



Office of Fraternity/Sorority Life Longwood University

Greetings from the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life

This semester has definitely begun in an all out frenzy of events. Our students have been busier than ever and it is exciting to see so many of the chapters engaging in programs and activities that will make our community stronger.

A special thank you goes out to all of those advisors that were able to make the trip to Farmville to attend

our September Advisor's Meeting. We hope that you found our meeting efficient and effective and we hope that if you have any questions you will let us know.

September was a busy month. Both Sigma Phi Epsilon and Alpha Chi Rho held reunion events. The National Pan-Hellenic Council hosted NPHC Week, featuring the MisEducation

of the Black Greek, D-Hall Takeover, and a campus service project to name a few and the College Panhellenic Council completed a successful recruitment.

We hope you enjoy this second edition of our newsletter and please do not hesitate to contact us if there is anything we can do for you.

-Kate and Billy

Student Shares Summer Leadership Experience

Chloe Abshire is a senior who currently serves as the President of Alpha Delta Phi. This summer she had the opportunity to attend a leadership conference hosted by her International organization. Below Chloe has shared her thoughts regarding the knowledge she was able to learn and how she hopes to impact our community.

My name is Chloe Abshire and I am the Chapter President for Epsilon Chi Chapter of Alpha Delta Pi at Longwood University. I had the pleasure of attending the first ever seminar that Alpha Delta Pi has provided for Chapter Presidents and International Officers this summer in Atlanta, Georgia. More than 100 International Officers and all 138 Chapter Presidents participated in this new leadership immersion program that was funded by a grant from the Alpha Delta Pi Foundation.

The seminar focused on four specific areas of leadership: Leading With Self, Leading With Action, Leading With Relationships and Leading With Vision. The Leading With Self session centered on self awareness, managing stress, and working and supporting other women. In the Leading with Action session, we focused on structures, systems, and processes, effective decision-making, and accountability. In the Leading with Relationships section, we were each able to gain an understanding of different perspectives and motivations, gaining commitment and establishing trust, building teams and establishing shared values, as well as navigating relationship. In the final session, Leading with Vision, we learned about taking initiative, clarifying strategic

focus, and acting as an inspirational role model in our very important leadership positions. Each session was a combination of utilizing the pre-work that we were required to complete prior to the program, interactive discussions, videos, written exercises, group discussions, and guided reflection. I could elaborate on each of these sessions because they each had a major impact on my leadership development as an individual, but the best part about each of these sessions is that they were so interrelated that I needed all of them to get the big picture at the end. What I took away from this seminar most is that I have to understand me, myself, and how I operate, before I can even begin to understand, lead, and inspire others.

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Special points of interest:

- Fall Break is October 11th and 12th
- Greek Summit will be on February 5th, 2011...Please Mark Your Calendar
- Check out www.longwoodgreeks.com for all the latest information and contact information!!

Student Shares Summer Leadership Experience Continued

A special element of the program was a “moving” history lesson, when all of the Adelphean Compass participants traveled on chartered buses to Macon, Georgia; the site of Alpha Delta Pi’s founding 159 years ago at Wesleyan College. The pilgrimage included stops at Executive Office and Memorial Headquarters in Atlanta on our way to Macon, Rose Hill Cemetery to visit a founder’s grave, and the Cannonball House that features a replica of the original Adelphean Parlor. During the bus ride, we got to listen to a narrative of our sorority history, which brought us back to the time of our founders. My favorite line from the narrative was, “Forget about cell phones, laptops, Facebook and Twitter, reality shows, concerts and study abroad. Forget about lattes, bagels, pizza and any type of fast food. How many chocolate lovers are on board? There was no chocolate in 1851.” The Macon pilgrimage really spoke to me. Being able to walk in the footsteps of our founders and seeing first hand where it all began, where the first sorority was founded, and where Alpha Delta Pi is

rooted sparked inspiration within that I had never experienced before. I wish that every sorority member had the opportunity to visit her founding University. The pilgrimage really made me realize how unique Longwood University is in that four sororities founded at our campus, on our walking grounds, and in such a quaint location. I imagined members of Sigma Sigma Sigma, Alpha Sigma Alpha, Kappa Delta and Zeta Tau Alpha coming from across the country to Farmville, Virginia to experience what I got to experience in Macon, Georgia. I will always be thankful for the opportunity I had in being a part of the pilgrimage and I can only hope that other sorority members out there are one day able to experience an opportunity similar to mine.

