

BU GREEK COLUMNS

ORDER OF OMEGA: HONORING FRATERNITY AND SORORITY LEADERS

Order of Omega is a national leadership honor society for fraternity and sorority members. To be eligible for membership, applicants must be juniors and seniors who have exemplified high standards in the areas of scholarship, leadership, involvement within their respective organization and within the Greek, campus, and local community. A local chapter may induct up to 3% of the total fraternity/sorority membership on their campus.

Butler's Nu Upsilon Chapter sponsors two primary annual programs. Greeks Leading Greeks is an annual leadership development workshop co-sponsored by Order of Omega and the Panhellenic Association. The event includes a keynote speaker chosen to address a topic or issue that is pertinent to fraternity/sorority membership, as well as round table discussions facilitated by experienced student leaders, advisors, staff, and faculty. Past discussion topics have included the role of presidents, philanthropy/community service, scholarship/academics, standards/honor boards, campus involvement, brotherhood/sisterhood programming, alumni relations, social events, advisor/house corporation relations, risk management, member education, and motivation. Former student leaders can share their expertise, incoming officers can gain new ideas, and younger members can learn more about the benefits and challenges of various leadership positions within their organizations.

Order of Omega also sponsors Greek Excellence Awards in the spring. Awards are presented to the top fraternity and sorority recognizing outstanding achievement in campus involvement, academic achievement and programming, philanthropy and community service, and new member education. Additionally, awards are presented for a Greek Man/Woman of the Year, Emerging Leader, Rising Star Chapter, Outstanding Chapter Advisor and Outstanding Faculty Advisor. The designation of 5 Star Chapter goes to those chapters excelling in all areas of chapter management and programming.

Since 1993, more than 450 Butler students have been invited to join Order of Omega. The most recent group of 33 were inducted earlier this month. Congratulations go to the following students by college:

College of Business

Julie Boss (Kappa Kappa Gamma)
Leah Ernstberger (Delta Gamma)
Karsten Hamilton-Smith (Lambda Chi Alpha)
Erika Hunt (Kappa Kappa Gamma)
Kegan Schmicker (Phi Delta Theta)
Michael Tirman (Phi Kappa Psi)

College of Communication

Chris McBarnes (Sigma Nu)
Christopher Ring (Sigma Nu)
Rachel Senn (Alpha Chi Omega)
Emily Spicklemire (Delta Delta Delta)

College of Education

Mary-Bridget Adkins (Kappa Kappa Gamma)
Rachel Bowers (Kappa Alpha Theta)

Jordan College of Fine Arts

Carla Black (Pi Beta Phi)
Matthew Karnstedt (Sigma Nu)
Andrew Riehle (Phi Delta Theta)

College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

Allie Bresler (Alpha Chi Omega)
Emily Christenberry (Alpha Chi Omega)
Katie Felt (Alpha Chi Omega)
Rachel Pendry (Kappa Kappa Gamma)
Andrew Teare (Sigma Nu)

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Lauren Brosmer (Kappa Kappa Gamma)
Josh Evans (Phi Delta Theta)
Brian Gross (Sigma Chi)
Michael Hernandez (Lambda Chi Alpha)
Jonathon Himes (Delta Tau Delta)
Lee Johnson (Tau Kappa Epsilon)
Steve Johnson (Sigma Chi)
Brittany Jordan (Delta Delta Delta)
Matthew Kasper (Sigma Nu)
Kiely Keesler (Pi Beta Phi)
Matt Miller (Phi Delta Theta)
Tim Nickson (Phi Delta Theta)
Alex Snyder (Sigma Nu)

HIGHLIGHTS

All-fraternity GPA remained at 3.2 for both the Fall Semester (3.215) and Spring Semester (3.202). A 3.2 average for both semesters was a first-time accomplishment. The all-sorority average remained above 3.4 for both semesters (3.467 fall, 3.426 spring).

84% of fraternity and sorority members maintained a GPA of 3.0 or above.

Fraternity and sorority members completed 25,000 service hours and raised over \$142,000 for philanthropy during Fall 2009-Spring 2010. These initiatives benefitted 153 separate agencies or initiatives throughout Central Indiana.

