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Greetings brothers,

We are wrapping up the fall semester with lots of new faces in our chapters. It is always an exciting time of the year when we invite others to help us work towards our vision. Members have found ways to share who we are and what Alpha Phi Omega is about with others on their campuses and in their communities. Pledges and new members are an exciting addition to our organization, and we are so glad that they are here. The words we share together during our ceremonies inspire me to want to keep sharing with others what Alpha Phi Omega is and how I can continue to make

an impact in the world today.

Why are we so excited about getting back out into our communities and adding new members to our organizations? Alpha Phi Omega is about creating inclusive communities, connecting with people, providing a place to grow individually as leaders while working together to impact the world around us. I get excited and inspired to hear of all the ways that our members are doing that this year. I love to see chapters share the projects they do and the impact they have on their campuses. Projects like organizing a campus-wide cleanup, filling backpacks for local elementary school children, serving as campus tour guides or simply passing out coffee and hot chocolate on a chilly morning all provide service to others while changing each of us individually.

Community service and volunteerism are an investment in our community and the people who live in it. It's also an investment in ourselves. They offer leadership opportunities and skill building. The projects that we plan unite people from diverse backgrounds to work towards a common goal. They build camaraderie and teamwork. They build brotherhood. The brotherhood we share starts with the connection and loyalty we feel for people with whom we have something in common; our vision and mission.

I look forward to watching our chapters continue to make a difference on their campuses and communities. I look forward to hearing more stories about how a simple invitation led an individual to join Alpha Phi Omega, which made a lasting impact on their life. I look forward to seeing how Alpha Phi Omega's newest and oldest members work to create a more peaceful world. As this semester wraps up, remember what brought you to Alpha Phi Omega and share that passion and excitement with others. Welcome to our newest members. I can't wait to see how you grow as a leader and impact the world in which we live.

In Leadership, Friendship and Service,

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APO DATELINE

DECEMBER

12/16: APO Founders Day

12/24–26: National Office Closed

JANUARY

1/2: National Office Closed

1/14–16: Region A/B conference, Orange County, CA

1/14–16: Region C conference, Kansas City, MO

1/16: Martin Luther King Jr. Day

FEBRUARY

2/1: Youth Service Grant Applications Due

2/11: February Board Meeting (virtual)

2/20: Presidents Day

DIGITAL ONLY ISSUE

In an effort to save on costs while being good stewards with existing funds, this issue of the *Torch & Trefoil* is available digitally, and no printed copies will be distributed. This issue, as well as all previous issues of the *Torch & Trefoil*, is available at www.apoarchive.org.

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

VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

We create inclusive communities for a more peaceful world in which to make a life, by developing leaders, uniting members through friendship and rendering service to all.

NATIONWIDE FRATERNITY NEWS

NOTES FROM THE OCTOBER BOARD MEETING

The following notes were taken at the Alpha Phi Omega Board of Directors meeting on October 8, 2022.

The Board approved the agenda and adopted a consent agenda which included:

- Approval of the July 15, 2022, meeting
- The appointment of Brother John T. Conover, Jr., Alpha Delta Iota '88, as APO lead for BSA 2023 Jamboree Booth Coordinator
- Declaration of the following charters' as null and void:
 - o Nu Gamma, Texas State University - San Marcos, Region D
 - o Alpha Epsilon Epsilon, Henderson State University, Region D
 - o Alpha Epsilon Pi, Georgia Military College, Region J

STRATEGIC DISCUSSION

- The Board approved adopting the strategic metrics as presented as part of the overall strategic direction map.
- The Board examined and discussed different potential futures of the college-based environment and their potential impact on the Fraternity, as well as what tools and resources might help the Fraternity be better prepared for these scenarios.
- The Board reviewed the work of the Chapter Support Task Force and potential governance recommendations based on their work.
- The Board discussed a new framework for a national leadership search committee.

ACTION ITEMS

- The Board approved the reappointment of Brother Richard Scruggs, Xi Delta '75, to the Alpha Phi Omega Endowment.
- It was presented and approved to grant the National Office Staff and the Extension Chair permission to pilot up to three affiliate groups to further the Fraternity's vision.
- The Board approved the Executive Director to enter a three-year contract with Marr & Co. to handle the Fraternity's audit and tax preparation.

DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items were discussed:

- o 2023 Summer Conference
- o Centennial Celebration
- o Legislative Proposals to the 2023 National Convention
- o Operations and Membership
- o National Programs
- o Regional Conferences and Administration

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board approved the actions taken during the session.



Charter Anniversaries

Chapters Celebrating 75 Years Since Chartering

- ◆ Delta Kappa at Emory University
- ◆ Delta Lambda at Coe College
- ◆ Delta Pi at Trinity University
- ◆ Delta Rho at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
- ◆ Delta Sigma at the University of Connecticut
- ◆ Delta Xi at Ball State University
- ◆ Epsilon Beta at Central Michigan University
- ◆ Epsilon Eta at the University of West Georgia
- ◆ Epsilon Mu at the University of Maryland – College Park
- ◆ Epsilon Zeta at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Chapters Celebrating 50 Years Since Chartering

- ◆ Chi Omega at McKendree University

Chapters Celebrating 25 Years Since Chartering

- ◆ Alpha Delta Sigma at Lindenwood University
- ◆ Alpha Delta Tau at Nova Southeastern University
- ◆ Alpha Delta Upsilon at Saginaw Valley State University
- ◆ Alpha Delta Phi at Seton Hall University
- ◆ Alpha Delta Pi at the University of West Alabama

Chapters Celebrating 5 Years Since Chartering

- ◆ Alpha Theta Alpha at Saint Joseph's University
- ◆ Alpha Theta Beta at Morehead State University
- ◆ Alpha Eta Phi at DeSales University
- ◆ Alpha Eta Chi at Bellarmine University
- ◆ Alpha Eta Omega at Emerson College

Congratulations to Miss World Ambassador!

Brother Valerianne Hinkley, Alpha Gamma Pi '20, was crowned Miss World Ambassador 2022. Brother Hinkley is currently a junior at the University of Maine at Farmington where she is studying elementary education. During her time in APO, she has served as both the vice president of membership and service. Brother Hinkley is the first person to be crowned Miss World Ambassador, a pageant with a heavy focus on women as leaders and having a positive influence on the world we live in. Brother Hinkley got into pageants when she was a freshman in high school after being bullied. She built an entire pageant platform on anti-bullying with the basis of: "Be Bold Stand Up to Bullying." Congratulations Brother Hinkley! We are so excited to see what you do next.



In Memoriam

The Fraternity recognizes and mourns the passing of our brothers who have passed away this year (October 1, 2021 – October 1, 2022). They will be dearly missed, and their legacy will surely be carried on through their brothers in APO.

