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*"And in real life endings aren't always neat, whether they're happy endings, or whether they're sad endings." – Stephen King*

As I write my final letter for *Torch & Trefoil*, I am forced to confront the end of my time as the 24th National President of Alpha Phi Omega. Though I knew it was coming, I am not at all certain I was prepared. However, the time being upon me, let me set before you a few final words before the honor to fill this page is bestowed upon another.

If I could leave you with one overarching thought, it is this: Alpha Phi Omega – its spirit, its capacity to be a force for good, everything it is and that we are – is bigger than any single chapter or brother and, most importantly, any single President. Each one entrusted to the office I will soon leave helps guide the Fraternity toward its future. We do so by advancing ideas and proposals worthy of discussion that each of us feels, and has felt, were necessary for the long-term health of our Fraternity. Some of those ideas took the form of our current National Office, others advanced the cause of open membership and others worked to maintain our historic relationship with the Boy Scouts of America.

Like the 23 brothers who preceded me, I have tried to advocate and advance the issues I believe will propel this Fraternity forward: restructuring the National Board of Directors so its members can maximize their roles as stewards of the Fraternity's future; the acquisition of a new National Office that will meet the needs of brothers as we continue to move toward 500 chapters by 2025; and lastly, the establishment of the National Student Advisory Committee, a body composed of active members who provide the President valuable and necessary insight on the Fraternity and its programs.

Whether I am right or wrong in pursuit of these issues is not important; my focus on our shared future, and the future of the brothers who have yet to join our beloved Fraternity, is. I pursued these topics as a means to make sure that Alpha Phi Omega, as a true force for good, will be here long after I am President.

You have helped make this journey a fond and challenging one, one worthy of our great Fraternity. As you have done so for me, I ask that you do the same for our next President. This ending may not be neat, but it is one that is necessary – a regular and orderly transition from one President to the next is crucial to Alpha Phi Omega.

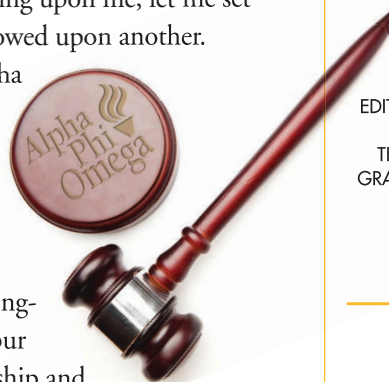
For having trusted me to be the 24th National President, you have my most profound thanks. There will never come another gift like this, and I will forever be appreciative of the honor.

I hope to see you at our 43rd Biennial National Convention in Chicago!

For the final time, I am,  
Fraternally,



Mark Stratton  
National President



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## COVER STORY



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Brothers from across the country will soon be heading to Chicago, Illinois, for the Fraternity's 43rd Biennial National Convention. Learn more about the wonderful workshops, banquets and service projects planned for this monumental event. Plan to attend and be a part of APO history.

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## Raise Money for Chapters Through the Shop2Care Partnership

Alpha Phi Omega has partnered with Shop2Care, a new not-for-profit online shopping program, to help chapters easily earn money. Chapters can earn a dollar for each new person who registers and downloads the Shop2Care web browser widget now through January 31, 2015, and you can help.

Here's how the program works:

- Sign up with Shop2Care and download the free widget via [www.shop2care.org/apo](http://www.shop2care.org/apo).
- Designate a chapter using the school name in the drop-down options when you register and that chapter will earn \$1 when you download the widget by January 31, 2015. (If you do not want to designate a chapter, select APO-Unaffiliated in the drop-down menu and the money will go to the Fraternity.)



- The top three chapters that have the most people register and download the browser widget will earn incentive bonuses in the amounts of \$250, \$500 and \$1,000.

- Those who register and download the free widget can shop online as they normally would and have a rebate from their purchases (an average of five percent) go to charity, thanks to Shop2Care.

You can help a chapter continue the great work of APO, and your online shopping could help other charitable organizations in the process. This program is completely free! All you have to do is sign up and download the widget at [www.shop2care.org/apo](http://www.shop2care.org/apo), then share this opportunity with others!

## Notes from the Field

The Fraternity strives to provide the best resources and programs







possible so that members are able to make the most of their Alpha Phi Omega experience. One resource offered through the Chapter Services Department is the Chapter Consultant visitation program.

The goals of the Chapter Consultant program include working with chapter and extension group members to develop leadership and enhance programs and services; facilitating communication between students and volunteer staff; and developing meaningful relationships between the National Fraternity and campus administrators. The program is strengthened through collaboration with sectional chairs, regional directors, regional extension coordinators, advisors and sponsors.

