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2021 National Awards
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Brothers,

I am honored and privileged to have been elected to serve as the 27th National President of Alpha Phi Omega. You have entrusted me with the great responsibility of leading the Fraternity, and I look forward to the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead.

Alpha Phi Omega was founded on the principles of Leadership, Friendship and Service. For nearly one hundred years, our brothers have lived and promoted those principles on their campuses and in their communities through times of peace, times of war and now through a pandemic. Our members have kept the spirit and traditions of APO alive through their meaningful friendships and impactful service, and because of that, we continue onward in our efforts to prepare more leadership through service. As an organization that strives to meet the needs of our communities, we must embrace the new norm, take active steps to increase our involvement in our communities and make Alpha Phi Omega available to more students on more campuses.

As a longtime volunteer to APO, I've seen how this brotherhood has taken great strides to do just those things. We have seen brothers go above and beyond in making the best out of the opportunities and challenges presented to them in true APO fashion. There will always be obstacles ahead of us and more work to do. One of the strengths of our brotherhood, and a big factor in our ability to persevere, is that we're committed to working together and stepping up for our community whenever we're needed.

We recently had an exciting opportunity to reunite on a national scale. The 2021 National Convention was held virtually at the end of December and beginning of January. Brothers enjoyed learning labs, an engaging keynote speaker, ceremonies and the Virtual Legislative Session. This Legislative Session was represented by one of the highest numbers of voting delegates ever! Delegates conducted the business of the Fraternity, recognized outstanding members and chapters, and elected the most diverse groups of individuals to serve and lead the Fraternity.

I am excited to lead and take on the challenges ahead of us, as we develop new programs and resources to keep Alpha Phi Omega relevant now and for the next 100 years. Over the next few years, we will pick ourselves up and continue to build on our strengths, but also try new things, tackle new endeavors, challenge the norm, and change for the better. I challenge you to continue to see the potential in others and engage them, invite them, and ask them to be a part of what we have. Grow the Fraternity, grow your chapters and grow as individuals. Provide safe, inclusive spaces for others to grow and develop and just be who they are meant to be. Serve unselfishly.

One thing I have learned over time is that those who want to serve and volunteer are rarer than you think. You are part of an extraordinary and amazing group of individuals. Work together to do amazing things to impact your community and change the world. Thank you again for entrusting me to lead our beloved Fraternity, Alpha Phi Omega.

In Leadership, Friendship and Service,

Melody A. Martin, National President



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4/29-5/01: Spring Youth Service Day

5/01: John Mack Scholarship Application Deadline

5/01: Fall Pledge Class Namesake Honoree Nomination Deadline

5/01: Spring Youth Service Day Report Deadline

JUNE

6/01: Graduating Seniors Reporting Deadline

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

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NATIONWIDE FRATERNITY NEWS

MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 2021 BOARD MEETING

The Board approved the agenda, including the consent agenda. The consent agenda included:

- Approval of the September 23, 2021, meeting minutes
- Approval of the amendments to the Fraternity Operations & Policy Manual
 - Grossi Member Mile Award
 - Category III – Awards & Recognitions, Policy IV
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ACTION ITEMS

On the recommendation of the Region N Chair and the Membership Program Chair, and pursuant to Article IX, Section 7 of the National Bylaws, the President declared the charter of Rho Delta Chapter at the University of Rhode Island (R-3) null and void.

The Board approved amending the Fraternity & Operations Policy Manual, Category X, Communication Policy VII.

The Board approved the request for ritual and ceremony accessibility updates.

MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 2021 BOARD MEETING

The Board approved the agenda, including the consent agenda, and the October 13, 2021, meeting minutes.

ACTION ITEMS

The Board approved asking the DEI Program Committee to review Category V – Membership and Extension, Sub-Category 1. General, Policy VI. Underground Activities and Membership in the

Fraternity Operations & Policy Manual and make a recommendation to the Board for an update to the policy.

The Board approved amending Category IV – National Convention, Sub-Category 4. Planning and Logistics, Policy XII. Proposed Standing Rules of the National Convention of Alpha Phi Omega of the Fraternity Operations & Policy Manual.