Leon J. Arp, Zeta Beta '70
d. 10/5/21

Robert Barker, Xi Delta '71
d. 11/27/21

David E. Black, Alpha Beta Omega '17
d. 6/20/22

James A. Bost, Gamma Lambda '81
d. 2/12/22

Michael J. Cartularo, Omicron Upsilon '78
d. 3/3/22

Douglas D. Dankel II, Tau '83
d. 3/16/22

Roger L. Elliot, Mu Nu '68
d. 10/30/21

Kailas Ferrari, Alpha Gamma Delta '20
d. 7/23/22

Larry Levis Garner, Sigma Upsilon '67
d. 6/29/22

Irwin H. Gerst, Epsilon Chi '48
d. 12/1/21

Samuel T. Gladding, Kappa Theta '66
d. 12/6/21

Dr. Stephen A. Jolly, Rho '65
d. 2/2/22

Lorin A. Jurvis, Delta Nu '53
d. 4/16/22

Rev. Lauren Anna Kirsh-Carr, Gamma Pi '89
d. 4/15/22

Rachel Kukulka, Xi Rho '90
d. 3/9/22

Abigail Madden, Nu Theta '21
d. 7/29/22

Adrienne Montgomery, Xi Delta '91
d. 9/19/22

Sarah Morehouse-Schmidt, Epsilon '98
d. 7/22/22

Warren Paul Riddinger, Iota Upsilon '52
d. 6/25/22

William E. Russ, Tau Mu '72
d. 1/14/22

Todd J. Sheerer, Zeta Beta '91
d. 2/1/22

Dr. Richard R. Schnell, Delta Epsilon '58
d. 5/7/22

Rony Sibrian, Alpha Gamma Chi '15
d. 1/14/22

Darrell Spoon, Omicron '65
d. 11/4/21

Robert D. Stachler, Alpha Gamma Xi '10
d. 6/20/22

Ted Trigg, Delta Omega '65
d. 8/9/22

Patrick Alan Worcester, Alpha Zeta Zeta '10
d. 10/13/21

Elizabeth A. Wright, Lambda Omicron '04
d. 9/17/22



Brothers exemplifying the four fields of service

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Alpha Phi Omega was founded nearly 100 years ago on the principles of serving the community and improving the world in which we live. Our members and chapters are doing this every day; from holding a door for someone to putting together a fundraiser to benefit a cause. Our members carry the principles learned while in APO to enact change in their daily lives. This could be through a career choice, volunteering or any other way their servant heart leads them to help create a more peaceful world in which to make a life.

As a Fraternity, we break down our service focus into the four fields of service, which are service to campus, service to the community, service to the fraternity and service to the nation and world as participating citizens. Our brothers do a great job of supporting all four of these areas in many ways, read on to see how APO brothers are serving in these four areas.

Service to Campus

Service to the campus is an integral part of Alpha Phi Omega. We encourage students to serve their campus as it is their most local environment before they become

alumni. Students provide a broad range of service to their campus to help improve the campus environment for their peers. This ranges from hosting educational events to cleaning up around campus or taking care of the team mascot. Campus service helps the chapter give back and directly impact their peers.

Lambda Omicron Chapter at West Virginia University has a long-standing bell tradition tied to Alpha Phi Omega. After a WVU student passes away, a ceremony is held on campus to memorialize their passing. This ceremony takes place at noon on the Friday following their passing. Brother Dylan Sanders, Lambda Omicron '21, is the current bell ringer, a position he is proud to have.

During the ceremony, Brother Sanders gives a brief speech before ringing the bell three times. After the bell is rung, family and friends are invited to speak about the individual(s) who has passed.

“[It is super impactful] when big crowds show up because it shows how big of an influence that student was,” expressed Brother Sanders.

- 1 **Brother Abbi Moore, Alpha Iota '19, ringing the bell after her commencement ceremony in May 2022.**
- 2 **The bell at Oglebay Plaza is from the U.S. West Virginia, it was installed on West Virginia University's campus in 1967.**
Photo courtesy of Christina Rufo and the *Daily Athenaeum*
- 3 **Carrie Showalter, assistant dean and executive director of campus and community life, and Brother Dylan Sanders offer condolences to the family of a passed WVU student.** Photo courtesy of Christina Rufo and the *Daily Athenaeum*
- 4 **Brother Dylan Sanders, Lambda Omicron '21, ringing the bell for a passed student.** Photo courtesy of Christina Rufo and the *Daily Athenaeum*

Being involved in APO has been a large part of Brother Sanders's college experience, he mentioned that being the bell ringer is his favorite part of being in APO because it is so important to the family and friends of the students who have passed away.

Alpha Iota Chapter at The Ohio State University serves their campus by ringing the victory bell. This tradition began in 1954 when the football coach, Woody Hayes, decided that a service-based organization should be in charge of ringing out the victory bell. The bell is rung for 15 minutes after each home football game victory and for 30 minutes after a victory against the university's rival, the University of Michigan, as well as after commencement ceremonies. After commencement, graduates are invited to sign their name on the interior walls of the bell tower; a tradition that many students look forward to.

