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FROM THE FRATERNITY

"We are not permitted to choose the frame of our destiny. But what we put into it is ours." — Dag Hammarskjold, Swedish economist



Brothers,

Another summer has morphed into autumn and students are back on campus to continue their education. Our members have been working diligently to grow their chapters by recruiting and pledging new members. Our alumni volunteers at sectional, regional and national levels have been meeting and implementing plans and programs to support the chapters. Our members have been striving to make the world a better place in a wide variety of ways as only several hundred thousand brothers can.

Throughout this issue, we showcase and celebrate the chapters that received

the Chapter of Excellence (COE) and Pledge Program of Excellence (PPOE) awards, recipients of Service Innovation Grants and John Mack Scholarships, and the 2019 Fall Pledge Class Namesake Honoree - Brother Allen Wong, D.D.S.

I encourage all our members to read about Brother Wong (page 8) and find a way to participate with Special Olympics. I have been lucky enough to know Allen for almost 20 years, and his selection as the 2019 Fall Pledge Class Namesake Honoree is well deserved.

I am often asked how alumni can help and I go back to my 1991Pledge Manual to a section called "A Lifetime Commitment:"

"To become a brother of Alpha Phi Omega is to make a lifetime commitment to the Cardinal Principles of Leadership, Friendship and Service. After college, you will have opportunities throughout the rest of your life to demonstrate our Principles to benefit your community, your profession and the Fraternity. As alumni, you can help advance the Fraternity by connecting to chapters and alumni associations to share time, talents and experience to improve programming so members can have access to more resources. You can use your specific expertise, such as your career experience and professional network, to provide services and opportunities to chapters. You can share your personal experience as an undergraduate to inspire and motivate current students to serve in new, innovative ways. Your involvement as an alum can help APO create more impact by bringing even more hours of service to our communities and change more lives."

The Fraternity depends on alumni for sectional, regional and national volunteer leadership. Alumni serve as committee and staff members, as workshop facilitators, as elected officers and sponsors for new chapters. You will have the opportunity to help the students of the future enjoy the benefits of the Fraternity that you have discovered. Visit page 18 to learn more about the opportunities awaiting you as an alum.

The brotherhood of Alpha Phi Omega knows no bounds in space or time. When you commit yourself to our Principles, you are making a commitment that will last a lifetime. I hope all alumni can help us continue to grow as our founder, Frank Reed Horton, envisioned.

Fraternally,

Robert M. Coop, P.E. National President **2** AlPHA PHI OMEGA Alpha Phi ♥ Omega

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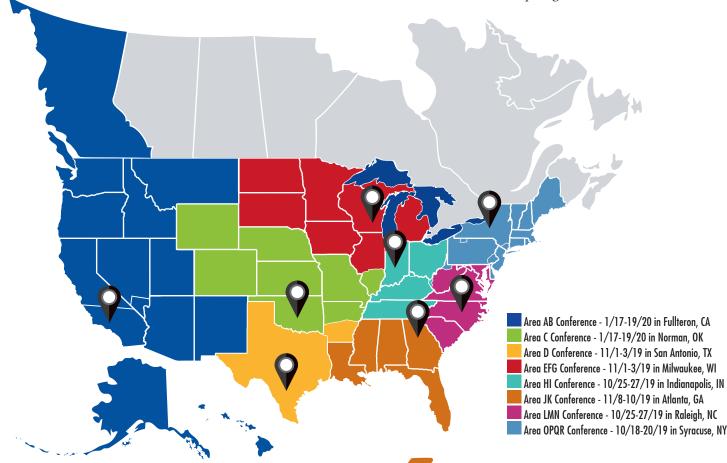
NATIONWIDE FRATERNITY NEW AREA CONFERENCES

Over the past couple of months, the Meetings and Conferences Program Committee and Regional Chairs have been hard at work coordinating details for Alpha Phi Omega's eight area conferences to be held in the 2019-2020 school year. These eight conferences will provide attendees with the opportunity to foster relationships with brothers from across the country as they immerse themselves in a weekend full of engaging education and unforgettable experiences.

The 2019-2020 area conferences will feature trainings on membership recruitment and retention presented by APO experts, thereby improving chapter officer roles and procedures and better incorporating alumni volunteers throughout chapter operations. In addition to the educational offerings these conferences will also include banquets and receptions that will encourage networking and celebrate APO brotherhood. Alumni members will also find special programming designed to fit their needs and interests. Attending an area conference as an alum is a great way to stay in touch with fellow brothers as well as stay up to date on Fraternity news and happenings. Select conferences will include a private, alumni-only reception.

Developing shared connections and interchapter relationships are ways brothers take their membership in APO to the next level. Area conferences are great opportunities to network with brothers from other regions of the country and experience APO on a national scale. These connections are what link our more than 365 active chapters together through a common bond.