The Consultants spend an average of three days with each chapter or extension group, serving as a hands-on resource. Because every chapter and extension group is unique, Consultants customize each visit based on the

needs of the group. Focused education and activities are the major components of each visit.

Topics covered by Consultants include recruitment and retention techniques; APO education; developing a chapter brand on campus and in the community; enhancing pledge, service, fellowship

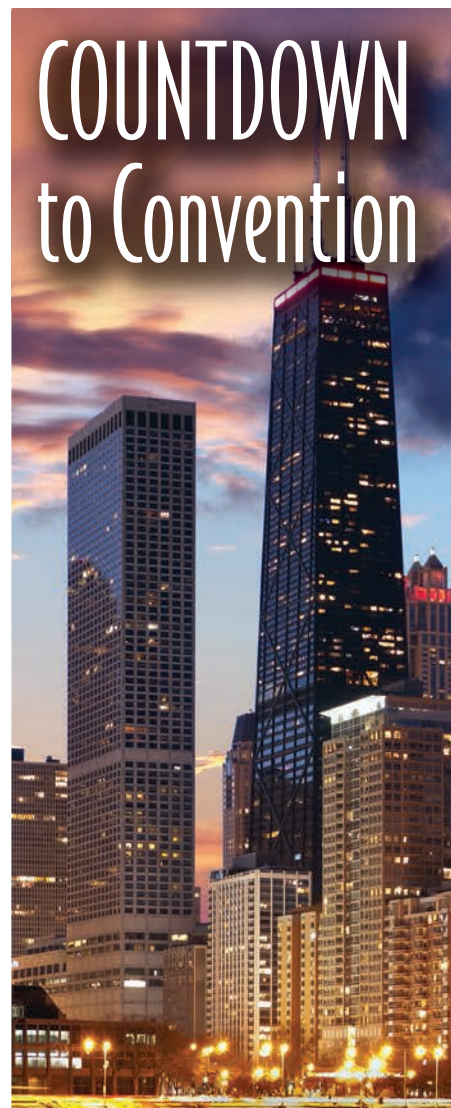
or leadership programs; and officer transition practices, including reporting responsibilities.

This past fall, three Chapter Consultants left home base in Independence, Missouri, and took the country by storm, visiting 69 unique chapters and extension groups in nine of the 11 regions.

Recruiting new students is vital to the growth of any chapter or group. Chapter Consultant Laurie Burns helped Delta Xi Chapter at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana, understand the relationship between good recruitment techniques and a strong, diverse membership. The chapter of 15 active members welcomed 18 new pledges this semester and has the skills for long-term recruitment success.

Getting organized is a topic that the Consultants often touch on with students, especially with extension group members. The petitioning group members at Northwest Missouri State

## COUNTDOWN to Convention



As of November 24, 2014

**33**  
**DAYS LEFT**

until the 2014  
National Convention  
in Chicago, Illinois



University in Maryville were eager to learn about APO and welcome more students into the group. Chapter Consultant Samantha Benduha helped students build a calendar for the entire semester, including preparing service projects, fellowship events and leadership opportunities. She taught the group the importance of using each event as a long-term recruitment tactic.

Chapter Consultants also help chapters develop and put into practice SMART goals (typically these are specific, measurable, achievable, relevant and time-bound). Consultant Justin Taylor worked with members of Phi Xi Chapter at Austin College in Sherman, Texas, to implement their goals of connecting actives and pledges as well as keeping all levels of their membership engaged. The education piece revolved around valuing membership and realizing that every

brother and pledge has something unique to offer. At the focus event during his visit, Justin split the chapter into committees and each brainstormed activities that would engage the entire chapter.

Chapter Consultant success is not only determined through on-campus visits, but also through remote communication. Alpha Zeta Pi Chapter at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, received visits in fall 2013 and spring 2014. Although the chapter did not have a visit this semester, its members have continued to reach out to the Consultant staff for support and have since developed a long-term officer transition plan and have actively sought opportunities to grow as leaders.

The Chapter Consultant program helps ensure the success of established chapters around the country and aids



*This National Service Fraternity, by authority of the Active Chapters, the National Board of Directors and the National Convention, does hereby and by this charter, believing you to be true and loyal members of the Fraternity, grant unto you full power and authority to inaugurate, establish and found a Chapter to be designated as*

**Alpha Eta Xi**  
Albion University

*and to be conducted and perpetuated according to our National By-Laws. We also by the aforesaid authority grant unto you and to all subsequent members elected by the Chapter all the rights, benefits, and privileges of the Fraternity to be enjoyed to their fullest extent.*



*In witness whereof we affix our hand and the seal of the Fraternity*  
*Robert J. Jordan*  
National Executive Director

in reaching the Fraternity's goal of 500 chapters by 2025. It is exciting to see the momentum created and sustained through the work of the Consultants.