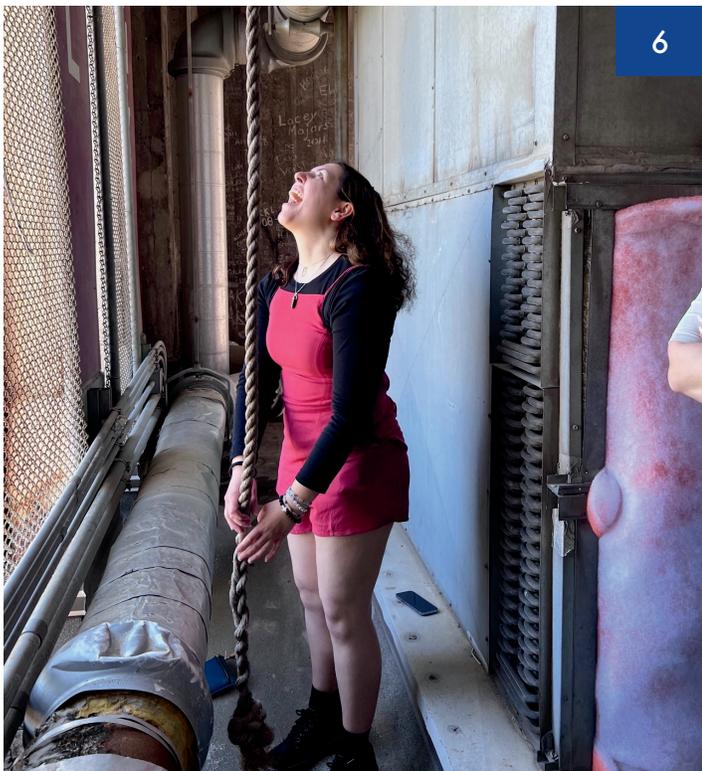
Senior and Alpha Iota Chapter's vice president of membership, Brother Julia Lombardo, Alpha Iota '20, explained that being involved in this tradition has been a pinnacle part of her APO experience.

"We are the ones that make it happen, everyone associates





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it with us [APO] on campus which makes it such a large honor ... it's surreal," said Brother Lombardo.

Realizing how far back this tradition goes, The Ohio State University students associate it with the APO chapter on campus. It sparks inspiration and gets students excited after these football victories. It is a huge benefit of being a member at this chapter, many brothers get fired up about this opportunity.

Being an APO brother is an important part of these students' time in college. It is great to see the impact they are having outside the organization as well. They are serving their campuses, creating and carrying on campus traditions, and showing other students a meaningful experience as members of Alpha Phi Omega.

Service to the Community

Members of APO are taught early in their fraternity experience to look beyond their own experiences and perspectives to better identify areas of need in the communities that surround them. Service projects introduce us to new places in our communities and provide a sense of fulfillment and belonging. There

- 5 **Victory Bell at The Ohio State University.** Photo courtesy of Erin Gottsacker
- 6 **Brother Julia Lombardo, Alpha Iota '20, ringing the bell after a football victory during the 2022 season.**
- 7 **Brother Caleigh Wells , Alpha Beta Tau '15**
- 8 **Brother Caleigh Wells , Alpha Beta Tau '15, reporting at a Black Lives Matter protest in May 2020.**



are many ways to be of service and just as many opportunities to make it meaningful for everyone involved. APO brothers have a keen ability to identify a need and be an agent for change in their community, no matter how big or small it may seem. Some even serve their community through their professional lives.

One APO alum serving her community through her career field is Brother Caleigh Wells, Alpha Beta Tau '15. Caleigh serves the southern California area as a climate and public health reporter at KCRW radio.

Brother Wells attended Washington and Lee University where she was part of the rechartering efforts for Alpha Beta Tau Chapter. After graduating and eventually returning to the area where she grew up, Brother Wells became a recognized reporter in the Los Angeles Area.

She began her journey to becoming a climate and public health reporter in 2018. She had a realization that there was a big issue regarding inequality and lack of equal access to healthcare going on in her local social climate.



Brother Wells used this opportunity and platform to take on a powerful role regarding the issues in her local community. Making resources accessible to everyone in the community has been an important part of her journey.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Brother Wells reported on a small town outside of Los Angeles where the closest vaccine clinic was nearly an hour away, making it highly inaccessible to the residents.

