter.





Reaching this amazing milestone is such an accomplishment for APO and one we all share as brothers! I am thrilled to have had a chance to share the news with the chapter and celebrate with Alexander and Melanie, - President Coop



His favorite service project is Rho Pi Chapter's Operation Santa - an annual relief program put on by the chapter for more than a decade that provides a Christmas for San Diego families who cannot afford it themselves. The chapter collects and provides for as many families as possible with food, clothing, and toys. Last year, the chapter provided for 270 individuals, 111 of which were families.

"This service project means so much to me," said Tran. "I, myself, have experienced missing out on the holidays, coming from

an underprivileged, immigrant family, and my greatest wish is for everyone in this world to be happy."

At the time of his initiation, he and his fellow chapter members were not aware that he would become the Fraternity's 500,000th member. President Robert



Coop reached out soon after hearing of his initiation and achievement of this milestone. He notified Alexander and the chapter president, Melanie Nieman, and welcomed him to Alpha Phi Omega on behalf of all of his brothers.

"Reaching this amazing milestone is such an accomplishment for APO and one we all share as brothers! I am thrilled to have had a chance to share the news with the chapter and celebrate with Alexander and Melanie, although I may have scared them when I first reached out!" said

President Coop.

"Think about if you were a new initiate and out of the blue, the National President reached out wanting to chat! The good news was they moved quickly from nervous to excited and enthusiastic for what was to come!"

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and a scholarship to pursue the Certified Nonprofit Professional Credential through the Fraternity's newest partner, the Nonprofit Leadership Alliance.

While gracious and excited for all of these celebratory gifts, Alexander remained aware of and thankful for

the role each member before him played in achieving this important milestone.

"Being the 500,000th member of Alpha Phi Omega is something that is more likely a milestone for those who have been in the Fraternity for far longer, and it doesn't feel like I should be taking any credit for this. I am no different from any other person in this fraternity," said Tran. "However, being a part of such a large service organization is something that means very much to me."

We celebrate Alexander as a symbol of each member of APO and their impact, which has been significant and has helped make a positive impact on the campuses and communities in which they live and make a living.

Alexander, just like the other new initiates of APO, wants to carry the Cardinal Principles through his life and be both impacted and impactful.



When asked how he will demonstrate the Cardinal Principles in his daily life, Alexander shared his desire to always be openminded and honest, as well as caring for everyone around him.

"It takes giving

people the time of day and always being open to talk to others, as well as making people feel at home and cared for...there are people in the world who need help, and recognizing that there are always people who have less than you, keeping a humble mindset, and giving your all to help the world become a better place are what I think of when I think of Service in my daily life."

Welcome to Alpha Phi Omega Brother Tran! The Fraternity is sure to see wonderful things from you as you continue daily working and striving to improve the world around you, holding dear the principles of Leadership, Friendship and Service.





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## DECEMBER 27–30, 2020 NATIONAL CONVENTION

AT THE JVV MARRIOTT PHOENIX DESERT RIDGE RESORT & SPA

Reunite with your brothers and celebrate reaching 500,000 members and the many memories and milestones of APO over the past 95 years.

Registration Type	Early Price before 11/10 5:00PM CST		Price after 11/10 5:00PM CST	
	Convention Registration	With Breakfast	Convention Registration	With Breakfast
Student Voting Delegate*	\$185	\$210	\$235	\$260
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Alumni Society of Life	\$240	\$265	\$290	\$315
Alumni	\$260	\$285	\$310	\$335
Child Guest (under 12)	\$45		\$45	
Adult Guest non-member	\$55		\$55	
Alumni Reception	\$35		\$35	
Banquet Only (alumni only)	\$55		\$55	



#### **REGISTRATION COMING SOON!**



#### CHAPTER NOTES

See what great Leadership, Friendship and Service projects chapters have showcased to inspire others through Instagram and Facebook.

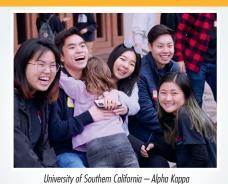
#### **REGION A**



University of the Pacific — Alpha Alpha Xi

apoaaxi Morning at Bread of Life! Did we volunteer
or grocery shop?