2019-2020 area conferences are open to all APO students and alumni. Registration is now open for the 2019 conferences and can be found at *www.apo.org/calendar*.





APO DATELINE

OCTOBER	11/15: National Service Week Reports Due	
10/18-20: Area OPQR Conference, Syracuse, NY	11/15: Fall Charter Reaffirmation Due	
10/25-27: Area HI Conference, Indianapolis, IN	11/15: Annual Chapter Evaluation Due	
10/25-27: Area LMN Conference, Raleigh, NC	11/15: Active Membership Dues (AMD) Due	
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November	11/28: Thanksgiving	
11/1-3: Area D Conference, San Antonio, TX	DECEMBER	
11/1-3: Area EFG Conference, Milwaukee, WI		
11/3-9: National Service Week	12/16: APO Founders Day	
11/8-10: Area JK Conference, Atlanta, GA	12/23-30: Hanukkah	
11/11: Veterans Day	12/25: Christmas	

APO MEMBER RECEIVES NATIONAL TEACHING HONORS

Brother Nicole Doherty (Alpha Beta Psi '98) was honored by the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) as the National Outstanding Teacher of American History at the 2019 Continental Congress Annual Meeting

in June in Washington, D.C. Nicole was joined at the award presentation by her husband and APO member, Adam Doherty (Alpha Beta Psi '99)

In addition to the national award, Nichole was also awarded the 2019 Outstanding Teacher of American History by the Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution. Fellow APO alum Brother Holly Lynne McKinley Schmidt (Zeta Beta '99) served as the Virginia DAR State Historian and presented Nicole with her state award. Nicole and Holly Lynne discovered their APO connection during the Virginia DAR conference awards luncheon.

Nicole teaches United States History at

Patrick Henry High School in Roanoke, VA, where she has taught since 2004. Her inventive learning modules encourage inquisitive students to perform historical analysis, and she is always looking for creative ways to inspire her students. In addition to her education of students in American History, Doherty educates her colleagues during professional development opportunities. Recently, she developed a classroom activity called "History Mystery" which teaches

historical analysis as a best teaching practice for Roanoke City Public Schools.

In her remarks, she inspired the DAR Constitution Hall audience with her reflections and teaching philosophy to inspire curiosity. She said, "I wanted to bring excitement, discovery and enthusiasm into the classroom. More importantly, I wanted to be a role model for my students, not only as a teacher, but also a person who serves the community." What an excellent way to share Leadership, Friendship and Service to a new generation of students! In addition to their studies, Nicole encourages her students to be of service to the community and notes that her students completed more than 2,000 hours of community service. They raised

\$2,500 to purchase musical instruments for elementary school music programs and have raised \$25,000 to help homeless students in Roanoke City Public Schools.



Adam, Nicole and Holly Lynne after receiving the national award

COE & PPOE AWARD WINNERS

The purpose of the Chapter of Excellence (COE) and Pledge Program of Excellence (PPOE) awards is to recognize chapters whose programs of Leadership, Friendship and Service promote growth, retention and stability for the active chapter, while providing a positive, inviting and educational environment for prospective and new members. This award is designed to promote better communication between the chapter, sectional, regional and national leadership through regular and timely reporting of chapter activities.

2019 CHAPTERS OF EXCELLENCE

Region C

Region A

Zeta Psi, University of Oregon Kappa Sigma, California State University, Sacramento Alpha Eta Gamma, University of California, Merced

Region B

Psi, University of California at Santa Barbara Omega Sigma, California State University, Fullerton Mu Pi, Colorado School of Mines Alpha Eta Iota, University of Denver

Region D Alpha Rho, University of Texas at Austin Phi Xi, Austin College

Region F Gamma Siama

Gamma Sigma, University of Chicago Sigma Sigma, University of Illinois at Chicago

Region K

Tau, University of Florida Phi Sigma, Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico Upsilon Mu, University of Puerto Rico/Mayaguez

Region M Theta, University of Virginia

Region N Kappa Mu, Johns Hopkins University

Region 0

Beta, University of Pittsburgh at Pittsburgh Kappa, Carnegie Mellon University Alpha Beta, Pennsylvania State University Nu Delta, Lebanon Valley College Chi Sigma, Allegheny College Alpha Gamma Alpha, Dickinson College

Region P

Theta Alpha, Stevens Institute of Technology

Region R

Delta Sigma, University of Connecticut Kappa Omicron, University of Massachusetts Nu Alpha, Quinnipiac University Xi Phi, University of New Haven Omicron lota, Worcester Polytechnic Institute

2019 PLEDGE PROGRAMS OF EXCELLENCE

Region A

Zeta Psi, University of Oregon Kappa Sigma, California State University, Sacramento Alpha Eta Gamma, University of California, Merced

