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Drexel FSL Holiday Potluck & Toy Drive

On December 5, Fraternity & Sorority Life hosted its 3rd Annual Holiday Potluck & Toy Drive at Lambda Chi Alpha. The event collected numerous toys and raised over $400 to be donated to the annual Drexel Toy Drive. Holiday cards were made at the event to be sent to troops overseas.

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Achieving Academic Excellence

The following fraternity & sorority members enrolled in more than one class achieved a 4.0 GPA during the summer 2012 term:

Amy Asciutto, Senior, Phi Mu

Emily Bentz, Pre-Junior, Delta Zeta

Lauren Bilski, Senior, Sigma Sigma Sigma

Amy Blackmer, Junior, Delta Phi Epsilon

Alyssa DiFiore, Junior, Phi Mu

James Driscoll, Senior, Tau Kappa Epsilon

Erika Foster, Senior, Alpha Sigma Alpha

Janine Gomes, Junior, Delta Phi Epsilon

Sheyda Karvar, Senior, Phi Mu

Michael Knapp, Senior, Tau Kappa Epsilon

Gabriel Lee, Senior, Alpha Chi Rho

Patrick McPartlin, Junior, Pi Kappa Alpha

Taylor Nolan, Junior, Sigma Sigma Sigma

Neha Patil, Senior, Delta Zeta

Stephen Pruzinsky, Pre-Junior, Theta Chi

Rebekah Quasny, Junior, Alpha Sigma Alpha

Theresa Shannon, Senior, Delta Zeta

Chad Sheaffer, Senior, Pi Kappa Alpha

Anupam Somashekar, Senior, Kappa Phi Gamma

Anna Sparrevohn, Senior, Sigma Sigma Sigma

Ambuj Suri, Pre-Junior, Delta Sigma Phi

Celeste Tirro, Junior, Delta Zeta

ORDER OF OMEGA

Order of Omega Spring 2012 Class

The following members were initiated into the fall 2012 class:

Mark Baskin, Alpha Epsilon Pi

Emily Bentz, Delta Zeta

Claire Diemer, Delta Phi Epsilon

Alyssa DiFiore, Phi Mu

Angela Foley, Delta Phi Epsilon

Arielle Gogh, Phi Sigma Sigma

Erin Guilfoyle, Delta Zeta

Alyxis Johnson,
Delta Sigma Theta

Markus Kapfhammer,
Alpha Pi Lambda

Megan Knotts, Delta Phi Epsilon

Louis Luong, Lambda Chi Alpha

Sandra Maerere, Delta Zeta

Giuliana Marcucci,
Delta Phi Epsilon

Lyndsey Martineau,
Sigma Sigma Sigma

Sean McPartland,
Tau Kappa Epsilon

Jessica Nielsen,
Alpha Sigma Alpha

Neha Patil, Delta Zeta

Chelsea Pullan, Delta Zeta

Kelly Reilly, Delta Phi Epsilon

Katherine Rimmele, Delta Zeta

Tyler Sanchez, Alpha Pi Lambda

Anna Sparrevohn,
Sigma Sigma Sigma

Amy Truong,
Sigma Sigma Sigma

Rosann Zhao,
Alpha Sigma Alpha

Recruitment Overview

	Bids	New Members	Initiated Members	Total
ΑΕΠ	27	24	55	79
ΑΠΛ	21	19	72	89
ΑΧΡ	19	15	40	55
ΔΣΦ	27	23	71	94
ΛΧΑ	28	21	43	63
ΦΚΨ	15	13	24	36
ΠΚΑ	42	39	106	142
ΠΚΦ	32	27	56	82
ΣΑΜ	9	8	12	16
ΣΦΕ	31	25	67	91
ΤΚΕ	33	30	86	116
ΘΧ	37	34	24	53
	321	278	656	916
ΑΣΑ	29	29	87	114
ΔΦΕ	31	31	95	126
ΔΖ	27	26	80	105
ΦΜ	41	40	77	115
ΦΣΣ	27	27	88	115
ΣΣΣ	28	22	86	104
	183	175	513	679
ΑΚΑ	0	0	2	2
ΑΦΑ	0	0	0	0
ΧΥΣ	0	0	2	2
ΔΕΨ	8	6	22	28
ΔΦΩ	6	4	7	11
ΔΣΘ	0	0	4	4
ΙΝΔ	5	5	17	17
ΚΑΨ	0	0	2	2
ΚΦΓ	7	7	6	12
ΣΒΡ	7	7	15	22
ΣΨΖ	12	9	17	17
	45	38	94	117
Total	549	491	1263	1712