— Brother Emily Lowndes, Epsilon '08  
*If you have an interest in becoming a Chapter Consultant, please contact Associate Director of Chapter Services Emily Lowndes at [emily@apo.org](mailto:emily@apo.org) or apply at [www.apo.org](http://www.apo.org).*

## We are Growing!

Alpha Phi Omega continues to see amazing increases in membership (see "APO by the Numbers" on page 12).

As the Fraternity grows, so does the need for staff and facilities to support our mission. There are now 17 staff positions within the National



*The new home of APO's Chapter Services Department.*



## Welcome New Chapters!

**ALPHA ETA XI**  
**Alvernia University**  
**Reading, Pennsylvania**

Office and supplemental space has been rented to house the Chapter Services Department. The additional office suite is located within a few blocks of the National Office. The Fraternity has begun exploring options for a new home that would be able to accommodate all current staff and archives as well as allow for anticipated expansion in the future.

### Become a Presenter

Are you a new alumnus or a seasoned veteran wishing you could do more to help develop the future leaders of Alpha Phi Omega? Become a certified volunteer course presenter! All advisors, staff and active alumni are encouraged to become APO certified presenters, and it's easy to get started. Anyone who is willing to work at developing oneself as a presenter can participate in our presenter development training. Those who complete the training can potentially serve as presenters for programs such as APO LEADS and APO IMPACT. Visit <http://ow.ly/twwDy> to learn more about becoming a presenter with the Fraternity.

## APO DATELINE

### DECEMBER

- 12/06:** Basic Skills of Presenting Webinar
- 12/07:** APO LEADS Launch Content Training Webinar
- 12/07:** APO LEADS Achieve Content Training Webinar
- 12/14:** National Convention Online Registration Deadline
- 12/14:** APO LEADS Explore and Discover Content Training Webinars
- 12/16:** APO Founder's Day
- 12/16:** APO IMPACT Live - Youth Service Grant
- 12/16-24:** Hanukkah
- 12/21:** First Day of Winter
- 12/21:** APO LEADS Launch Online
- 12/25:** Christmas Day
- 12/26-01/01:** Kwanzaa
- 12/27-30:** National Convention, Chicago, Illinois
- 12/28:** Alumni Sunday at the National Convention
- 12/30:** National Board of Directors Meeting, Chicago, Illinois
- 12/31:** New Year's Eve



### JANUARY

- 01/01:** New Year's Day
- 01/19:** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 01/24:** National Board of Directors Meeting, Kansas City, Missouri



### FEBRUARY

- 02/02:** Youth Service Grant Application Deadline
- 02/14:** Valentine's Day
- 02/16:** Presidents' Day
- 02/18:** Ash Wednesday
- 02/19:** Chinese New Year



### MARCH

- 03/08-14:** Girl Scout Week
- 03/17:** Saint Patrick's Day
- 03/19:** Campfire USA Absolutely Incredible Kid Day
- 03/20:** First Day of Spring
- 03/20-22:** Section 53/55 Conference, East Lansing, Michigan
- 03/27-29:** Section 31/46 Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana

Visit [www.apo.org/calendar](http://www.apo.org/calendar) for a complete list of deadlines and events.



THE 43RD BIENNIAL

# Nation Conven







# National Convention

**The 43rd Biennial Alpha Phi Omega National Convention is almost here! Before long, brothers from across the country will travel to Chicago, Illinois, to be a part of this incredible event taking place December 27-30, 2014. The Fraternity anticipates record attendance and great opportunities for leadership and democracy through the legislative process, so this Convention will surely be a spark to Inspire, Innovate and IGNITE our future.**

“The National Convention Steering Committee has some amazing plans,” said National Convention Chair Brother Amber Swanson, Alpha Delta Upsilon ’11. She believes the educational sessions, unique fellowship events, service projects and legislative process will showcase a commitment to Leadership, Friendship and Service as well as highlight the Fraternity’s continued growth. “This Convention is especially noteworthy ... why wouldn’t you want to be a part of something so monumental?”

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There are fantastic workshops scheduled throughout Convention, ranging from individual development for alumni to chapter officer training and everything in between. Learn about managing chapter finances, extension efforts, creating an APO alumni association, becoming a chapter

advisor and much more.

You can even attend some workshops just for fun such as Throwback: Chicago Style. There will also be plenty of opportunities to take APO LEADS courses.