Region B

Psi, University of California at Santa Barbara Zeta Omicron, California Polytechnic State University Theta lota, University of Arizona Rho Pi, University of California at San Diego Phi Delta, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona Omega Sigma, California State University, Fullerton Alpha Zeta Upsilon, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Region C Alpha Phi, *Washington*

University Mu Pi, Colorado School of Mines Alpha Delta Sigma, Lindenwood University Alpha Eta Iota, University of Denver

Region D Alpha Rho, University of Texas at Austin Beta Sigma, Texas Tech University Xi Delta, Texas A&M University

Region E Omicron, University of Iowa

Region H

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Mu Mu, Oglethorpe

Zeta Kappa, Bowling

Green State University

Alpha Zeta, University of

Delta Theta, University of

Region F Sigma Sigma, University of Illinois at Chicago

Region H Zeta Kappa, Bowling Green State University Rho Theta, Capital University

Region I Alpha Zeta, University of Kentucky Delta Theta, University of Louisville Theta Mu, Vanderbilt University

Region J Mu Mu, Oglethorpe University Psi Sigma, Albany State University

Region K

Tau, University of Florida Upsilon Mu, University of Puerto Rico/Mayaguez Phi Sigma, Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico Alpha Eta Eta, Saint Leo University

Region L Pi lota, Wofford College

Region M

Theta, University of Virginia Nu Rho, College of William & Mary Chi Gamma, James Madison University

Region N Kappa Mu, Johns Hopkins University Mu Alpha, Georgetown University Alpha Epsilon Lambda,

McDaniel College

v of Florida
 Beta, University of Pittsburgh
 Iniversity of at Pittsburgh
 Mayaguez
 Kappa, Carnegie Mellon
 University
 Carnegie Mellon
 University
 Alpha Beta, Pennsylvania
 State University

State University lota Omicron, Gettysburg College Alpha Gamma Alpha, Dickinson Colleae

Region O

Region P

Theta Alpha, Stevens Institute of Technology Lambda Delta, New Jersey Institute of Technology Pi Rho, Rider University Alpha Gamma Iota, University of the Sciences in Philadelphia Alpha Delta Phi, Seton Hall University Alpha Zeta Gamma, The College of New Jersey

Region Q

Theta Kappa, SUNY Binghamton University Chi Pi, SUNY Fredonia

Region R

Delta Sigma, University of Connecticut Kappa Omicron, University of Massachusetts Nu Alpha, Quinnipiac University Xi Phi, University of New Haven Omicron lota, Worcester Polytechnic Institute Rho Delta, University of Rhode Island Alpha Eta Omega, Emerson College

JOHN MACK Scholarship Winners

The John Mack Scholarship is awarded to students who exhibit leadership in extracurricular activities to benefit those in need and/or charitable and/or humanitarian organizations. Recipients are awarded funding toward their educational expenses at their current college or university to help them achieve future success.

Beta

University of Pittsburgh at Pittsburgh Taylor Frownfelter Taylor Landis

Tau University of Florida Molly Rose Malaney Renee Runge Kaylie Skinner

Psi

University of California at Santa Barbara Cheryl Hsiao

Alpha Alpha University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Bansari Patel

Alpha Beta Pennsylvania State University

Bryan Costanzo

Alpha lota The Ohio State University Rebecca Brennan Katie Liezert Alpha Rho University of Texas at Austin Katrina Benjamin Sammy Calkins

Beta Theta University of Wisconsin-Madison Julia Framstad

Beta Sigma Texas Tech University Vanessa Whitley

Beta Psi Southeast Missouri State University Amanda Lively

Gamma Lambda *Clemson University* Grace C. Daniels Chelsea Huston

Gamma Pi University of Michigan Ann Arbor Justin Kim

Delta Theta University of Louisville Taylor Young **Delta Pi** Trinity University Maria Jaramillo Guevara

Zeta Lambda University of Toledo Meagan O'Hara

Eta Rho Marquette University Mariah Hanrahan

Theta Zeta University of New Hampshire Kayla Kenney

Kappa Theta Wake Forest University Gabe Sowards

Kappa Mu Johns Hopkins University Lauren Bernard

Kappa Omicron University of Massachusetts Jennifer Bowness

Kappa Rho Seattle University Katie Racca Lambda Omicron West Virginia University Cat Ishimasa Maddi Taylor Kristin Tenney

Xi Delta Texas A&M University Nathan Edlina

Xi Zeta Rochester Institute of Technology Colin Mellett

Xi Phi University of New Haven Winter Lauch

Sigma Rho Elon University Olivia Duffield

Upsilon Eta University of Texas at El Paso Idalis Calderon Figueroa Liz Vargas Lopez

Phi Xi Austin College Holly Humphries Chi Omega McKendree University Rebecca Postula