On the recommendation of the Region P Chair and the Membership Program Chair, and pursuant to Article IX, Section 7 of the National Bylaws, the President declared the charter of the Nu Psi Chapter at Montclair State University (P-3) null and void.

MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 2022 BOARD MEETING

The Board approved the agenda, including the consent agenda. The consent agenda included:

- Approval of the November 16, 2021, meeting minutes
- Presidential appointment of Jen Znosko as Legal Council
- Presidential appointment of Daniel Tilkin as International Relations Chair

ACTION ITEMS

Brother Chris Meschuk, AICP was elected to serve as Treasurer.

Brothers Padric Hall and Kimberlee Castillo Yee were elected to serve on the Executive Committee.

The Board approved amending Category V – Membership and Extension, Sub-Category III – Extension, Policy III. Extensions Procedure and Process as recommended by the Extension Program Chair.

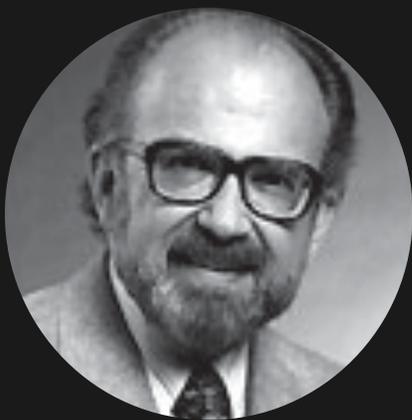
IN MEMORIAM

Irwin Gerst

It is with great sadness and profound respect that the Fraternity announces the passing of Brother Irwin Gerst, Epsilon Chi '48, at the age of 95.

Brother Gerst was heavily involved in the Fraternity throughout his time as an active and an alum. He served as an endowment trustee and as a member and Life Member of the Alpha Phi Omega Board of Directors. He was also chosen as the National Fall Pledge Class Namesake Honoree in 1984.

Brother Gerst supported the Fraternity as a donor, volunteer and brother. He will be dearly missed, and his contributions and brotherhood will not soon be forgotten.



NEW CHARTER

Alpha Theta Xi Chapter

APO is proud to announce that Alpha Theta Xi Chapter at St. Petersburg College chartered on Friday, February 18, 2022. With this chartering, the chapter brought 38 new members into the Fraternity.

Board Member Kenneth Tinkler presented the charter to the new chapter, and Tau Mu Chapter at the University of South Florida hosted the ceremony that welcomed the brothers to the Fraternity.

Congratulations, brothers! We look forward to watching Alpha Theta Xi Chapter grow and provide a positive and lasting impression on St. Petersburg College's campus and its surrounding community.



The 2021 National Convention

This past January, the Fraternity wrapped our first full Virtual National Convention! Although we held a Virtual Legislative Session in 2020, we added even more this year: ceremonies, learning labs, a keynote speaker, and more. This virtual convention offered an opportunity for our brothers to reconnect with one another and do what they do best: Leadership, Friendship and Service.

The Fraternity thanks everyone who was able to attend a session this year because the attendees made the event what it was. It couldn't have been done without the participation of all involved. If you couldn't make it, don't worry! There are still tons of ways you can benefit from the events. Here is a review of what happened at the Convention and how you can still enjoy the festivities!

Opening Ceremonies

The Virtual National Convention began with the opening ceremonies on December 28, where Immediate Past National President Rob Coop welcomed attendees to this event. Together, everyone watched a video that took us back through the Fraternity's history, and we heard the announcement of the recipients of the 2021 National Distinguished Service Key Award. Read more about this year's recipients on page 9!

Virtual Legislative Session and Region Elections

Once again, the Fraternity held a Virtual Legislative Session to take care of Fraternity business and elect the newest Board of Directors. The following day, each region held a meeting to elect their regional chair. Read more about the actions taken at the Virtual Legislative Session on page 7 or about the newly elected Fraternity leaders on page 9.