Fall 2012 New Members By The Numbers

491 students accepted bids to join one of **24** chapters taking new members this fall

Panhellenic Quota was **27** women per chapter

72% were freshmen

20% were sophomores

8% were pre-juniors, juniors or seniors

IFC chapters took an average of **23** new members per chapter recruitment (19 in 2011)

The Multicultural Greek Council welcomed **38** new members to the community

At least **17** international students joined the fraternity/sorority community this fall

Approximately **86%** live on campus*

Approximately **4.5%** are transfer students*

Approximately **3%** are varsity athletes*

Approximately 2% self-identified as lesbian, gay, or bisexual*

Approximately **20%** self-identified as African American, Asian, South Asian, Middle Eastern, Hispanic/Latino, Native American, or Biracial/Multiracial*

Approximately **24%** have a family member who is Greek and **6%** are legacies*

Approximately **62%** stated community service as one reason they decided to join*

The Drexel Greek community currently has **1712** members in **28** chapters—averaging almost **61** members per organization (55 in 2011) and representing **13** percent of the full-time undergraduate population

Greek News

MGC Chapters Host 4th Annual Garba Gone Greek

Delta Epsilon Psi, Delta Phi Omega, Iota Nu Delta, Kappa Phi Gamma, and Sigma Beta Rho co-hosted the 4th Annual Garba Gone Greek on Friday, September 28. The event was thrown this year with two goals in mind—to raise funds for and awareness of the Sikh temple hit hard by gun violence earlier this year .

On August 5, a gunman entered the Sikh temple in Oak Creek, Wisconsin and began firing immediately as he entered the temple. The gunman shot and killed six people while wounding 3 others including a police officer who was shot 10 times before the gunman was shot and killed outside the temple.

Through Garba Gone Greek, Drexel South Asian Greek organizations hoped to not only bring awareness to their culture, but remember those who lost their lives that tragic night and serve as a support system for all of the Sikh Americans that make the Drexel community and their brotherhoods/sisterhoods vibrant.

The event raised $1,300 for the Sikh temple. By coming together as a community they showed the power of unity, with more than 250 students in attendance from schools throughout Philadelphia. Additionally, Drexel Dandiya, a nationally ranked dance team performed during the intermission.

News in Brief

Two members of Drexel's Delta Zeta chapter received scholarships from their national organization: Regina Lynch was awarded the Charline Chilson Women in Science Scholarship. Alice Stevenson received a general scholarship.

On Saturday, September 29, Sigma Beta Rho held a regional seminar at Drexel. Brothers within the Philadelphia region came together to discuss important issues within the Fraternity as well as other topics including: hazing prevention, the dangers of drunk driving, and information on stocks and investing (presented by Drexel alumnus Ashish Joseph).

In November ΣΦΕ lost founding member and advisor, Jamie Rosley, 32, after a 6-month battle with Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma. He served as the chapter's first VP of Member Development and later as Chapter President. For five years Jamie served the fraternity as the Director of Membership Affairs for the Alumni & Volunteer Corporation. Memorial contributions are being collected by the chapter to dedicate a space in the chapter house in Jamie's memory.

ΛXA's 1st Philanthropy Event—a Smashing Success

The Brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha hosted their first major philanthropy event since returning to campus on October 20. The first annual Smash Bash, which involved the destruction of pumpkins, watermelons and other various fruit, helped raise money and awareness for LCA's national philanthropy, The North American Food Drive (NAFD). They had a successful turn out with a total of six teams made up of both fraternity/sorority members and non-affiliated students.