A wonderful day is planned for alumni on Sunday, December 28. Brothers can register for this one day and attend presentations focused on alumni including a special update on the direction of the Fraternity. The Alumni Reception at noon will be a great opportunity for different APO generations to gather for introductions, reunions and photos. "It's an easy way to reconnect, and this immersive experience will be perfect to

network with other alumni, build great friendships and stay involved in the Fraternity," said Brother Swanson.

Many memorable fellowship and service events are planned for Convention. Venture out with new and old friends to go ice skating at Millennium Park, see the Honorary Frank Reed Horton Way, devour authentic local pizza and visit world-class museums. Brothers will be able to give of themselves to help others through the Blood Drive and with donations to Locks of Love. In addition, there will be a chance to make plarn (plastic yarn from recycled bags) and create sleeping mats for the homeless with this unique material.

The Brotherhood Banquet, always a highlight of Convention, will take place on the evening of December 28.



*National Convention Coordinator Justin Martin, Alpha Alpha '00, and National Convention Chair Amber Swanson, Alpha Delta Upsilon '11, at the unveiling of the event logo.*

**Online registration is open through December 14, 2014, at [www.apo.org/leadershipdevelopment/nationalconvention](http://www.apo.org/leadershipdevelopment/nationalconvention)**



Join your team for a fun, sports-themed night that will be followed by a tailgate fellowship! Two nights later, Convention will culminate in the Celebration Banquet - All That Jazz. Prepare to be dazzled by the sights and sounds of Chicago's early jazz era as APO honors distinguished award winners and more than 2,000 brothers join together to commemorate their fraternal bond and dance the night away.

Chicago, with its central location and unmatched attractions, will be an ideal host city for all of these extraordinary Convention moments. "Attendees will be blown away by the great things the Windy City offers," said Brother Swanson. Brothers will enjoy staying at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare. The hotel provides luxurious accommodations, convenient transportation options (including shuttle service for O'Hare International Airport), great dining options and free Wi-Fi. All of this is available for only \$89 per night. The MB Financial Park entertainment district, Rosemont Theatre and the Fashion Outlets of Chicago are close by, and downtown Chicago is easily accessible thanks to the L stop near the hotel.

Brother Swanson encourages all active members and alumni to attend Convention. "I hope our active members recognize the voice they have and power they hold in the future of our Fraternity, because it is something to be proud of," said Brother Swanson. She also hopes all brothers will find inspiration to make the world a better place, innovative ideas for our future and a lifelong passion for APO that is ignited by seeing the Fraternity in action. "I want to personally invite you," said Brother Swanson. "This is expected to be the largest gathering of the Fraternity to date, and I am excited for your experience."

Whether you can attend the Convention or not, stay up to date on news, legislation progress and service projects via posts on various social media outlets. Follow @APOStaff on Twitter and Instagram (use the hashtag #aponc14) or read the Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity, USA Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/AlphaPhiOmega.USA](http://www.facebook.com/AlphaPhiOmega.USA). You can also visit the APO YouTube Channel at [www.youtube.com/user/APONationals](http://www.youtube.com/user/APONationals) to view roll call submissions from chapters across the country.

Don't miss the chance to be a part of a momentous 43rd Biennial National Convention in Chicago! Online registration is available through December 14, 2014. Register today and experience APO history in the making.

Visit [www.apo.org/leadershipdevelopment/nationalconvention](http://www.apo.org/leadershipdevelopment/nationalconvention) for event information. ■

## REGISTRATION PRICES

- **Alumni, Board Members, Sectional Chairs and Chapter Advisors...\$129**
- **Student Members .....\$99**  
(Pledge, Initiate, Petitioning & Interest Group)
- **Guests .....\$25**  
(ages 13 & up)
- **Guests .....FREE**  
(ages 12 & under)

The following registration discounts are available:

- **Chapter Advisor .....\$30**
- **Alumni Society of Life Member .....\$20**
- **Alumni Society of Life Member & Chapter Advisor .....\$30**

## BANQUETS, ALUMNI DAY & SOUVENIRS

- **Brotherhood Banquet ..... \$38**  
(12/28/2014 from 6-8 p.m.)
- **Celebration Banquet..... \$43**  
(12/30/2014 from 7-10 p.m.)
- **Alumni Reception Add-On to Registration ..... \$25**  
(12/28/2014 from 12-2 p.m.)
- **Alumni Reception ONLY ..... \$45**  
(12/28/2014 from 12-2 p.m.)  
*This selection is for registering to attend the Alumni Event ONLY without attending the convention activities. You may choose to add on the Brotherhood and/or Celebration Banquet.*
- **Souvenir Pin .....\$5**