Keynote Speaker

On December 29, we welcomed Deedre Daniel, founder of The Interesting Conversations Company and The Big Fat Tip, Inc., as the keynote speaker for this event. In her highly interactive event, she taught APO how to be more interesting than a cell phone and how to stand out from the crowd. Watch her speak on her YouTube channel at <https://bit.ly/3tsKzFC>.

Learning Labs and Service Fair

Attendees were offered a wide array of learning labs. Topics included diversity and inclusion within the Fraternity, networking, alumni engagement with APO, dealing with chapter conflict, and more. A virtual service fair was also included in the schedule, which offered dedicated time for members to meet with staff from our service partners to learn more about the organizations and how members can get involved, either as a chapter member or an individual.

Closing Ceremonies

Finally, we closed the festivities with a final ceremony and the installation of our newly elected Fraternity leaders. Read more about these leaders on page 9!

***Thank you to everyone who joined the 47th National Convention!
We're already excited to see you in Indianapolis, IN, in 2023!***



Actions of the 2021 Virtual Legislative Session

On December 29, 2021, voting delegates representing more than 200 chapters across the country joined together virtually to conduct the vital business of the Fraternity during the 2021 Legislative Session. Below are the updates and changes made at that session by the Legislative Body.

Ratification of Upcoming National Convention Locations

The Convention ratified the Board of Directors' decisions to hold the 2023 National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, and the 2025 National Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Resolutions

The Convention approved the following resolutions:

- Add an illustration of material personnel placement at the end of each section for the arrangement of a ceremony listed in the Ritual Book
- Edit the script of online resources for ceremonies so that it accurately matches what is in the Fraternity's Ritual Book
- The National Service Week theme for the 2022-2024 biennium will be Self & Community Care

Amendments to the National Bylaws

Article IV - National Convention, Section 7. - Time and Place

The National Convention shall be held biennially in odd numbered years **unless cancelled or rescheduled by a unanimous vote of the National Board of Directors caused by an interference outside of the Fraternity's control.** The time and place of each Convention shall be selected by the Board of Directors and subsequently ratified by the delegates in accordance with the rotation schedule contained in the Fraternity Operations & Policy Manual based on the recommendations presented by a Convention site committee.

Article VI - National Board of Directors, Section 5. - Board Meetings

The National Board of Directors shall meet at least once each calendar year. Special meetings may be called by the **National President, the Executive Committee of the National Board of Directors** or by petition of a majority of the elected members of the National Board of Directors.

Referred to Committee

Article VI - National Board of Directors, Section 2. - Members of the National Board of Directors

National Board of Directors shall consist of the following elected members: National President, National Vice President, four district representatives, and five members-at-large (two of whom are elected by the National Board of Directors), and the following ex-officio members: National Executive Director, the National Legal Counsel, the Immediate Past National President chosen by the remaining Past Presidents, **one Regional Chair chosen by the Regional Chairs, and one Program Chair chosen by the Program Chairs.** The ex-officio members shall also service as advisors to the Board and assume responsibility for special assignments on appointment by the National President. Each member of the Board shall have one vote at meetings of the National Board of Directors, except for the National Executive Director, **the Regional Chair representative, the Program Chair representative,** and the National Legal Counsel, who shall be non-voting members. With the exception of voting, non-voting members of the National Board of Directors shall have the same rights as the voting members. ■

Recipients of the 2021 National Awards

Alpha Phi Omega wouldn't be where it is today without all of the fantastic volunteers that serve with and for us every day. We are so thankful we have such strong and dedicated volunteers, and we strive to recognize them and thank them for their contributions. One way we do this is with national awards. Congratulations to the following recipients of APO national awards!