Psi Omega University of Central Florida Kelsey Brown Jasmin Lugo

Alpha Beta Gamma Knox College Michaela Kowalewski Irein Thomas

Alpha Gamma Eta University of Vermont Bonnie Tursky

Alpha Gamma Pi University of Maine at Farmington Natalie Thomsen

Alpha Gamma Rho Florida Institute of Technology Rebecca McFadden

Alpha Delta Eta SUNY University at Albany Christing Skrastins

Alpha Delta lota

Virginia Commonwealth University Alex Habib Nat Peredo Kelsey Reynolds

Alpha Delta Phi Seton Hall University Kristen Santullo

Alpha Zeta Delta Lake Forest College Megan Lyke

Alpha Eta Chi Bellarmine University Cass Marlow

Alpha Theta Epsilon Georgia State University Tai O'NealSampson

2019 FALL PLEDGE CLASS NAMESAKE HONOREE ALLEN WONG, D.D.S. ALPHA ALPHA XI, '81

very day Alpha Phi Omega members bring smiles to communities around the world through service. Brother Allen Wong, D.D.S., makes those smiles even brighter.

Dr. Wong (Alpha Alpha Xi '81) works day in and day out providing healthy smiles to the world's most special athletes through dental health care. His dedication to service with Special Olympics and the Fraternity has proven him well-worthy of being the 2019 Fall Pledge Class Namesake Honoree. Each year, APO selects an honoree to name the year's fall pledge class after—someone who reflects the Fraternity's Cardinal Principles of Leadership, Friendship and Service. Brother Wong has been doing exactly that for close to 40 years.

As an undergraduate at the University of the Pacific, he was approached by a friend from Boy Scouts who and asked him to help start an APO chapter to extend the impact of service further. He went on to serve as vice president of service and chapter president, leading the chapter to make meaningful connections throughout the campus and community. During this time, the chapter volunteered at a Special Olympics track event where he developed a life-long commitment to helping people with disabilities.



After completing his undergraduate work, Brother Wong went on to become a general dentist, professor and Director of Advanced Education of General Dentistry at the University of the Pacific Dugoni School of Dentistry in San Francisco, CA, and a Foundation Board Member for the California Dental Association CDA Cares program. CDA Cares is a volunteer program that provides free, city-to-city dental health care to anyone who may have trouble receiving it otherwise. Brother Wong's volunteer involvement beyond his chapter as an alum is a true testament to that idea that exuding the spirit of Leadership, Friendship and Service does not end along with the undergraduate experience.

Brother Wong's dedication to the Cardinal Principles extend beyond the Fraternity through his work with Special Smiles, an oral health discipline of Healthy Athletes that provides comprehensive oral health care information, including offering free dental screenings and instructions on correct brushing and flossing techniques to participating Special Olympics athletes. His work with Special Smiles serves people with all types of abilities from different countries and backgrounds.

"When I became a professional dentist, I had the opportunity to volunteer (with Special Smiles) to screen and help train dentists on how to treat athletes and people with special needs. This allowed me to volunteer locally, regionally, nationally and now globally, making an even greater impact on the intellectually disabled community," Brother Wong said.

His commitment to service shines by serving as the Special Smiles clinical director since 1999, during which time six summer games and five winter games have occurred, personally helping out in countries like Japan, China, Greece and Austria. Recognized for his service and contributions to Special Olympics, he was named global clinical advisor to Special Smiles in 2016. In this role, he has hosted approximately 12 local and regional games and trained dentists in national games around the world. He traveled to the Middle East to train local dentists for the 2017 Special Olympics World Games in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, which included more than 7,000 athletes from 175 countries. "Meeting dentists from several Middle East nations was enlightening, but more importantly, it was the catalyst for the group to organize the Arab Society for Disability and Oral Health," Brother Wong said.

This innovative initiative is one of the first inclusive groups who are working together to share resources among countries. Because of his devout leadership, Brother Wong was asked to help with the group's parliamentary process at the inaugural meeting and was invited to become an honorary member.

His 20-year-long involvement with Special Smiles and the Special Olympics is what builds the foundation for his 2019 challenge to the fall pledge class. He challenges each member, undergraduate or alumnus, to find ways to celebrate, support and empower people of all abilities by partnering with Special Olympics.

FOR THIS FALL'S PLEDGE CLASS MEMBERS, I HOPE THAT THEY ENJOY THEIR PLEDGE EXPERIENCE, AND THEY CHALLENGE THEMSELVES TO BECOME BOLD LEADERS, BY TAKING CHANCES AND LEARNING FROM MISTAKES; BECOME SINCERE FRIENDS, BY CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER AND FORGIVING ONE ANOTHER, AND TO BE AN EXAMPLE OF UNSELFISH SERVICE WHENEVER POSSIBLE BECAUSE HELPING IS A BLESSING TO OTHERS.

