The Office of Greek Life at the University of North Texas is committed to establishing and maintaining an effective relationship with our alumni by providing services to meet their interest, as well as, involving them in the promotion and support of our office. In this newsletter, you will find information to keep you updated, connected, and informed.

Greek Week: Tradition, Unity, and Friendly Competition!

Each year, the Greek community comes together to celebrate the unifying tradition of Greek Week. Chapters from each council come together to participate in a week-long event with the purpose of meeting new people, friendly competition, and fun! The 2013 Greek Week theme was ‘All the World’s A Stage’ in which each team was provided a musical. The musicals included: Annie, Wizard of Oz, Chicago, West Side Story, Rocky Horror Picture Show, Grease, Rock of Ages, and Hairspray. The week began with the decoration of the Union Courtyard as teams hung banners for display. As always, the banners were testaments to the creativity of our fraternity and sorority community—one of the banners even had lights!

The week was full of shining moments for our community. The week began with members of fraternities and sororities writing 3,200 letters to the troops and participating in a blood drive. The members also attended a presentation by guest speakers, Megan Kursawe, LCSW and Kelley McClain, LPC-Intern of the Renfrew Center, Dallas TX. The presentation covered the topics of male and female body image and how the media distorts a healthy body image. The audience was able to ask questions and engage in interactive components to help them understand how some of our own practices can be harmful to our health in regards to body image.

Most notably, the community raised $20,000 which is being donated the UNT General Scholarship Fund and also was able to contribute $4,000 which will provide four $1,000 scholarships to members of fraternities or sororities. The week concluded with ExtravaCANza, Eagle Escapades, Greek Games, and Greek Awards. ExtravaCANza (formerly known as CANstruction) helped raise nearly 15,000 pounds of food for the Denton Community Food Center. Of the 15,000 pounds fraternity and sorority members donated 71% of the food items collected during the event. Eagle Escapades, is a song and dance competition complete with costumes, props, and backdrops. The event is one of the community’s favorites as it provides a great opportunity for everyone to express their artistic talents.

Congratulations to the winners of 2013 Greek Week, Team Epsilon (Kappa Kappa Gamma, Pi Kappa Alpha, and Alpha Epsilon Pi).
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Greek Awards Honors Excellence within the Community

• Delta Sigma Theta (NPHC)
• Kappa Delta Chi (MGC)

President of the Year
• BJ Sterling of FIJI (IFC)
• Erica Stein of Chi Omega (Panhellenic)
• Jade Kendle of Delta Sigma Theta (NPHC)
• Anibal Soto of Phi Iota Alpha (MGC)

The highest award bestowed to an individual is the Standards of Fraternal Excellence Award and was awarded to Joshua Williams (Pi Kappa Phi). Some of the awards are listed below. For a full list of the winners, please visit our website.

Greek Man of the Year
• Rudy Renoyoos of Phi Kappa Alpha (IFC)
• Adrian Pena of Omega Delta Phi (MGC)
• Bredric Berry of Phi Beta Sigma (NPHC)

Greek Woman of the Year
• Katie Elise Panhellenic President
• Kristina Agee of Sigma Lambda Gamma (MGC)
• Jade Kendle of Delta Sigma Theta (NPHC)

Congratulations to all chapter and individual award winners!
The full list of awards can be found at GreekLife. unt.edu

The annual Greek Awards Ceremony serves as the capstone of both Greek Week and a year of hard work and dedication. Individuals and organizations are acknowledged for going above and beyond for the betterment of the fraternity and sorority community. The event is held in the Murchison and provides an opportunity for students, alumni, and advisors to come together to appreciate hard work and dedication.

2012 Chapters of the Year
• Pi Kappa Phi (IFC)
• Kappa Delta (Panhellenic)

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University Considers Aggressive Approach to Dealing with Alcohol Issues

The fraternity and sorority community at the University of North Texas has been an invaluable asset to the university community for over 50 years. Traditionally, fraternity and sorority members have higher GPAs, contribute countless hours of community service, donate hundreds of thousands of dollars to charitable causes (including a $20,000 donation this year to the UNT General Scholarship Fund), and give back to the university at considerably higher rates than alumni who are not affiliated with a Greek letter organization. The University of North Texas is fortunate on our campus to experience a robust Greek life community that often excels at many things, but as with many things we must take the good with the bad. Since the beginning of this academic year, 9 of the 40 organizations on our campus have been found in violation of the Code of Student Conduct for alcohol related incidents—predominantly contributing alcohol to minors. To some, this number may not seem like much; however, to us, it is staggering as this number does not reflect the number of individual members who have been sanctioned for alcohol or drug related incidents who are affiliated with organizations of higher standards. After determining that these incidents reflect an issue plaguing the community, the Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Elizabeth With placed a ban on alcohol at all Greek Life events. In conjunction with the ban, a taskforce, chaired by the Dean of Students, Dr. Maureen McGuinness, will take aggressive steps to educate students about the risk of underage drinking, evaluate the behaviors and reasons as to why alcohol has become an issue, and determine progressive steps to ensure that the community has a greater regard for university policy and state and federal laws. The task force is comprised of current students, alumni, advisors, and University faculty and staff to ensure that a comprehensive approach is taken to address the misuse of alcohol. Greek life staff is committed to working with students, advisors, and alumni should they have any questions regarding the ban on alcohol and the planning and facilitation of chapter events. It is my goal that our community is able to analyze current beliefs and behaviors regarding alcohol and collaborate with various stakeholders to ensure that our community is always represented and known for the many positive contributions that our members are making every day.

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We Want To Hear From You!

The Office of Greek Life is seeking to better serve our Greek alumni. Please visit the Greek Life website at greeklife.unt.edu/alumni and click on the Alumni Survey link to participate in a five-minute survey. Your feedback is extremely valuable to the future programs and services designed for our alumni. Thank you in advance for your time and we look forward to hearing from you!