The **National Distinguished Service Key Award** is the Fraternity's highest level of distinction, and it recognizes brothers for outstanding service to the Fraternity. This year's chair of the National Distinguished Service Key Committee, Maggie Katz, announced the recipients during the opening ceremony of the National Convention. The 2021 recipients are:



Ed Richter, Alpha Iota '84



Sue Meyer, Gamma Pi '86



Keith Roots, Theta '83

The **Phyllis Churchill Tenney Excellence in Advising Award** recognizes exemplary advising to an individual chapter over a substantial period of time. The recipient of this award is determined by the Awards and Appreciation Reference Committee, and the chosen recipient this year is:

Sue Marcotte Schreiber
Alpha Zeta Omega Chapter at Parkland College



The **Dean Arno Nowotny National Service Award** is given to a chapter with the best overall, most well-balanced service program. The 2021 recipient of the Dean Arno Nowotny National Service Award is:

Zeta Lambda Chapter
University of Toledo

The **Howard R. Patton National Leadership Award** is presented to the chapter with the best overall leadership program. The chapter that was awarded this year's Howard R. Patton National Leadership Award is:

Theta Alpha Chapter
Stevens Institute of Technology

The **Josiah Frank Historian's Award** is presented to the chapter compiling and maintaining the best chapter history, which records and perpetuates the principles and traditions of Alpha Phi Omega. This year's recipient of the Josiah Frank Historian's Award is:

Theta Alpha Chapter
Stevens Institute of Technology

Meet the Board

The 47th National Convention elected new leaders to serve the Fraternity as members of the Board of Directors. The Board, and other Fraternity leaders, play an instrumental role in helping APO grow and progress. The Fraternity is proud to introduce these new leaders!

National President Melody A. Martin

Brother Martin was initiated by Delta Alpha Chapter at the University of Cincinnati, where she earned a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering. She also earned a master's degree in Project Management from Aspen University. She has served in many volunteer positions including Section 56 Chair (2002-2004), Region V Director (2011-2012), Alumni Relations & Internal Volunteer Development Program Director (2013-2014), National Board of Directors Member, and National Vice President. Brother Martin is the recipient of the Section 56 Distinguished Service Key (DSK) and the Region V DSK. She is a member of the Society of Life Members, a Diamond Torchbearer and a contributor to the Leaders in Service Campaign. Professionally, Melody works as a quality control manager for a corrugated packaging company in Maumee, Ohio, and is a Six Sigma Black Belt. Outside of work and APO, Melody can be found on a softball or soccer field cheering on her children's teams.

National Vice President Disraeli W. Smith, II

Brother Smith was initiated by Kappa Delta Chapter at Florida A&M University in 2007. He earned a bachelor's in Business Administration and a master's in Business Administration from Florida A&M University, as well as a master's in Public Policy from Georgetown University. Prior to his current position as the National Vice President, Brother Smith has served APO in numerous volunteer positions, including the 2010 National Convention Chair, region staff with a focus on Leadership Development and Extension (2011-2014), National Alumni Relations Program Director (2015-2016) and a member of the National Board of Directors (2019-present). Professionally, he is a corporate strategy manager with Fifth Third, where he helps the bank accelerate its growth through key strategic initiatives. In his free time, Brother Smith spends time with family and enjoys reading books, writing, and building Legos while also finding ways to extend his leadership abilities within the Charlotte, North Carolina community.



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Marc' C. Bady

Marc' Bady serves as the Chief Diversity and Human Resource Officer for Fresno Housing. Prior to arriving in Fresno, Marc' served as the Dean of Students and Chief Diversity officer at Coe College. As the CDO and the Dean, Marc' was responsible for leading the Department of Student Life, including Residence Life, Health and Wellness, Religious Services, Title IX and Conduct, New Student Programs, Greek Life, Diversity and Multicultural Programs, Student Organizations, and most notably, Coe's Food Pantry Program. Before his role as the Dean, Marc' served in First-Year Experience and Residential Education and Title IX Compliance roles at Tulane University in New Orleans. He has served in a variety of additional roles over the course of his career while working at various colleges and universities, including Bowling Green State University, Roanoke College, the University of San Francisco and Tulane University. Marc' was selected by the Board of Directors to serve APO.

Jeremy Bingman

Brother Bingman was initiated by Alpha Alpha Chapter at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1996, where he earned a bachelor's in Economics. He also earned a master's in Business Administration from DePaul University. He has served as Section 51 Chair (2003-2009), 2010 National Convention Legislative Director, Region VI Extension Coordinator (2009-2010) and Region VI Director (2010-2016). He belongs to the Society of Life Members, is a Silver

Founder's Circle Torchbearer and contributed to the Leaders in Service campaign. He received DSKs at the chapter, sectional and regional levels. Outside of the Fraternity, Brother Bingman serves in a volunteer role within the Boy Scouts of America. Professionally, Brother Bingman is a product manager in the fintech industry, focusing on product development and clients' data experience.