All proceeds were donated to Philabundance which was nearly $2,000 and nearly 100 pounds of food. That's nearly enough food to feed 50 families for an entire month.

TKE Hosts Bid Acceptance with Notable Alumni

On October 26, members of Tau Kappa Epsilon held their annual Bid Acceptance Dinner.

Alumni, members of the TKE Grand Chapter, Drexel guests and all 108 current brothers gathered for the formal bid acceptance of 30 new members.

There were several notable alumni in attendance including George Krall, Drexel Trustee Emeriti, and Dr. James Hickey, TKE National Chaplin.

After dinner was served, several guest speakers – some who came from as far as Florida – spoke on the importance of being a fraternity man, and the experiences they had as undergraduate members.

Many members were moved by these speakers, who stood in the same spot more than a half a decade ago and accepted their bids. It was clear to all how much their time at Drexel, and TKE, had impacted their lives.

To end the night, George Krall, who graduated in 1957, handed each new member their official pledge pin and TKE certificate.

Pack the DAC with Drexel's Greek Alumni at Homecoming!

Greek alumni will "Pack the DAC" at Homecoming 2013
as Drexel men's basketball team takes on the Georgia State Panthers.

Before tip-off, the Alumni Association will host fraternity & sorority alumni for a special reception, where you'll enjoy a country-style breakfast buffet, and receive an "Alumni Greeks Pack the DAC" t-shirt for the game! Guests will also have the opportunity to check out items from Drexel's Archive for Greek Life. Then, head over to the DAC to cheer from our special reserved section!

Saturday, January 26, 2013
9:30 to 11:30 am—Greek Alumni Breakfast
Papadakis Integrated Sciences Building

12 pm—Tip-off vs. Georgia State
Daskalakis Athletic Center

Adults: $20 ($25 w/ game ticket)
Youth: 5-12—$10($15 w/ game ticket)
Child: 5 & Under—FREE

Register at drexel.edu/alumni or call **215-895-ALUM**

Sigma Beta Rho's Be the Change Day of Service

On Saturday, October 6, Sigma Beta Rho hosted their annual Be The Change service event. This event, sponsored by SAALT (South Asian Americans Leading Together), is held in major cities across the country to honor of Mahatma Gandhi, a peacemaker and activist who had a vision and determination to make the world a better place.

The kick-off was held on Drexel's campus and then students went to the Art Museum to volunteer at the annual "Step Out: Walk to Stop Diabetes" event. Numerous Drexel Greek-letter organizations came together with one goal in mind: to give back to the community and to "be the change they want to see in the world."

New Council Officers

Multicultural Greek Council

- Greek Week - Anupma Sahay, ΔΦΩ

Will be electing all other positions in the winter term

Panhellenic Council

- President - Kelly Simmonds, ΦΜ
- VP Programming - Arielle Gogh, ΦΣΣ
- VP Recruitment - Natasha Martines, ΔΖ
- VP Judicial Affairs - Aimee Wardle, ΣΣΣ
- Treasurer - Tayler Pangburn, ΑΣΑ
- Secretary - Amanda Jones, ΔΦΕ
- Greek Week - Erin MacCausland - ΔΦΕ

Interfraternity Council

- President - Ryan Pratt, ΛΧΑ
- VP Administrative Affairs - Kyle Norman, ΠΚΦ
- VP Judicial Affairs - Ryan Umstead, ΠΚΦ
- Secretary - Erik Groch, ΠΚΦ
- Treasurer - Marc DiBlasio, ΑΧΡ
- Events - Lawrence Mahoney-Jones, ΦΚΨ
- Public Relations - Declan Crouse, ΤΚΕ
- Athletics - Mahmoud Shurbaji, ΠΚΑ
- Recruitment - Nick Christman, ΛΧΑ
- Scholarship - Richie Dambra, ΑΠΛ
- Greek Week - Michael Wade, ΛΧΑ

Drexel Greek Archives

Drexel recently announced the created of a Greek life archives project through Alumni Relations & Library. Donations are being accepted from all organization members, even those who are a part of closed chapters. For more infromation, contact Kerry DiBlasio at Kerry.diblasio@drexel.edu or visit the dedicated website at library.drexel.edu/greekarchive

Phi Kappa Psi Serves 12th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

On Wednesday, November 22, Phi Kappa Psi organized, cooked, and served Thanksgiving dinner to a hundred homeless along with employees of the 911 Call Center of Philadelphia. The dinner was accomplished through the donations of friends, family, and alumni, with the chapter's hard work.