Along with charitable dentistry work, he continues to lead and serve in many capacities within Alpha Phi Omega. On a sectional and regional level, Brother Wong has served as both Section 4 Chair and Region X Director. On a national and international level, he has served as Leadership Development Chair, International Relations Director and as the chair of the International Council of Alpha Phi Omega (ICAPO). Throughout his tenure as an active brother and member of the Board of Directors and ICAPO, he has been recognized as a chartering/rechartering



member of several other chapters in Region X Section 4 (now Region A Section, A-2), such as Mu Zeta Chapter at San Francisco State University and Omicron Zeta Chapter at California State University, East Bay, as well as chapters along the western coast of the United States and the Philippines.

Brother Wong's accomplishments within APO have been recognized by being awarded Chapter Distinguished Service Keys (DSK) from Alpha Alpha Xi Chapter and Mu Zeta Chapter, the Section 4 DSK, the Region X DSK and most recently, the National Alumni DSK.

Brother Wong certainly lives the Principles of Leadership and Service; however, Friendship is where he most values his APO experiences.

"Being an APO brother has allowed me to develop deeper relationships with others who have like minds and hearts. Literally the world has opened with brothers for me all over the world, internationally with APO-Phillippines and APO-Canada. The brothers with whom I have met and developed friendships have been some of my most cherished," Brother Wong said. "But most importantly, I met my best friend, whom I married, through APO."

Brother Wong and his wife, Karen (Mu Zeta, '87) also raised their sons on the Cardinal Principles of APO. He volunteers to serve as a leader in both of his sons' Cub Scout troops and his oldest son's Boy Scout troop. His oldest son, J.P. was recently initiated into the Fraternity by Alpha Alpha Xi Chapter in 2016.

With such a busy agenda and dedication to serve, Dr. Wong strives to help anyone and everyone he can. Brother Wong continues to represent the spirit of Alpha Phi Omega in his career, constantly and consistently representing the Cardinal Principles of Leadership, Friendship and Service.

"Through his relentless and selfless service to others, Brother Wong has helped better the lives of his patients and students and helped to make the world a more inclusive, healthier, happier place—one special athlete and APO brother at a time," said National Vice President Melody Martin.



2019 FALL PLEDGE CLASS CHALLENGE

To the new Fall 2019 pledge and new members of Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity,

Congratulations on choosing to join Alpha Phi Omega this fall. By choosing our great Fraternity, you have taken the first step in your lifelong journey of Leadership, Friendship and Service. You have committed yourself to learning the traditions of APO, the Principles for which we stand and to sharing the connections for building brotherhood and our Fraternity. Let me be one of the first outside your chapter to welcome you to what I hope will be one of the most impactful experiences of your college career.

APO is an open and inclusive organization that strives to improve the world through the connections our members and partners make through service. Inclusivity for and awareness of people with disabilities is an area of service that aligns with the Fraternity's values and an area where we can make a difference alongside an organization near and dear to my journey as a leader in service.

More than 50 years ago, Special Olympics launched a global movement to break down barriers and end discrimination against people with disabilities. By playing and leading together, Special Olympics is paving the way by creating an inclusive and welcoming world for all. Through programming in sports, health, education and community building, Special Olympics is tackling the inactivity, stigma, isolation and injustice that people who are differently-abled face. Their work goes far beyond sporting events, driving social change that enables full social participation for people of all abilities.

This fall, I challenge the 2019 Fall Pledge Class to find ways to celebrate, support and empower people of all abilities by partnering with Special Olympics.

The motto of Special Olympics is "Let me win, but if I can't win, let me be brave in the attempt." This motto embodies the courage and determination it takes for individuals to do their best, and the success is in entering the race and displaying good sportsmanship rather than being number one.

I challenge you to be a fan for those with needs different than your own and be of service in a way that brings better and more opportunities to our friends and neighbors who are disabled. These athletes want respect and inclusion, and as APO members, we can be their champions.

Some simple yet powerful ways you can serve are by volunteering, as a chapter or individual, for a Special Olympics sporting event or by creating disability etiquette awareness in your community. You can serve as a coach, a unified partner, a pre-health volunteer through the Healthy Athletes Program or simply find a way to spread the mission of Special Olympics on your campus and in your community.

As a pledge class, let's empower these amazing athletes to discover new strengths and abilities, skills and successes. Together we can inspire our communities to open their hearts to a wider world of human talents and potential. We have the power to transform lives.

Learn more about Special Olympics at www.specialolympics.org.

A WINNING PARTNERSHIP WITH SPECIAL OLYMPICS

For nearly a decade, Special Olympics and Alpha Phi Omega have been partners, creating a better world by fostering the acceptance and inclusion of all people. As the Fraternity works to develop shared connections, the Special Olympics and APO are strengthening the partnership more than ever by renewing the Memorandum of Understanding and working together to actively improve the world around us. Through this partnership an ddedicated APO members, we can make a meaninful impact by breaking down barriers to end discrimination against people with different abilities.