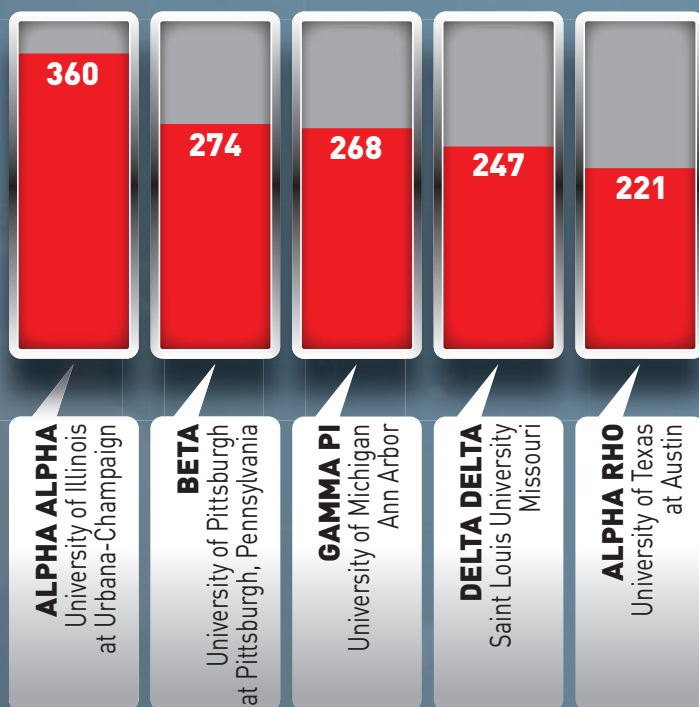


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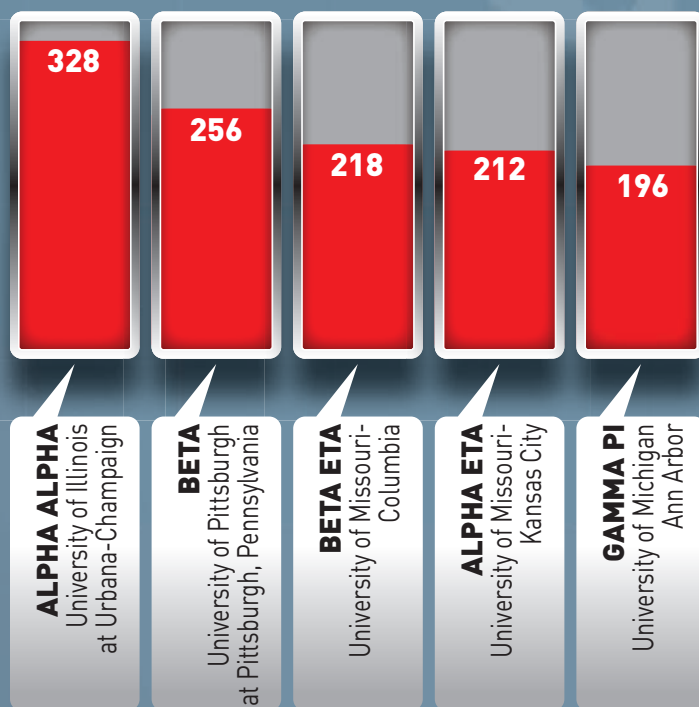
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## BY THE NUMBERS