Consequently, this town had one of the lowest vaccination rates in the county. Brother Wells was able to make this issue known and the attention the story contributed to the establishment of a pop-up clinic for these residents. More than 1,000 individuals were able to receive the vaccine during the four-day clinic.

Dedicating her professional life to bringing attention to areas of need in her community has resulted in positive change. The service Brother Wells has provided to her community has had an impact that directly improved the lives of members of the community.

Brother Wells story, however, is not unique! Many alumni tie their desire to serve others and improve their communities to their careers. This is what makes the members of APO unique. Creating positive change through service is not just something they did in college. It is engrained in who they are and something they carry with them well beyond graduation.

Service to the Nation

Alpha Phi Omega works hard to serve, not only the nation; but the world we live in. APO chapters are working to promote things, like social needs, that have an effect beyond their campus or community. Voter registration, for example, is an area that our chapters help serve our nation. Two hundred and fifty chapters reported more than 130,000 hours of service collectively in the last year. These hours went to serve local campus organizations, community organizations, as well as APO's service partners – like Gift of Life!

Gift of Life is an international bone marrow registry. They collect cheek swabs to search for matches for individuals who are battling a variety of blood cancers and diseases. If a match is located, the individual is contacted, and a bone marrow donation is requested. Donating bone marrow only takes about three hours. APO chapters across the country set up donor drives where they swab students and send the samples off to Gift of Life to be tested and stored in their database to find life-saving matches.

Fast Facts about Gift of Life and APO:

- From 2015 to September 2022, Gift of Life and APO have hosted 89 donor drives



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9 Mu Lambda at the University of Rochester
10 Delta Kappa at Emory University

- Between October 2022 and November 2022, there were 37 scheduled donor drives
- Through these drives, APO has recruited 2,151 donors and identified 22 potential lifesaving matches
- Top three chapter donor drives that recruited the most donors:
 - Rochester University
 - Shepherd University
 - Saint Joseph's University

Service to the Fraternity

Many brothers look back fondly on their time involved in APO on their college campus and all the opportunities they have gained as a result. There are many ways to provide

service to the Fraternity, whether through attending events, taking on a volunteer role or offering financial support.

This past summer, the Fraternity held the 2022 APO Leader's Summit, an event intended to challenge, ignite and inform APO leaders to help the Fraternity prepare for what's to come in the next 100 years. Recognizing a need for support to offset the cost of attending this important event, several APO donors who wished to remain anonymous, gave back in a big way financially – by providing the necessary funds to offer travel grants for summit attendees. At the same time, those who attended and participated in the Leader's Summit also gave back to APO.

University of Iowa senior, Aleah Rocha, Omicron '22, attended the Leader's Summit to step outside her comfort zone and meet other people with similar interests and ideals. Brother Rocha and a few others from her chapter, took a road trip from Iowa City to Phoenix to attend this event. The travel grants provided helped immensely to alleviate the potential financial strain of attending and allowed Aleah and the other students to experience the Fraternity on a national scale and contribute further to the future of APO. Being a student, it can be a challenge wanting to attend events like these without additional financial support.

Region L Chair Jennifer Headman, Omicron Iota '97, was one of the recipients of these grants. As someone who has recently gone back to school for a master's program, these funds were a huge benefit when her financial focus was on seeking her master's. Brother Headman wanted to attend the Leader's Summit because of the heavy focus on the future of the Fraternity. Thanks to the support of these donors, she was able to attend and contribute to the sessions and discussions that shaped this event.

Other brothers in attendance expressed that they were able to relate with other students going through the same issues in their chapter. Coming out of COVID-19 has been a challenge for everyone. Being able to connect with other brothers in the same situations – as students, alumni and volunteers – was a pinnacle part of the weekend. Travel grants were provided to nearly 50 attendees of the Leader's Summit. Many of these were students and volunteers who would have likely not been



Group of attendees from the 2022 APO Leader's Summit.
Photo courtesy of Brother Aleah Rocha, Omicron '22

able to attend this event without the extra funds.