The 2019 Fall Pledge Class and all other APO brothers should accept Brother Wong's challenge (page 11) not only for this fall semester, and years to come. This can lead to a more inclusive world that celebrates our differences. Members of Alpha Phi Omega and our service partners can rally together in an effort to effect change and work to lessen the biases that reflect prejudices, stereotypes and discriminatory views against people with disabilities.

Through this partnership, Special Olympics is helping to develop a variety of events for chapters and alumni associations to hold on campuses and in their communities. Many colleges and universities already have opportunities available with Special Olympics College Club (SOCC) or Special Olympics Intramural League (IM). These opportunities enable chapters to start planning a Unified Sports Event, such as a movie night for Special Olympic athletes or a field day on campus. Another option is to host a Unified Community Service Event that APO chapters and alumni associations can organize as an on-campus or off-campus community service event. Check out the chart on the next page to see which chapters are already participating through a Special Olympics College Club or the Special Olympics Intramural League.

To find an event or alumni volunteer opportunity in your community visit specialolympics.org/programs/united-states.

Let me win, but if I can't, let me be brave in the attempt. - Special Olympics Motto

*Data on next page are sourced from the Special Olympics annual census and 2017 Reach Report.





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Michigan State University	Beta Beta 🔹 🔴
University of Georgia	Beta Zeta 🔴
Texas Christian University	Gamma Kappa 🛛 🔸
Tulane University	Gamma Upsilon 🛛 🔴
University of Louisville	Delta Theta 🛛 🔸
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey	Delta Rho 🔹

University of Connecticut	Delta Sigr
Central Michigan University	Epsilon Be
University of West Georgia	Epsilon Et
Colorado State University	Epsilon Xi
Kent State University	Epsilon Ps
University of Mississippi	Epsilon Or
University of Toledo	Zeta Lam
University of Delaware	Zeta Sigm
University of Oregon	Zeta Psi
Illinois State University	Theta Epsi
University of Texas at Arlington	Theta Tau
Case Western Reserve University	Theta Ups
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Florida State University	lota Rho
University of California at Davis	lota Phi
California State University, Los Angeles	Lambda N
Duke University	Lambda N
West Virginia University	Lambda O
Eastern Michigan University	Lambda P
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Clarkson University	Mu Omicr
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Alma College	Omicron Tau	•
Rider University	Pi Rho	
Drew University	Pi Upsilon	•
University of California at San Diego	Rho Pi	
Valdosta State University	Sigma lota	•
Elon University	Sigma Rho	
University of South Florida	Ταυ Μυ	•
Winston-Salem State University	Tau Chi	
University of Nevada, Reno	Upsilon Psi	•
University of Central Florida	Psi Omega	
Albion College	Alpha Gamma Lambda	•
SUNY University at Albany	Alpha Delta Eta	
Virginia Commonwealth University	Alpha Delta Iota	
Saginaw Valley State University	Alpha Delta Upsilon	•
University of Akron	Alpha Epsilon Theta	
Southern Arkansas University	Alpha Epsilon Omega	•
The College of New Jersey	Alpha Zeta Gamma	•
Grand Valley State University	Alpha Zeta Iota	•
SUNY Cortland	Alpha Zeta Lambda	
Stockton University	Alpha Eta Omicron	•
University of Colorado at Colorado Springs	Alpha Theta Gamma	•
Georgia State University	Alpha Theta Epsilon	•



As a national service fraternity, Alpha Phi Omega places a high value on service done by its chapters and members. Every year, chapters think up a variety of service projects serving countless causes and every year, the Fraternity provides funding for projects that do service in an innovative way. This funding is provided through the Service Innovation Grant. Sometimes projects that receive the grant are ideas that have never been attempted before by the chapter while others are recurring projects that chapters have done many times – the only two criteria are that the project must be innovative and able to be replicated by other APO chapters in the future. In June, the Fraternity awarded seven Service Innovation Grants to the following chapters and projects:

- Alpha Delta Chapter at San Diego State University's "CARE Boxes"
- Delta Alpha Chapter at University of Cincinnati's "Pie a Brother Fundraiser"
- Theta Tau Chapter at University of Texas at Arlington's "Sandwich Service Project"
- Iota Phi Chapter at University of California at Davis' "Scouts Day"
- Sigma Sigma Chapter at University of Illinois at Chicago's "Turning the Page Community Night"
- Phi Xi Chapter at Austin College's "Roo Boo"
- Alpha Gamma Xi Chapter at University of Dayton's "Boy Scout Merit Badge University"

Although not all have been completed yet, below is a glimpse into the exciting projects proposed by these chapters!