Kimberlee Castillo Yee

Brother Castillo Yee was initiated by Alpha Alpha Xi Chapter at the University of the Pacific in 1983. She has served at the sectional, regional and national levels of leadership since that time. She serves as a trainer/presenter (2004-present) of all five courses of the APO LEADS Leadership Development Program and most recently was the first Advisor Engagement and Development Program Chair (2018-2020). She was honored with the chapter (Alpha Alpha Xi), Section 4 and Region X DSKs. Brother Castillo Yee has served as a Girl Scout leader. An avid supporter of the arts, she volunteers at the Stockton Civic Theatre, where she currently serves on their board of directors. Professionally, she works as a senior office assistant for the San Joaquin County Human Services Agency. Brother Yee is proud to be an APO legacy. Her late father, Gilbert Castillo, was an alumnus of Epsilon Chi Chapter. She is also grateful for the support of her husband, Bill, and her daughters, Madeline and Olivia.

Padric Hall

Brother Hall was initiated by



Eta Eta Chapter at Arizona State University where he earned a bachelor's in Urban Planning and master's in Geospatial Information Systems. During his college days, he held many leadership roles centered around student engagement and betterment. For the Fraternity, Brother Hall aims every day to uphold the objectives and principles articulated by our founder, Frank Reed Horton, and to be of service to our members. He is currently a doctoral student in the Business Analysis and Data Science program at Capitol Technology University. He's held various roles within the community impacting youth including coaching for Football

National Team USA and many collegiate star athletes who have come under his guidance. Professionally, he is a national security expert helping defend our country against foreign and domestic adversaries working for Booz Allen Hamilton.

Dr. Hilton Hallock

Dr. Hilton Hallock was initiated as a founding advisor of Alpha Zeta Chi Chapter at New England College in 2010. Service-learning has been a through-line of her career, which includes leading a non-profit volunteer organization, conducting community-based research, and teaching service-learning courses. Dr. Hallock currently serves as Interim President, Provost and Professor of Education at Alaska Pacific University, an Alaska Native-Serving Institution in Anchorage, AK. She volunteers with the Food Bank of Alaska, the Alaska Native Heritage Center and various professional organizations. She earned a PhD in Cultural Foundations of Education and a CAS in Social Movement Studies at Syracuse University, an MEd in Higher Education and Student Affairs Administration at the University of Vermont and a bachelor's in Interdisciplinary Studies at the University of Virginia. Hilton was selected by the Board of Directors to serve APO.

Chris Meschuk, AICP

Brother Meschuk was initiated by Gamma Theta Chapter at the University of Colorado Boulder in 2000, where he earned a bachelor's in Environmental Design. He also earned a master's in Urban and



Regional Planning from the University of Colorado Denver. He is a certified planner with the American Institute of Certified Planners. Brother Meschuk has served the Fraternity as an alumni volunteer including Section C-1 Chair (2005-2011), member of the National Volunteer Conference Committee (2007-2014) and National Convention AV Director (2010-present). He continues to volunteer with the Wapiti District of the Adventure West Council, BSA. Professionally, he serves as the Deputy City Manager for the City of Boulder, Colorado. In this role, Brother Meschuk serves as the city manager liaison on citywide issues and projects, working in collaboration with city departments to support Boulder's current and future needs.

Jéri L. Ogden

Brother Ogden was initiated by Zeta Phi Chapter at Howard University in 2007, where she earned a bachelor's in Communication and Culture. Shortly after graduation, she began to work with region and section staff. In 2010, she was elected to serve as the formerly designated Section 85 Chair. Brother Ogden's additional APO volunteer experience includes being the founding president of the Uptown DC Alumni Association and the Community Advisor to the Zeta Phi Chapter. Professionally, Brother Ogden is an educator, writer, facilitator with a passion for and emphasis on equitable practices and cultural competence. With more than 10 years of progressive educator leadership, she serves as the Director of Professional Learning Community at ASCD. In addition, she is the founder of PURPLE, a consulting firm that provides purposeful, uplifting and restorative professional learning experiences to organizations and communities.