### TOP FIVE Number of Pledges



### TOP FIVE Number of Initiates





# 2013-14 Membership Totals

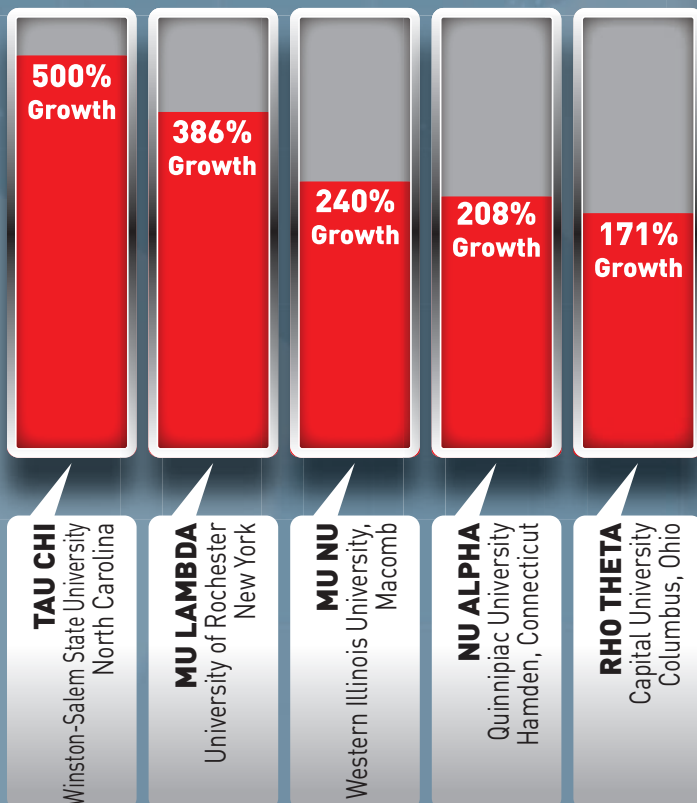
**Pledges:**  
15,065

**Initiates:**  
13,382

**Actives:**  
14,610

## CATEGORY A Scanlon Award

TOP FIVE 2013-14 Chapters reporting 15 or more active brothers after having reported fewer than 15 the prior fiscal year.



## CATEGORY B Scanlon Award

Top Five 2013-2014 Chapters reporting a net growth of at least five active brothers after having reported a total membership of between 15 and 50 the prior year.

### LAMBDA MU - 64

California State University-Los Angeles

### ALPHA GAMMA ETA - 57

University Of Vermont, Burlington

### OMICRON ZETA - 54

California State University-  
East Bay, Hayward

### EPSILON NU - 54

State University of New York - Oswego

### PHI DELTA - 41

California State Polytechnic  
University-Pomona

### ALPHA ZETA RHO - 41

Defiance College, Ohio

### GAMMA PSI - 38

University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, Minneapolis

## CATEGORY C Scanlon Award

Top Five 2013-2014 Chapters reporting a net growth of 15 percent after having reported an active membership of 51 or more the prior year.

### RHO PI - 183%

University of California at San Diego

### ALPHA ETA - 149%

University of Missouri-Kansas City

### BETA IOTA - 141%

New York University, New York

### BETA ETA - 133%

University of Missouri-Columbia

### EPSILON XI - 132%

Colorado State University, Fort Collins



# 2014 Youth Service Grant Recipients

Leadership, Friendship and Service. These are the Cardinal Principles that guide our great Fraternity, and they are the qualities each chapter strives to embody. One way Alpha Phi Omega assists chapters in their efforts to exemplify these principles is through the Youth Service Grant Program. Each year, grants ranging from \$100 to \$500 are awarded to qualifying chapters to conduct a service project that creates a useful outreach program, or supports existing programs, with the goal of positively influencing young people, especially those in difficult circumstances.

The majority of the 24 projects receiving the Youth Service Grant in 2014 were part of Spring Youth Service Day, and it is a privilege for the Fraternity to aid chapters in their participation in this annual event. Some projects are conducted at other times of the year, and it is a joy to support the variety of ways brothers are serving their campus and community.

## Region I

- **Alpha Gamma Pi Chapter\*** at the **University of Maine at Farmington** planned to host Trick or Treat Through the Halls. Children are invited to trick or treat in the residence halls and those who participate are encouraged to bring canned goods to donate to a local food bank. This is one of the chapter's biggest events each fall, and they provide all of the decorations and candy.

## Region II

- **Delta Zeta Chapter\*** at the **University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia** planned to hold a series of events to supply high school students with knowledge and advice for moving beyond high school. These Saturday workshops would educate students on topics such as financial aid, alternative schooling and the general application process for college.

## Region III

- **Alpha Beta Psi Chapter** at **Roanoke College in Salem, Virginia**, held a Field Day at the West End Center for Spring Youth Service Day. Brothers planned the event and took members of the soccer and basketball teams

## Region II

**Omicron Alpha Chapter at Kutztown University in Pennsylvania** participated in Project Linus for Spring Youth Service Day with help from the new Alpha Eta Xi Chapter at Alvernia University in Reading, Pennsylvania. This project involved organizing and hosting a blanket-making and fellowship event to provide youth in their county with handmade blankets. The children who receive blankets through Project Linus are dealing with serious illness or trauma, and the fleece blankets are both emotionally and physically comforting. The grant allowed the chapter to buy the materials needed for 22 blankets.



Omicron Alpha Chapter  
Region II





and staff from the Office of Multicultural Affairs to the center for the day. They hosted athletic mini-camps, provided snacks and talked with 120 children at the center about the importance of Leadership, Friendship and Service. The children were able to interact with college students and adults in a fun, comfortable atmosphere and received encouragement to pursue opportunities for learning. The grant enabled the chapter to provide transportation for all involved.