Alpha Delta is planning an event for the fall to benefit the Women's Resource Center of San Diego. Brothers will be hosting a donation drive to gather supplies requested by the Women's Resource Center and then will decorate those boxes before they are taken to the center. In addition, Alpha Delta Chapter will be partnering with a sorority on San Diego State University's campus to educate both groups' members on domestic abuse. Since the Women's Resource Center's focus is on helping women who have experienced domestic abuse, Alpha Delta brothers feel that understanding the organization's purpose will give participants a better understanding of the organization and will also educate college students on a very important issue in the world today.

Delta Alpha will be hosting a Pie a Brother Fundraiser in October. This fundraiser will be held during the University of Cincinnati Dance Marathon, a 12-hour dance marathon fundraiser to benefit the Cincinnati Children's Hospital. Dance marathon participants will be able to bid money in an auction format to throw a shaving cream "pie" into volunteering brothers' faces. Delta Alpha has sponsored this fundraiser before, but now they are adding a twist to it; the bidding audience will be comprised of all dance marathon participants and brothers from chapters in University of Cincinnati's Region H. Delta Alpha hopes to strengthen the impact of this project by allowing a wider audience to participate while also bringing together APO brothers from various campuses. If you're in the area, get ready for October when you can pie your brothers!

One chapter took what they learned from National Convention and created a project that benefits their chapter and an outside organization. **Theta Tau** hosts sandwich-making parties as recruitment events and at chapter meetings. The chapter has increased engagement in meetings by giving a fun and accessible service project which also brings their members closer together. Although the parties started for the sole purpose of making sandwiches, the lunch bags have expanded to include items like chips, granola bars, water bottles and positive notes written by the chapter. The bags are donated to the Arlington Life Shelter, an organization that serves the homeless in the Arlington, TX, area. The chapter is hoping that by including potential new members in this project through recruitment events, they can get wider community support for the people of Arlington Life Shelter.

lota Phi held a Scouts Day for local Boy Scouts to earn merit badges. On May 11, Iota Phi hosted 40 Boy Scouts on the University of California at Davis' campus to earn merit badges in areas of search and rescue, communications, public speaking, first aid and geology. All Scouts were guided and taught by Iota Phi members who participated in merit badge counselor training in the months prior to the event. The chapter hosted this project in hopes of strengthening their relationships with local Scouting troops since APO is founded on scouting principles. In doing so, they have already made plans to hold a second Scouts Day, assist in



local scouting projects and begin to form a relationship with Girl Scout troops.

Early this fall, Sigma Sigma will be attending a community night at Turning the Page in Chicago, as well as donating school supplies and learning materials to the organization. Turning the Page is an organization that links parents, students and schools to provide an enriching learning experience inside and outside the classroom. After APO members donate supplies like markers and take-home books, they will do activities with the children and assist the program leaders in any way they may be of service. Partnering with Turning the Page allows brothers to play a part in the education of many children in the Chicago area and participate in the support system for children's growth.

One chapter will be participating in a 20-year-old tradition, which also happens to be a solution to a community's problem. Members in **Phi** Xi heard that many children around their school were unable to go trick-ortreating in surrounding neighborhoods because it was not safe. As a result, these members started Roo Boo, a Halloween-themed carnival for families



inthe area. Twenty years later, Phi Xi members are keeping the tradition alive. At this free carnival, children dress up in costumes, play games and trick-or-treat at booths set up by various Austin College students. In hosting this carnival, Phi Xi members aim to give children a safe space to enjoy participate in Halloween festivities.

Alpha Gamma Xi will spend the second weekend in November hosting a Merit Badge University for Boy Scouts in the area surrounding the University of Dayton. Throughout the course of the day, Boy Scouts will attend multiple workshops sponsored by Alpha Gamma Xi members as well as have the opportunity to do outside field work for added experience. The goal for attending the Merit Badge University is to earn three or more badges over the weekend. These badges, in fields of business, finance, art or safety, are more difficult for Scouts to earn on their own. The members of Alpha Gamma Xi want to return to their roots by living the Boy Scout principles while also instilling those roots in the next generation and strengthening them through shared connections.



CHAPTER NOTES

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

REGION A



Upsilon Psi Chapter at the University of Nevada, Reno aphio.unr No one's feeling blue because the brothers kept Tahoe BLUE!

REGION B



Lambda Mu Chapter at California State University, Los Angeles apocsula Say hello to our 2019 Fall Pledge Class! Good luck on your pledging process!

REGION C



Delta Beta Chapter at the University of Oklahoma oklahomaapo Delta Beta made it out to the Oklahoma City Zoo for service and fun! We pulled branches and weeds and fed giraffes!

REGION D



Delta Pi Chapter at Trinity University trinityu_apo Our brothers popped in to help fill popcorn orders, which means it's time to go out and support local Boy Scouts!