Candice Solomon-Strutz

Brother Solomon-Strutz was initiated by Alpha Alpha Chapter at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 2001, where she earned a bachelor's in English and Rhetoric and a master's in Library Information Science. After graduation, she continued serving APO as an alum and has vast volunteer experience, including chapter advisor, sectional chair, DEI Program Chair and current member of the National Board of Directors. She extends her servant leadership beyond APO by serving as a Girl Scout

troop leader, Vice President of the Champaign PTA Council, Racial Justice Ally facilitator, Taekwondo instructor and volunteer with the Junior League of Champaign-Urbana. Professionally, she is the Assistant Director of Instructional Technology at the University of Illinois. In this role, Brother Solomon-Strutz provides leadership in the development of chemistry learning spaces and initiatives and develops interactive online content for faculty and instructors.



Kenneth A. Tinkler, Esq., B.C.S.

Brother Tinkler was initiated by Zeta Upsilon Chapter at Boston University in 1990, where he earned a bachelor's in Political Science. He also earned a J.D. from the University of Florida and he is Board-certified in city, county and local government law. An active APO volunteer since 1995 and recipient of five DSKs, he was first elected to the National Board of Directors in 2016. He is a member of the Society of Life Members, a Silver Founder's Circle Torchbearer, a donor to the Leaders in Service campaign and an Eagle Scout. Beyond APO, he holds positions with The Florida Bar and American Bar Association and volunteers locally, teaching middle school students about the Constitution and legal system. He is the president of the Westshore Alliance, a business district development nonprofit. Professionally, he is a shareholder and attorney with the Carlton Fields Law Firm in Tampa, Florida, and has a diverse local government law practice including land use, elections, and environmental matters.

Immediate Past National President Robert M. Coop, P.E.

Brother Coop was initiated by Tau Omicron Chapter at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis in 1991. He earned a bachelor's in Civil Engineering from Rose-Hulman. He served APO as a chapter advisor to Tau Omicron and Mu, National Convention Sergeant-at-Arms, Region VI Director (2007-2010), National Risk Management Director (2011-2014), National Vice President (2015-2018) and National President (2019-2022). Brother Coop is a member of the Society of Life Members, a Silver Founder's Circle Torchbearer and a member of the Blue & Gold Society. He received a Sectional DSK from Section 52 and a Regional DSK from Region VI. In addition to APO, Brother Coop is involved with the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), Structural Engineering Institute of ASCE, Professional Association of Diving Instructors, and the Boy Scouts of America. Professionally, he is a bridge inspection department manager performing routine and underwater inspections.

Past National President

Hon. John K. Ottenad

National Executive Director

Bob London, CAE

National Legal Counsel

Jen Chierek Znosko, J.D.

Congratulations to the Newly Elected Regional Chairs!

- Region A Kevin Lowe
- Region B Susan Taylor
- Region C Heather A. Lehman, CAE
- Region D James Busby, P.E.
- Region E Steven J. Bauer
- Region F Justin M. Martin
- Region G Michael DeLuka
- Region H Brittany A. Ramsey
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- Region L Jennifer R. Headman, Ph.D.
- Region M James A. Kolling, III
- Region N Jesse Manchester
- Region O Jess Lane
- Region P Paul Galuskin
- Region Q Michael Haber
- Region R Eric Strickland

2021 National Service Week

In November, APO chapters served the environment for National Service Week. Everyone is affected by the environment every day in more ways than most people think. There are so many ways, both big and small, to be of service to the environment. As always, APO chapters used their creativity, innovation and determination to plan and execute unique projects that improved the environments of their campuses, communities and the world.

This year, more than 170 chapters spent more than 2,400 hours educating and improving the world through projects dedicated to the environment. Below are some highlights of chapter service projects this past November.