- **Theta Chi Chapter at George Washington University in Washington, D.C.**, took part in Planting Seeds of Peace for Spring Youth Service Day. This gardening and outreach project at the Perry School Community Services Center was an extension of the ongoing partnership between the chapter and Little Friends for Peace. The improved garden will help feed people in the community and complement classroom sessions on respect, leadership and peace skills. The children at the center had the chance to learn tools to disarm conflict and serve others. The grant provided the funds to buy seeds and other supplies for the event.

## Region IV

- **Alpha Delta Nu Chapter at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Florida**, participated in Project Linus for Spring Youth Service Day. The chapter partnered with the Boys and Girls Club of Lake Helen and local Girl Scouts to make blankets for more than 50 critically ill children in local hospitals. The brothers worked on the blankets as a way to offer support and comfort to children and their families during a painful time of life. The grant helped the chapter buy the materials for this event, which furthered their relationship with the Girl Scouts and other community organizations.
- **Gamma Lambda Chapter at Clemson University in South Carolina** put on Girl Scout University for Spring Youth Service Day. A total of 166 Brownie and Junior Girl Scouts had the opportunity to earn badges and learn important skills. The chapter has previously held Merit Badge University for the Boy Scouts and wanted to work with the Girl Scouts as well. They were able to use university facilities to teach everything from



Alpha Gamma Xi Chapter  
Region V

drawing and painting to gardening and first aid. The brothers also served lunch and snacks. The grant enabled the chapter to get this new project off the ground and provided them the essential tools to make it an annual event.

- **Gamma Zeta Chapter at the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta** held Get Out and Play Day for Spring Youth Service Day. This event was at a local YMCA and promoted healthy lifestyles and physical activity through a series of stations ranging from soccer and basketball to relay races and a hula hoop contest. The chapter provided food for the children who participated, and took care of the necessary setup and cleanup. The grant funds gave the brothers a chance to build relationships with the students and the YMCA that they hope will be lasting and help them with similar events in the future.

## Region V

- **Alpha Gamma Xi Chapter at the University of Dayton in Ohio** sent four brothers to Little Eagle, South Dakota, for their Spring Break Out. The chapter has partnered with Two Trees Inc. every year since 2007 for a service and cultural immersion trip to this Lakota Reservation community. The



Psi Omega Chapter  
Region IV

## Region IV

**Psi Omega Chapter at the University of Central Florida in Orlando** worked on landscaping and gardening at the Creative School on campus for Spring Youth Service Day. The chapter repaired and painted gardening boxes, replanted boxes and created a walkway through the playground area for a butterfly garden. This project provided the school with improvements to its Outdoor Learning Environment and allowed implementation of new items in the science curriculum. The children at the school can now explore nature by caring for plants and studying different species of butterflies. The grant made it possible for the chapter to purchase the items needed for this project.

\* denotes chapters with projects that did not have a final report as of the printing deadline

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# CHAPTER NOTES

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brothers spent time with children in Little Eagle playing sports and doing arts and crafts projects. The chapter's ongoing involvement in Little Eagle helps provide a safe place for the kids. The grant helped the chapter purchase a wide array of sports equipment and art supplies which enabled them to do more activities with the children than in past trips.

- **Delta Theta Chapter\* at the University of Louisville in Kentucky** planned to hold several events at a local home for girls. The chapter would host a series of workshops and tea parties teaching girls how to respect themselves and others. They would cover a range of topics, from dinner etiquette to school issues, and include time to talk as well as do crafts and other activities.
- **Zeta Kappa Chapter at Bowling Green State University in Ohio** participated in Project Linus for Spring Youth Service Day. The project involved making blankets for 15 children who live with an illness or have been affected by some sort of trauma and who need help creating a sense of security. The event was held during the school's Sibs N Kids weekend so that additional students and their younger siblings could take part. The grant enabled the chapter to buy the needed fleece for the blankets and gave them a chance to do more than their normal fundraising amounts would cover.

## Region VI

- **Alpha Gamma Chapter\* at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana**, planned for Spring Into Service, a project to help a nearby school complete landscaping. The chapter wanted to give students at the school a chance to help design the outdoor area so the kids could be directly involved from start to finish and learn how to work as a team for the common good.
- **Epsilon Beta Chapter at Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant** celebrated Earth Day at Ganiard Elementary for Spring Youth Service Day. This project helped the elementary students learn the importance of the environment as they painted foam cups and then planted flowers in them. The intention is for the students to monitor the flowers as they grow and then give them away when ready. The event allowed the brothers to build a bond with the students while teaching them about how to care for the earth, and the grant provided the chapter with the funds to purchase needed event supplies.