The dinner consisted of 13 turkeys, mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, mixed vegetables, and pie. The preparation started at 5am in Millennium Hall, and finished at 4pm. The food was then transported to the 911 Call Center and St. Agatha-St. James Church to be served. Alumni and members came together to serve the food, an annual chapter tradition since their founding.

DZ Turtle Tug Raises $2000 for PA School for the Deaf

Delta Zeta raised over $2000 at their second annual Turtle Tug on October 21. Turtle Tug is a campus-wide tug of war competition with raffles, food, music, and prizes. Proceeds from the event benefited the chapter's local philanthropy, the Pennsylvania School for the Deaf.

The PA School for the Deaf (PSD) prepares students who are deaf and hard of hearing for further education or successful employment through specialized educational services. PSD serves an increasingly diverse student population including students who have cochlear implants, are autistic, and in addition to deafness have both physical and learning disabilities. This year the money they raise will go towards updating technology used in PSD's classrooms. Familiarizing the students with up-to-date technology plays a critical role in their success within the hearing environment after graduation.

IFC Expansion Update

During the fall term, three national fraternities presented on campus, meeting with University administrators, IFC officers, and students—Alpha Sigma Phi, Pi Lambda Phi and Beta Theta Pi. Following the presentations, the expansion committee met to make their recommendation to the IFC Board of Presidents. The recommendation was to invite Beta Theta Pi to colonize on campus in fall 2013. Pi Lambda Phi also impressed the committee and will be offered an opportunity to be one of the three organizations to present next time the IFC opens for expansions. Please direct any questions to Erik Groch at erikgroch@gmail.com

Hazing Prevention Awareness Week was held October 1-6 and featured a wide range of events and educational programs as well as giveaways with the 2013 slogan "I am a Dragon. I Don't Haze."(above)

Important Dates

- **Chapter Achievement Plan Due**—January 19, 12pm
- **Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service**—January 21
- **Homecoming**—January 25-27
- **Delta Phi Epsilon's Deepher Dude**—February 2
- **Chapter Achievement Plan Presentations**—February 4-15
- **Greek Relations Board Meeting**—February 6, 6pm
- **Orientation Leader Applications Due**—February 9
- **Northeast Greek Leadership Association Conference**, Hartford CT—February 21-24
- **Ritual Celebration Week**—March 3-9
- **Sigma Phi Epsilon's St. Baldrick's**—March 15
- **Alternative Spring Break**—March 23-30

Happy Founders Day!

Delta Epsilon Psi National Founding—October 1, 1998

Iota Nu Delta Local Founding—October 19, 1997—15 years at Drexel!

Delta Zeta National Founding—October 24 , 1902

Sigma Phi Epsilon National Founding—November 1, 1901

Alpha Epsilon Pi National Founding—November 7, 1913

Kappa Phi Gamma National Founding—November 8, 1998

Lambda Chi Alpha National Founding—November 9, 1909

Pi Kappa Alpha Local Founding—November 10, 2001

Sigma Phi Epsilon Local Founding—November 14, 1999

Alpha Sigma Alpha National Founding—November 15, 1901

Pi Kappa Phi Local Founding (as Kappa Sigma Delta)—November 21, 1919

Phi Sigma Sigma National Founding—November 26, 1913

Sigma Alpha Mu National Founding—November 26, 1909

Alpha Phi Alpha National Founding—December 4, 1906

Chi Upsilon Sigma Local Founding—December 5, 1997—15 years at Drexel!

Delta Phi Omega National Founding—December 6, 1998

Delta Sigma Phi National Founding—December 10, 1899

Pi Kappa Phi National Founding—December 10, 1904