Alpha Eta Gamma Chapter at the University of California, Merced spread information on how people can serve the environment and held a service event. The chapter taught the benefits of composting and encouraged members to share their composting efforts, provided a flyer brothers could share on social media and hosted a campus beautification clean-up event to help the environment on the University of California, Merced campus.

One of the officers of **Pi Chapter at Kansas State University** gave a presentation to the chapter called, "How to Save the World, The Unconventional Way." The presentation highlighted smaller, more obscure ways people can help protect the environment.

Alpha Omicron Chapter at Southern Methodist University helped The Anti-Cruelty Society, a comprehensive animal welfare organization that helps pets and educates others on how to do the same. To do so, the chapter created a do-it-yourself dog tug-toy tutorial for its members and people outside the chapter to use. The tug-toys can be donated to shelters everywhere.

At one of their chapter meetings, members of **Omicron Mu Chapter at Carthage College** participated in a clothing swap. Brothers were encouraged to bring five gently used items of clothing. At the meeting, the clothing was laid out so members could look through the clothes and choose a few items to take home. The remaining items of clothing, which filled two large cardboard boxes, were donated to a local thrift store. Clothing swapping and thrift shopping reduce the waste and resources used in clothing production, reducing the impacts on the environment.



Alpha Eta Lambda Chapter at Eureka College volunteered to clean up the Japanese garden on Eureka College's campus. This included cleaning any branches or leaves that were not a part of the landscape of the garden.

Alpha Tau Chapter at Butler University worked with a local organization to plant trees along local roads. This is done to help reduce the strain of excess water on the sewers. Over time as the trees age, they will take up more water and thus help the sewers. These trees have additional benefits as well, including air filtration and providing habitats for small animals.

Members of **Iota Alpha Chapter at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville** helped with a local restoration project. The Odd Fellows Cemetery is undergoing a restoration and reanimation project that is aiming to improve the historic African American community's

connections with their cultural and historic landscapes. The cemetery has been overgrown for decades, but several grants have now been delegated for its cleaning, beautification and memorialization.

Mu Mu Chapter at Oglethorpe University

volunteered at the Dekalb County Animal Shelter with LifeLine Animal Project. While at the shelter, brothers made dog treats, helped with yard work and wrote adoption descriptions for new intake pets.

Gamma Lambda Chapter at Clemson University

worked with the Clemson Recycling Facility to empty trash bags and bags of recycling from tailgaters at a university football game. After emptying the bags, brothers organized the contents into piles to help with the next step in the recycling process. The chapter also drove around campus to empty recycling bins and bring the contents back to the main site for sorting.

The brothers from **Alpha Delta Xi Chapter at Christopher Newport University** participated in a competition both within their chapter and with other chapters in Virginia. Various sustainable tasks, such as taking limited showers or signing sustainability/ environmental petitions, were assigned points values. Teams then competed to see who could get the most points by the end of National Service Week.

Kappa Mu Chapter at Johns Hopkins University

designed and created sustainable tote bags to fundraise for Blue Jay's Perch, a community partner that grows produce and donates it to shelters across Baltimore City that help those struggling with homelessness. The chapter also hosted additional projects including creating educational materials on aspects of sustainability, hosting workshops led by three different organizations and organizing park clean-up events.

Brothers of **Alpha Chapter at Lafayette College** picked up trash around the college's campus. At the end of the project, the chapter had picked up 30 pounds of trash. Members also participated in some environmental challenges including trying to refrain from eating meat for a day, eliminate food waste or eliminate waste sent to a landfill.

Alpha Beta Delta Chapter at Widener University sold various items to fundraise and raise awareness for

Alpha Chapter



Kappa Mu Chapter



Iota Alpha Chapter



Mu Mu Chapter



Gamma Lambda Chapter

Omicron Iota Chapter



Team Trees, Team Seas and the World Wildlife Foundation. The chapter also held two clean-up events to collect trash around the campus.

Mu Lambda Chapter at the University of Rochester

collaborated with Greenspace, a sustainability activism group, to set up a table in the campus student center, where members presented information about sustainability to their fellow students. To further engage with the students, brothers asked trivia questions and gave away propagated pothos plants.