Theta Tau Chapter  
Region VII

- **Epsilon Lambda Chapter at Michigan Technological University in Houghton** hosted a Girl Scout Badge Day for Spring Youth Service Day. The chapter has hosted Boy Scout Merit Badge Day in previous years but wanted to partner with the Girl Scouts for the first time. Assisted by two sororities on campus as well as the Society of Women Engineers, the chapter had enough people and resources to help with a wide range of badges for 30 Daisies, Brownies, Juniors and Cadettes. This event was not part of their normal budget, and the grant gave brothers the funds necessary to complete the project and plan for future years.

## Region VII

- **Alpha Epsilon Zeta Chapter\* at the University of Texas at Dallas** planned to host Math and Science Camp. This camp has been a big fall event for the chapter for 10 years and serves underprivileged elementary school students. The kids participate in classes and fun activities that encourage excitement about and understanding of math and science topics.
- **Gamma Rho Chapter at the University of North Texas in Denton** hosted its first ever Merit Badge University. The chapter was able to help 52 Boy Scouts earn up to six badges, such as first aid, communication and environmental science. The chapter completed all of the planning and managed the event the day it occurred. The grant was essential to the chapter's ability to host this event to provide

## Region VII

**Theta Tau Chapter at the University of Texas at Arlington** put on the Art of Service and Beauty of Friendship event for Spring Youth Service Day. The chapter spent the day with 20 children at a Boys and Girls Club helping them express themselves through arts and crafts projects. They worked with the kids through a variety of activities, including

face painting, T-shirt decorating, and puppet making. Each child was able to celebrate his or her own uniqueness while also learning about friendship and community service. The grant allowed the chapter to host the event and purchase all of the needed supplies.



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the Boy Scouts with a way to earn badges without a great cost to their families.

- **Omega Gamma Chapter at Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas**, held an Easter Carnival at a local Boys and Girls Club for Spring Youth Service Day. The event served 40 children (and their parents) who participated in an Easter egg hunt, carnival games, face painting and other activities. The brothers provided a larger event than is usually feasible and in doing so gave children a chance to have fun in a safe environment with their families. The grant enabled the chapter to have enough supplies on hand for the carnival so that every child received eggs and game prizes.

## Region VIII

- **Chi Omega Chapter at McKendree University in Lebanon, Illinois**, worked on Respect Others from the Inside Out for Spring Youth Service Day. Brothers spent time with 25 children from a nearby elementary school teaching them about diversity and respect through a variety of art projects. As the kids participated in the activities, they were led through discussions of how colors can be beautiful on their own and, if mixed with other colors, how different items and colors can complement one another, etc. The grant gave the chapter the resources needed to do the art projects and to develop a relationship with the school.

## Region IX

- **Gamma Psi Chapter at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities in Minneapolis** held a Merit Badge University for Spring Youth Service Day. The chapter helped 30 Boy Scouts earn a variety of badges. The brothers secured the use of university facilities such as a chemistry lab so the boys could earn badges that are difficult to do on their own. Some of the attendees traveled from more than an hour away to earn the badges offered at this event. The grant enabled the chapter to serve the children who attended the program and gave brothers a desired opportunity to connect with the Fraternity's roots in Scouting.

## Region X

- **Gamma Beta Chapter at San Jose State University in California** held Christopher's

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**Iota Phi Chapter at the University of California at Davis** hosted Dance 4 Kids. This event, held each spring since 2004, provides a semi-formal dance for teenagers with special needs who may not get to attend this type of dance otherwise. The chapter gave the 30 attendees a prom-like experience with a meal, gifts, photo booth, music, entertainment and dancing. Every teenager was paired with a brother so that each had a buddy for the night. Brothers planned the event and received training to make sure that various types of special needs were understood and accommodated. The grant made it possible for the chapter to secure a good venue for the dance and helped ensure the chapter could invite the maximum number of the teenagers.

Healthy Day of Play for Spring Youth Service Day. The chapter renovated a garden at a nearby elementary school and promoted making healthy choices through physical activity and wise eating habits. The event included a health fair to help kids understand the importance of eating the fruits and vegetables they would be able to grow. There were also games and activities to show the need for exercise. The grant gave the chapter the funds to fix broken planter boxes, restore fruit trees and provide a fun way for children to learn about staying healthy.

- **Kappa Sigma Chapter\* at California State University in Sacramento** planned to host Project Intergenerational Buddy Enrichment: Arts and Mentorships (IBEAM) to connect children with older adults through a variety of activities. Two brothers from the chapter developed the program as part of a thesis project, and the goal is to foster meaningful relationships between generations.



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**Applications for the 2015 Youth Service Grant are due by February 2, 2015.**

\* denotes chapters with projects that did not have a final report as of the printing deadline



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— Jon Nick Gault, Pi Iota '12



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