199 fraternity and sorority members completed 20 or more service hours in at least one semester during 2009-2010.

59 fraternity and sorority members were honored as Top 100 students, 17 of whom were honored as Top 10 men and women. Christina Lear (Pi Beta Phi) was honored as the Most Outstanding Woman and Ryan Waggoner (Delta Tau Delta) was selected as the Most Outstanding Man.

Over 160 students participated in the Greeks Leading Greeks workshop sponsored by Order of Omega and Butler Panhellenic Association

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Alpha Chi Omega

This semester has been quite exciting at the Alpha Chi Omega house. Every member has dedicated a lot of their personal time participating in campus-wide events while representing our chapter. We hosted our annual Frisbee Fling event, raising awareness and gaining support for our fight against domestic violence. We contributed greatly to other organizations' philanthropies by putting in time, effort, and funds toward amazing causes. For instance, our chapter collected the second-highest amount of cans to donate to Gleaners Food Bank and we placed second out of all of the Greek chapters in our Geneva Stunts performance which helps support the Intercollegiate YMCA of Greater Indianapolis. In addition to giving back to these imperative organizations, we also paid tribute to some of the people that mean most to us in our lives: our parents. We hosted Dad's Day one weekend and Parents' Weekend a couple weeks later, including a brunch and a Butler football game. We spent the majority of our time competing in various competitions during Homecoming and our efforts paid off: our candidate, Steph Gray, ended up taking the Homecoming Queen crown!



Alpha Chi Omega sisters at Frisbee Fling

Alpha Phis raise funds for cardiac care



Alpha Phi

This Fall 2010 Semester, Alpha Phi has held numerous events and participated in many events. They were able to hold a new event that Alpha Phi was extremely excited to put together. The event was called Heart to Heart with Cheri Daniels, the wife of Governor Mitch Daniels. Mrs. Daniels came to Butler University and spoke about the importance of heart health in women. There was even a free health screening open to the public. The main annual philanthropy, Bounce for Beats, was held on Friday, October 7. This is a 36 hour jump-a-thon raising money for cardiac care awareness. Another philanthropy event that Alpha Phi participated in was done in a joint effort with Lambda Chi Alpha in the annual Haunted House. All proceeds went to Gleaners Food Bank. The women from Alpha Phi and the men of Lambda Chi Alpha volunteer their time to haunt during the three evening event that was held from Thursday, October 28 through Saturday, October 30. They were able to raise over \$2,300 which is an all-time record. They were also awarded both 3rd place and the Spirit Award in the 91st Geneva Stunts which was a benefit show for the YMCA. Alpha Phi also placed third in Yell like Hell that took place during Homecoming Week. Alpha Phi is also dedicated to service and as a sorority have volunteered over 500 hours this semester.

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Delta Delta Delta

This semester was a whirlwind of events for Delta Delta Delta! In September we hosted TriDeltathon, which raises money to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. For Homecoming week we were paired with the men of Phi Kappa Psi and had a great time working with them to produce Yell Like Hell, the parade float, and lawn decorations under our theme of Egypt. That week was also our annual Fat Talk Free Week, with numerous students, faculty, and even visitors pledging to be fat talk free and promote a healthy body image. On Homecoming morning we hosted a fantastic alumni brunch at our chapter house. All were excited to come back to see the house and cheer on our dawgs! Later in October, in anticipation of Halloween, we carved pumpkins with the ladies of Delta Gamma and gave them to the various residences on campus. Family Weekend featured a parent's brunch, and we received second place in Geneva Stunts in which we were paired with Alpha Chi Omega, Tau Kappa Epsilon, and Schwitzer Hall. Sisterhood is a main focus for Tri Delta, and we find time to connect with each other through our Delta's Only events. We gather annually for "Glee Tuesdays," and we recently hosted a Harry Potter week in anticipation of the new movie. We also added five outstanding new members to our chapter this semester through open recruitment. Getting to know these new women has been so much fun for our chapter, and we can't wait to welcome more new members in January.