Service to the Fraternity showed itself both in the donation of the funds to support these grants as well as in the attendance and contributions made by the recipients and other attendees at the 2022 APO Leader's Summit. Both helped move the Fraternity forward and help prepare for what's to come.

Brothers, both on and off college campuses, are serving their campus, community, nation and fraternity in a variety of ways. The dedication of an APO brother to these four fields of service is evergreen. APO brothers are agents for change on so many levels and continually seek to improve so many areas. There are areas where each and every brother can extend their reach and help create a more peaceful world. How will you offer service to campus, community, nation (and world) and fraternity?

WELCOME to the William "Damani" Keene Pledge and New Member Class!



- 1 Alpha Delta at San Diego State University
- 2 Alpha Delta Nu at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
- 3 Alpha Epsilon Lambda at McDaniel College
- 4 Alpha Eta Iota at the University of Denver
- 5 Alpha Eta Tau at Hofstra University
- 6 Alpha Gamma Nu at University of California at Santa Cruz
- 7 Alpha Zeta at the University of Kentucky
- 8 Alpha Zeta Beta at the University of Hartford
- 9 Beta Beta at Michigan State University
- 10 Beta Sigma at Texas Tech University



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Photos courtesy of chapter Instagram accounts.



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- 11 Delta Gamma at The Ohio University
- 12 Epsilon Mu at the University of Maryland – College Park
- 13 Epsilon Zeta at Rensselaer Polytechnic University
- 14 Eta at Northern Illinois University
- 15 Lambda Rho at Augustana College
- 16 Nu Alpha at Quinnipiac University
- 17 Omicron Mu at Carthage College
- 18 Omicron Upsilon at West Chester University of Pennsylvania
- 19 Theta Chi at The George Washington University
- 20 Xi Delta at Texas A&M University



CHAPTER NOTES

Check out what our chapters nationwide are doing to promote our new vision and mission statement: We create inclusive communities for a more peaceful world in which to make a life, by developing leaders, uniting members through friendship and rendering service to all.

REGION A



Alpha Alpha Xi at the University of the Pacific
@apoaaaxi Here's our favorite moments from the brothers who went on a retreat over the weekend!

REGION B



Chi at the University of California at Los Angeles
@apoudca Thanks to everyone who came out to the past events this week!! Dinner mixer is tonight, we hope to see you there!!

REGION C



Pi at Kansas State University
@apoatkstate We had a lot of fun tonight doing some team-building activities!

REGION D



Alpha Alpha Rho at the University of the Incarnate Word
@apo_uiw Our brothers repped our new semester shirts at our chapter meeting earlier this evening!

REGION E



Omicon at the University of Iowa
@apo_omicon Our bros had so much fun this weekend at the corn maze + retreat!

REGION F



Alpha Alpha at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
@apo_uiuc Just life in champaign-urbana recently :)

REGION G



Alpha Delta Upsilon at Saginaw Valley State University
@apo_svsu Look at our amazing members painting the APO window in the rotunda for homecoming week.

REGION H



Alpha Tau at Butler University
@butlerapo_alpha tau APO put in the WORK at the Patachou Urban Farm yesterday! Swipe to see the sweet potatoes and tomatoes we harvested!

REGION I



Alpha Zeta Kappa at the Eastern University of Kentucky
@alphaphiomega_eku We had a great time with @greencrewku today! Some members spent a bit of time picking up garbage around campus and had a blast!

REGION J



Omega Psi at Jackson State University
 @jsuapogg Today Members of Alpha Phi Omega and Gamma Sigma Sigma delivered 50 cases of water to the Azalea Christian Manor Retirement Home in Jackson, Mississippi.

REGION K



Iota Rho at Florida State University
 @aphio_fsu The P in APO stands for 'Picking up Trash'

REGION L



Kappa Theta at Wake Forest University
 @apowfu Hitting the Bricks to support the Brian Piccolo Cancer Research Fund!

REGION M



Zeta Beta at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
 @vt_apo Our brothers and pledges have had a lot of fun the past couple of weeks at service events such as Habitat for Humanity and other events like APO date party!