The Greek community at Longwood University has so much potential, so much room for growth and improvement and I believe that

I can make a difference and show our Greek leaders how to do the same by utilizing the training and experience that I gained at the Adelphean Compass Leadership Seminar. It is not easy to spark change in a community. It takes knowing one’s self to be strong enough, having a vision to see what is possible, putting that vision into action, and developing relationships with the individuals who can make things possible. Below is the pledge that each Adelphean Compass participant took at the conclusion of the seminar that I have chosen to follow as a part of my involvement as a student leader and most importantly as the President of Alpha Delta Pi, Epsilon Chi Chapter.



“I, Chloe Abshire, promise that I will use my Adelphean Compass, and the lessons I learned here to better myself, Alpha Delta Pi, and my community. I will faithfully execute my duties by leading with self, vision, action and relationships. I recognize that I must be brave in my pursuit of leadership, honor my obligations, the Creed of Alpha Delta Pi, and stay true to myself as I continue on my journey.”

- The Adelphean Compass Pledge

NPHC Dedicates Week in September to Council Awareness

After a week of successful programming, the National Pan-Hellenic Council at Longwood exhibited several strong attributes within their community. NPHC fully embodied the words of Pablo Picasso, “Action is the foundational key to all success.” Although the exact words were never uttered this past week it is obvious the sentiment resonated amongst the students within the council. The action chosen by the members included an intentional speaker and a variety of community service activities.

“The Miseducation of the Black Greek with Rasheed Cromwell was a great message!” reflected Alpha Sigma Phi brother,

Sam Hardy in reaction to the speaker, “I appreciated his emphasis on the fact that these organizations are much more than strolling, stepping, and everything the media portrays.” Several students, including myself, felt much clearer on the purpose of NPHC organizations. I admired the applicability that the content of the speaker had to our campus at this point in time. The success of this program was accomplished by our NPHC identifying the campus need and taking action.

The following day, the members of NPHC participated in a “D-hall Take-Over.” There are several benefits to the event including publicity, service to the campus,

and pure fun! “It is fun to help out the dining hall staff and get the students engaged in the event,” said Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Incorporated Phi Omicron Chapter Member and NPHC Vice President Tiffini Gambrell. She even mentioned she felt that this was the most successful event of the week. On Thursday of the week the community service continued as any student who volunteered with the NPHC members, worked in conjunction with Longwood Facilities. Students were given tasks including gardening and other project on the intramural fields, Brock Commons, the main walkway of campus.

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Important Dates and Events for Fraternity and Sorority Life

We would like to take this opportunity to highlight a few important dates throughout the school year. The dates in bold are the ones that we would appreciate an advisor being present.

10/19/10 Lip Sync
Location TBD, 8pm

10/20/10 SGA 100th Anniversary Speaker
Location TBD, 7pm

11/2/10 RISE Partnerships, Dan Wrona
Student Union — 3pm

11/6/10 All Greek Service Project
High Bridge Trail, All Day

11/6/10 NPHC Step Show
Location TBD, 7pm

11/12-14/10 Mountain Lake Leadership
Mountain Lake, All Weekend

11/16/10 President’s Roundtable
Student Union — Amelia Room, 6pm

**11/29/10 Greek Awards Ceremony
Blackwell, 9pm**

If you have any questions about the above events please do not hesitate to contact the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life.

Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life Minimum Chapter Standards

Longwood University has outlined minimum standards for social Greek organizations. In order to be in good standing with Longwood University you must meet the standards below each semester. If you do not meet these standards one semester, your chapter will be considered “not in good standing.” If after a semester of not being in good standing you still do not meet the minimum standards set by Longwood University, your chapter will be subject to review by OFSL and your respective (inter) national headquarters or corporate office to determine the relevance of your chapter on Longwood University’s campus.

The intent of these minimum standards is to move the Longwood University Greek community forward. While the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life requires chapters to fill out the Chapter Excellence Packets each semester in order to provide recognition for our high performing chap-

ters, no minimum standards were outlined until this point.

It is the case with these minimum standards that we will be able to work more directly with chapters that need academic assistance, recruitment help, or other needs. This process will allow all of chapters to show improvement and growth and become a strong part of our community.

The following are the minimum standards as determined by Longwood University:

Chapter has an active advisor registered with OFSL. *(While we value the work of our chapter leadership, we understand that the key to success for a chapter is consistency and oftentimes an advisor can help fill that role)*



Chapter maintains a minimum 2.5 semester GPA, including its new members. (This standard is below the average male and female GPA on campus, it a minimum benchmark for our chapters)

IFC and CPC chapters maintain minimum of 25 members at the end of each semester; NPHC chapters must maintain minimum of 4 members at the end of each semester. *(We feel that based on National standards, organizational requirements/expectations and our own Student Government Policy that these are the best minimum standards regarding manpower for our community)*

Chapter has not been found responsible for more than 2 judicial violations in a 1 year period or found responsible for more than 5 judicial violations in a 3 year period. *(Organizations should be responsible for their behavior. While mistakes do happen from time to time organizations should not be consistently finding themselves in front of the judicial board)*

Chapter is financially current with OFSL, respective council and I/HQ or corporate

office (this does not include past debt). *(Several chapters do have past debt, and while they do have plans to repay that debt, they should not be consistently punished for it. However, it is imperative that each chapter learn and maintain financial responsibility)*

Chapter leadership meets regularly with OFSL staff. *(Regular communication with the OFSL staff is imperative to a chapter’s success. The OFSL will determine an appropriate meeting schedule with chapter presidents based on their needs and expectations)*

Chapter must file Chapter Excellence packet with OFSL by due date each semester. *(The minimum chapter standards outline the basic requirements, but the chapter excellence packet helps OFSL determine the many great things that our chapters are doing to be successful and how we may reward them for their outstanding work)*

In each of these cases, many hours of thought and contemplation was put into place to determine the best standards that would reflect our community as a whole.

There are many other positive contributions that the chapter can contribute to Longwood, the Farmville community, and their greater fraternity or sorority, however, we wanted to take this opportunity to outline those minimum expectations of chapters.

This December these minimum standards will be passed along to the Board of Visitors for final approval and will be a new addition to the Longwood Student Handbook.

The end goal is to have a community full of outstanding chapters and the Minimum Chapter Standards will help the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life develop healthy chapters.

NPHC Continued

The week came to a conclusion with a social in the Student Union making the members of NPHC accessible to students.

It was empowering to see the attendance to the events throughout the week. All of the efforts and actions taken by the council reaped some kind of benefits, whether educating the campus or serving as a learning opportunity for program planning. If it is true that action attributes to success, then NPHC took upon itself much action.

-Callie Darling, OFSL Student Intern

Congratulations to All of Our Award Winning Chapters

Sigma Kappa

3 Star Award
Silver Circle of Friendship

Sigma Nu

Manpower Award
Most Improved student Organization



Alpha Delta Pi

Total Membership Education Excellence Award
Alpha Educations Programming Achievement
Legacy Award
Recruitment Excellence Award
Mary Virginia Anderson Finance Achievement
History Award

Alpha Kappa Alpha

Platform 1 Regional Programming Award

Sigma Sigma Sigma

Foundation Honor Role
Lancer Productions Programming Award

Alpha Sigma Tau

Longwood University Chapter of the Year
Academic Program of the Year