Tri Deltas at TriDeltathon

Delta Gamma

The members of the Alpha Tau chapter of Delta Gamma have had an awesome semester full of schoolwork, extra-curricular activities, leadership, and philanthropy. We held our annual fundraising event, Anchorsplash, this semester at the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, which is the major focus of Delta Gamma's service. With several events throughout Anchorsplash week, we were able to raise over \$6,000 for our national and local philanthropy, Service for Sight, Aid to the Blind. So far this semester, Delta Gammas of Butler University have volunteered over 250 Sight Hours, plus countless other hours volunteered throughout the Indianapolis and Butler communities.

Our chapter is proud of our average 3.48 GPA and involvement on campus. One hundred percent of our members are involved in at least one extra-curricular activity, and fifty percent hold a leadership position in a group outside of Delta Gamma. We have had an amazing Fall, and look forward to the Spring semester and the recruitment of new members this winter break!

Delta Gammas at Anchor Splash



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Kappa Kappa Gamma

With the fall semester coming to a close the women of Kappa Kappa Gamma would like to share some of their accomplishments thus far. The semester began with a kick as the women of Kappa Kappa Gamma hosted their annual Kappa Kick Off philanthropy event. We were honored to present our benefactor Coburn Place with the proceeds of the event which totaled over \$3000. Later in the semester, we presented the Mr. Butler Pageant with the women of Kappa Alpha Theta. This event raised funds and awareness for the Make a Wish Foundation, and we were pleased to donate over \$3000 for this wonderful cause. Sisterhood is a priority for us and we have had several unique events designed to deepen friendships and bonds within the chapter. Some of these events include hosting "The Ship of Fools" an improvisation group from Purdue, climbing the high ropes course, and taking a trip to the Indianapolis Zoo. We were further brought together by winning Homecoming 2010 with the men of Tau Kappa Epsilon, which was an incredible honor. Recently we were excited to welcome our parents to campus and to the Butler Bowl for our first Parent's Weekend Tailgate. In an effort to award the academic efforts of our sisters we invited faculty members to a Scholarship Dinner.



Kappa Kappa Gamma members

Pi Beta Phi

This semester, Pi Phi has been focusing heavily on our philanthropic efforts. Vice President of Philanthropy, Whitney Martin, has been working hard to revamp our campus events, as well as how we raise money as a chapter. For example, we have begun a new letter-writing campaign. This involved having individual chapter members directly contact their friends and family to spread the message of the importance of literacy and illicit donations. In addition, our chapter received two prestigious awards from Pi Beta Phi nationally - Excellence in Academic Mentoring, and Excellence in Appreciation of Fraternity Values. While these were awarded based on actions in the Spring semester of 2010, they have inspired us to continue our academic programming and keep in tune with our values.



Pi Beta Phi members at Arrowspike

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Delta Tau Delta

The men of Delta Tau Delta have had a very exciting semester so far. In order to enrich enlighten the members, speakers came to speak on personal finances and sexual assault. Delta Tau Delta also is also very involved in community service. We recently had a project with Rebuilding the Wall, and we have logged over 1,100 community service hours thus far. In addition, DTD added another philanthropy event this semester called Delt Dunk. This basketball tournament raised money to support the Matt White Cure ALS foundation, and over \$2,600 was raised. The cumulative GPA for DTD in the Spring of 2010 was 3.35, which was 2nd overall. Study groups were formed this year, so an improvement in GPA is expected. Delta Tau Delta is also heavily involved in campus, with 100% of members participating in an outside organization. 64% of those members hold leadership positions in organizations including Dawg Pound, class officers, and BU judicial appeal board.

Lambda Chi Alpha

Lambda Chi Alpha won several awards over the summer at the fraternity's General Assembly in Phoenix, AZ including the Grand High Alpha Challenge Chapter Award, given to top chapters that excel in community service, campus leadership, and fraternity education among other standards of excellence. These awards have made the brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha become even more dedicated and motivated to improving their chapter. Their main focus this semester is raising money for the North American Food Drive. To date, they have held three fundraisers, including the annual Watermelon Bust and the annual Haunted House with Alpha Phi, and are planning two more. Among the additional events planned is the Philanthropic Haunted House that was originated last year. Additionally, they have been increasing involvement in campus organizations, dedicating more time to community service, placing an increased focus on scholarship with a new academic plan focused on keeping the brothers motivated and proactively addressing their studies.