REGION N



Alpha Epsilon Lambda at McDaniel College
 @apo_mcdaniel Yesterday, brothers made teddy bears out of towels for cancer patients for @kitstoheart!

REGION O



Mu Eta at Albright College
 @aphioac So happy to be back at our home away from home!

REGION P



Nu Theta at Rowan University
 @apo_rowan Earlier this week we painted Kindness Rocks to place around campus!!! This is something we love to do every semester to bring a little bit more joy to someone's day in our community :)

REGION Q



Epsilon Sigma at SUNY at Buffalo
 @apobuffalo This past week, Brothers and Pledges showed their love and support by raising awareness to Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's annual Light the Night walk!

REGION R



Delta Sigma the University of Connecticut
 @uconn_apo This week's service: JDRF One Walk ✓ Spring Valley Student Farm ✓ Jonathan Fundraiser Tabling ✓



SCAN ME TO SHARE
YOUR STORY

Improving our communities through leadership

When you boil down all the wonderful things about Alpha Phi Omega, one of the most notable is improving our communities through leadership. Our priorities are for our student members to learn, experiment and grow in their leadership abilities. Not for the sake of producing leaders, for the purpose of improving our world. The world needs more leaders who are focused on improving their communities.

The place of leadership does not matter. It can be your local place of worship, place of work, a homeowner's association, a civic organization, the school board or the government. What matters is that you are exercising your leadership and impacting your community.

The Fraternity is making a concerted effort to learn your leadership story. Just as members are highlighted in this edition of the *Torch & Trefoil* for their service to our four folds of service - to campus, community, nation and world, and the Fraternity - we want to learn of our members' leadership stories. (see page 8)

Visit bit.ly/APOShareYourStory to share your story of leadership. By sharing your story, you are taking the opportunity to give back to the Fraternity. These stories

help the Fraternity tell a better story of why joining APO is so beneficial and how our members impact the world through the leadership skills they gained as members. Additionally, we are working to increase alumni engagement in order to highlight the leadership opportunities our alumni have taken on.

These stories will be shared individually, for those who give us permission, and collectively for those who choose not to be identified. These will be shared in many formats including asking you to post them on social media. The Fraternity is also rolling out a way for you to share your affiliation on your social media platforms of choice. Be on the lookout for a request to opt-in to have access to this new digital credential opportunity if you have not already received the communications.

As you see throughout this issue of the T&T, we are working to grow our APO inclusive community, help members achieve their leadership potential, including providing role models for our newest members to emulate, all while improving our communities through service.

Give back to the Fraternity today by [sharing your story!](#)

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WINTER 2022

(Please select one):

- Monthly on the 1st Monthly on the 15th
- Quarterly on the 1st Semi-Monthly on the 1st & 15th

(Please select one):

- Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) I have enclosed a voided check and authorize my gift to be transferred from this bank account.
- Credit Card I authorize my gift to be charged to my credit card account. (Please fill out the credit card box at the left.)

I authorize a gift amount of \$ _____ per pay period specified above to begin on _____ (date). I understand that I can SUSPEND my preauthorized giving at any time simply by notifying APO's National Office.

Signature _____ Date _____

Save the stamp! You can also donate online by visiting www.apo.org/give.

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Giving back, it seems like such a natural thing to do when I have received so much from Alpha Phi Omega. Serving in chapter and alumni leadership rolls gave me the confidence and skills needed to be successful in life. Possibly like you right now, I didn't see the lessons as they were happening. However, I did recognize where the skills came from: negotiating a team solution at work is just like a brotherhood meeting, organizing a service project is project management, leading others is a skill learned while participating as an active member of a chapter.

"To thine own self be true..." These words held meaning to me the first time I heard them and the dozens of times I passed them along. However, later in life they became a guide as I left behind my false façade and transitioned into my true self. I hope you too will take a minute and reflect upon these words and the other lessons you learned through APO.

Please consider joining me in giving back. How? Use the same creative energy you tapped into to plan that service project that made everyone cry, or the ultimate social gathering that restored the bonds of brotherhood.



Brother Jessica Lake, Psi Omega '79

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