Members of **Omicron Iota Chapter at Worcester Polytechnic Institute** served at Wachusett Watershed Regional Recycling Center by moving secondhand furniture to conserve space in the center's Reuse buildings. Brothers broke down the furniture into wood, bulk metal, metal handle and glass categories and sorted the components into corresponding saving and recycling locations.



CHAPTER NOTES

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

REGION A



Alpha Alpha Xi Chapter at the University of the Pacific
apoaxi We held a pinning ceremony for our pledges! We are so excited to bond with them & guide them through the pledging process.

REGION B



Alpha Zeta Upsilon Chapter at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas
unlvapo What do we say to our newest brothers? We say congratulations and we're so excited to welcome you to Alpha Phi Omega!!

REGION C



Epsilon Chapter at Truman State University
apoepsilon Epsilon's exec board is read for a lot of leadership, friendship, and service this semester – are you?

REGION D



Alpha Rho Chapter at the University of Texas at Austin
texasapo We had such a wonderful time volunteering at the Austin Marathon! Big congratulations to all the runners.

REGION E



Omicron Chapter at the University of Iowa
apo_omicron Our pledges had a great time at retreat! Here are some of the highlights!

REGION F



Sigma Chapter at Northwestern University
nualphaphiomega Congratulations to our new members for their commitment to service, friendship, and leadership!!

REGION G



Alpha Zeta Iota Chapter at Grand Valley State University
apo_azi These toys our brothers wrapped will be delivered to children in the hospital in Troy, Michigan.

REGION H



Tau Lambda Chapter at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
apo.taulambda Gamma Upsilon Pledge Class! APO TL is back with 10 new pledges.

REGION I



Theta Mu Chapter at Vanderbilt University
vandyapo_ Very proud to be inducting our latest class of pledges! Theta Mu is growing.

REGION J



Alpha Theta Mu Chapter at Kennesaw State University

ksu_apo The Executive Board attended a Leadership Boot Camp this weekend, it was a great learning experience for us!

REGION K



Iota Rho Chapter at Florida State University

aphio_fsu Tired of our park cleanup pictures yet? No? Good, because we're gonna keep posting them every time we go.

REGION L



Kappa Theta Chapter at Wake Forest University

apowfu We raised \$4,052 and packaged over 11,000 meals in 2 hours [at the Rise Against Hunger Meal Packaging event]!

REGION M



Alpha Beta Zeta Chapter at Radford University

aporadford These new brothers would rather be here than studying for finals – take us back to our camping themed initiation night please!

REGION N



Epsilon Mu Chapter at the University of Maryland, College Park

apo_epsilonmu We had lots of fun welcoming some brothers from Zeta Phi Chapter at Howard University to our chapter for milk and cookies!

REGION O



Kappa Chapter at Carnegie Mellon University

aphiokappa Strong the circle we

REGION P



Alpha Eta Omicron Chapter at Stockton University

stocktonapo We hope you had as great of a snow weekend as we did! Glad to be on campus this week and able to hold our Rush info nights!

REGION Q



Mu Lambda Chapter at the University of Rochester

apomulambda We hit 100 hours before the semester has even ended!!

REGION R



Delta Sigma Chapter at the University of Connecticut

uconn_apo Service Spotlight!! The brothers made some pretty creative bookmarks to be donated to a local library.

Growing the Fraternity

Spring is a time of growth and change. The weather is getting warmer. The days are getting longer. The leaves are coming back. Flowers are blooming. APO grows and changes in the spring as well. Many of our chapters have welcomed new members throughout the semester, and chapters are going to send their brothers off to graduation and beyond in the next few months.

Growth is an integral part of the APO experience and drives change within our members and in their communities. The new members who join every semester can, and will, grow in more ways than imaginable. They gain a better understanding of their service interests, make meaningful bonds with their brothers, become leaders in the chapter and on their campus, and find their place in the Fraternity. They become lifelong learners, advocates, and helpers. The foundations laid in their initiating chapter sets the stage for their growth and development for years to come, both in the Fraternity and in their personal lives.

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