Phi Delta Theta

The fall 2010 semester was an exciting one for the men of Phi Delta Theta. Our 80 active members continue to excel academically, as evidenced by an average chapter GPA of 3.31. Phi Delta Theta is ranked among the top three fraternities on Butler's campus in terms of academics. The men of Phi Delta Theta are also leaders in the campus. Brothers serve the student body in a number of different roles such as resident assistants, speakers lab tutors, student ambassadors, bible study leaders, club sports officers, and organization presidents/captains. Additionally, the men of Phi Delta Theta have completed over 500 service hours in the Indianapolis community this semester. In October, we held our fall philanthropy event, the Wiffleball World Series. The event included a wiffleball tournament, sorority lip sync competition, and a chili cook-off competition and successfully raised over \$2,000 for the ALS Association. Phi Delta Theta has also maintained strong social relations this semester, winning several sorority lip sync competitions as well as three of four awards at the 91st Annual YMCA Geneva Stunts, including first place and "Judges' Favorite."

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Phi Kappa Psi

The Fall 2010 semester has been an exciting time for the men of Phi Kappa Psi, achieving excellence both as individuals and as a whole. This summer, the chapter was notified of two particularly special awards: one of five top PKP chapters in the nation and best intramural program among all PKP chapters. Once again, the Indiana Zetas are off to a great start and have both hosted and taken part in several awesome opportunities. First, the men of PKP yet again hosted the annual Phi Kappa Psi 5k, which raises money, support, and awareness for the American Cancer Society. This year, over \$4000 was raised for the ACS. The men of PKP are also proud of the way they are currently involving themselves upon Butler's campus, including Joe Wadlington's crowning as homecoming king, 1st place in Butler's SSSoberfest, and taking home the gold in DG's Anchorsplash. However, along with all the fun PKP has participating in campus-wide social events, one of the chapter's primary goals this semester has been to make service a focal point. As of early November, the brotherhood has already completed 586 hours of community service. All in all, it has been an incredibly fun and rewarding semester for the men of Phi Kappa Psi.

Sigma Chi

This semester our chapter worked hard on self-improvement by implementing a new leadership system in our house. We improved many aspects of our fraternity overall, such as philanthropy, scholarship, alumni relations, and recruitment. We worked hard to improve our academics and overall house G.P.A., which will continue next semester. We hosted our annual scholarship banquet, awarding scholarships to brothers and some freshmen. Our Derby Days this year was a big success, with many Butler students attending our lip-sync event, where each sorority and Independent Council put on a great performance. We focused heavily on the philanthropy aspect of Derby Days this year and raised more money than we have previously. We also concentrated on recruitment, and for the first time in three years we had a fall pledge class of three men. We are looking forward to continuing recruitment in early January. We have worked on our campus involvement, with each brother attempting to get more involved with other Butler activities. This semester we also had success with many other events, including Homecoming and Parent's Weekend, during which many alumni and family members visited our chapter.

Sigma Nu

The Epsilon Mu Chapter of Sigma Nu has been undoubtedly been reaching ever high over the past two years, which can be seen both here at Butler and nationally. This past summer at the Sigma Nu Grand Chapter, the Epsilon Mu chapter won 13 total awards, more than any of the other 182 chapters in the general fraternity. We are most proud of being named a Rock Chapter for the second time in a row. This prestigious award is given to only the very best Sigma Nu chapters (5 chapters won it this year). We were also honored as the chapter with the 3rd highest GPA of all Sigma Nu chapters.

In order to continue this excellence, the Epsilon Mu chapter recently created a strategic plan that outlines our goals for the next two years. The plan includes the categories of Leadership, Excellence, Growth, and Brotherhood. This semester, we have seen six members inducted into the Order of Omega, which selects only the top 3% of Greek students. Epsilon Mu has raised over \$1,000 for Habitat for Humanity in September and supplied over 2,000 lbs of canned food for Gleaner's Food Bank in October. The chapter is excited to move forward to next semester, specifically Recruitment Week.