#### **REGION B**



apouse Thank you to everyone who came out to KEDS last week! We had so much fun teaching the kids about science and taking them to the museum.

#### **REGION C**



Colorado State University — Epsilon Xi

apoepxi Brothers doing some amazing service
with Habitat for Humanity, Resuce Mission,
McBackpacks, moving boxes with our Advisor Bob!

#### **REGION D**



Texas Tech University — Beta Sigma **ttuapo** Pancakes or Waffles? We vote pancakes!

#ServiceSunday #PancakeFestival #APOttu

#### **REGION E**



stolaf\_apo These bros had a great time
participating in the JDRF One Walk to raise money
for T1D research. #SaturdayMorningSquad

#### **REGION F**



Bradley University — Zeta Alpha

apozetaalpha Big Pink Volleyball Tournament champions! Proceeds will be donated to the Susan G. Komen Foundation in our name. So fun playing with bros, for a great cause!

#### **REGION G**



University of Michigan Ann Arbor — Gamma Pi apouofm Big love going out to all of our APO bros this Valentine's Day!

#### **REGION H**



The Ohio State University — Alpha lota

apoalphaiota HUGE snaps to all the bros
that participated in BuckeyeThon this year! As a
team, we raised \$27,848 FTK!

#### **REGION I**



University of Louisville — Delta Theta

apo\_dt Proud of my brothers for raising
money for raiseRED!!!

#### **REGION J**



Tulane University — Gamma Upsilon

alphaphiomegatulane Our brothers are on the top (box) of the world at service events!" Top Box Foods Louisiana brings fresh and healthy groceries to neighborhoods.

#### **REGION K**



University of Florida — Tau

aphiotau We had a great turnout from Tau at Serve in Knoxville, TN! Serve is one of the five APO LEADS courses that helps foster leadership development.

#### **REGION L**



Elon University — Sigma Rho

apoelon Had an AMAZING afternoon at Loy Farm! All the produce we harvest goes right to campus kitchen, and then to some wonderful community partners.

#### **REGION M**



University of Richmond — Omicron Phi

urichmond\_apo #0micronPhiFriday goes out to some lovely bros who participated in tree stewardship last weekend!

#### **REGION N**



McDaniel College — Alpha Epsilon Lambda

apo mcdaniel Brothers scoured the streets of Westminster for trash! We played music while we picked up trash to keep our city clean!! #goapo

#### **REGION 0**



Pennsylvania State University — Alpha Beta

apoalphabeta Alpha Beta is #FTK all this weekend!

#### **REGION P**



Stockton University — Alpha Eta Omicron

stocktonapo Thank you to all our wonderful brothers for their participation in the annual MLK Day of Service! #APOStockton

#### **REGION Q**



Syracuse University - Phi

apocuse Last weekend, some of our brothers volunteered at #SledforRed, a cardboard sledding derby that raises money and awareness for @acrhealthcny!

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uconn\_apo Happy Service Sunday! Here are some pics of our bros working with **Habitat for Humanity!** 

## Building a Future Through Sustained Giving

"Alpha Phi Omega has been one of the defining parts of my college experience. I've grown tremendously as a leader and given hundreds of hours of service back to the community while making lifelong friendships with people who are passionate about helping their communities." – Brian L.

here are many aspects of college life that help define and shape the professionals that students will become. For Alpha Phi Omega brothers like Brian L., the leadership training, along with building lifelong friendships and passion for helping in the community, helped define the person he became after college.

These opportunities were made available to Brian, and students like him, because of your role in APO, along with those who stood with you in preparing campus leaders for the future. APO would not be the fraternity it is today without your leadership, vision and loyal support. As we celebrate the initiation of the 500,000th member, we know current students are continuing to build on the great legacy you helped create.

Now, more than ever, the Fraternity needs the support of donors to support our students and sustain and expand programming that will benefit Alpha Phi Omega for today and tomorrow's students. Without this vital support, the Fraternity cannot fully support our students, and improve and expand existing program while also keeping student fees low.

Your generous support in 2020, combined with the support from other brothers, will help us to continue to provide APO chapter members with even greater experiences in the future. Many members are getting involved as a Torchbearer with a one-time gift of \$75 or 12 monthly gifts of just \$6.25. Please go to https://apo.org/product/torchbearer-fund/ to get started.

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