REGION E



Eta Rho Chapter at Marquette University apo_etarho We had so much fun at our cookout and random acts of kindness event! Can't wait for all the fun future events with our APO brothers.

REGION F



Beta Gamma Chapter at Roosevelt University apo_betagamma Painting with a Twist was a success! Thank you to everyone who came out!

REGION G



Omicron Tau Chapter at Alma College apoomicrontau Some of our amazing brothers partnered with Team Joseph to do a triathlon to defeat Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy!

REGION H



Beta Lambda Chapter at Indiana State University apoindstate Two of our awesome brothers volunteered for Sycamore Service Saturday at the ISU Community Garden!

REGION I



Alpha Zeta Chapter at University of Kentucky **ukalphaphiomega** What better way to spend Saturday than volunteering time to raise money through our concession stand!

CHAPTER NOTES



REGION J



Sigma lota Chapter at Valdosta State University aposigmaiota Had a great time doing service at the soup kitchen.

REGION K



Tau Mu Chapter at the University of South Florida apotaumu Stop by and ask us questions about our brotherhood for Fall 2019 recruitment.

REGION L



Lambda Nu Chapter at Duke University dukeapo From info sessions to a Duke Forest volunteering event, APO had a successful first week of recruitment.

REGION M



Sigma Mu Chapter at Virginia Union University apo sigmamu Cool down with Sigma Mu!

REGION N



Alpha Zeta Mu Chapter at Shepherd University shepherdapo Interested in Leadership, Friendship or Service? We are the group for you!

REGION O



Iota Omicron Chapter at Gettysburg College apo_iotomicron Saturday are for the... goats? We had a service project at Gettysburg Goat Yoga.

REGION P



Alpha Gamma lota Chapter at the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia

usciencesapo Our chapter went on our yearly retreat to reconnect, clean out a cabin and build shelving for the local Boy Scouts.

REGION Q



Phi Chapter at Syracuse University apocuse Brothers supported the Syracuse community at We Rise Above the Streets!

REGION R



Xi Phi Chapter at the University of New Haven newhaven.apo Brothers hosted the "Smooch a Pooch for \$1" service project. What's better than spending a Saturday with cute dogs and brothers!

ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT

ALPHA PHI OMEGA STRIVES TO BE THE PREMIER, INCLUSIVE, CAMPUS-BASED, LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION THROUGH THE PROVISION OF SERVICE TO OTHERS AND THE CREATION OF COMMUNITY.

You can make a difference and continue your lifetime leadership journey by helping the next generation of students become leaders. Alpha Phi Omega continues to work to develop more shared connections to improve lives in communities across the nation. This means more members on more campuses connecting with their communities through service. For us to achieve our vision, we're looking to alumni to help our chapters and members reach more students who want to change the world through service. By building those connections, Alpha Phi Omega will continue to grow and improve communities across the world.

Below are some meaningful ways to stay involved:

JOIN AN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION START AN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SERVE ON A NATIONAL COMMITTEE BE A VOLUNTEER IN YOUR REGION BE A VOLUNTEER IN YOUR SECTION BE A CHAPTER ADVISOR BE AN EXTENSION SPONSOR BE AN APO LEADS PRESENTER

With your commitment to leadership you can help develop stronger programs, encourage more members to serve in communities and make a difference while building long-lasting friendships. Volunteering can further expand your leadership development while improving the Fraternity. These opportunities are ways to give back to the Fraternity and are the groundwork for building brotherhood.

Every member has the responsibility to ask individuals committed to our Cardinal Principles to join us in our efforts to make the world a better place. As involved alumni, each of you can be the example for the next generation of leaders, continue your own leadership journey, improve your community and help grow and improve the Fraternity while living our Cardinal Principles of Leadership, Friendship and Service.

Connect back to the Fraternity by sharing your time, talents and experiences to improve programming so chapters may have access to more resources. Most importantly, continue to share your personal, impactful story on how APO helped build who you are as a person and a leader today to motivate and inspire students to serve.

To get more information on becoming a volunteer or getting involved with an alumni association, visit *apo.org/ alumni-resources* and complete the **Volunteer Interest** form or email *member.engagement.director@apo.org*.

Alpha Phi Omega is for life – and it can continue to have a meaningful impact on us as alumni. With your help, APO will be a greater, more diverse and impactful Fraternity rallying together to bring more service to our communities and to build a better foundation in which to serve for future generations to come.

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NATIONAL SERVICE WEEK



November 3-9, 2019 DIABETES AWARENESS ON CAMPUS

November is Diabetes Awareness Month

This November, reach out to your alumni association for ways to educate your community and local campus about the risks and prevention of diabetes.

WAYS ALUMNI CAN SERVE

Volunteer at a Step Out Walk • Take part in a community campaign Host an education table • Distribute flyers to local schools • Create your own fundraiser