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Greek Week

Winners

Sororities:

1st Place Co-Champs:

Alpha Delta Pi

and

Phi Mu

3rd Place:

Kappa Delta

Fraternities:

1st place:

Kappa Sigma

2nd Place:

Delta Chi

3rd Place:

Sigma Nu

Greek Week 2012

As always, Greek Week was a great success for the sororities and fraternities of CPC, IFC, and NPHC. Each sorority and fraternity had the opportunity to participate in a variety of events such as: flag football, relay races, bowling, trivia, basketball, softball, and other activities that all of the organizations could enjoy together united. Along with the events of Greek Week, the VSU Greek community took part in a community service project at Second Harvest Food Bank where 300 community service hours were produced. Greek week was not only fun, but the events promoted our community in a positive light. Thanks to everyone who participated and helped make the week a success!

MVP Winners

Sororities:

Kappa Delta

Fraternities:

Delta Chi

Greek Week

King and

Queen

Codee Burton

And

Britni Johnson



Greek Assembly (Award Results)

2011 Outstanding Greek President

CPC: Blair Higginbotham
IFC: Tim Fergus
NPHC sorority: Jasmine Coer
NPHC fraternity: Robert Jordan

Chapters of the

Year:
CPC:
Chi Omega



2011 Outstanding Greek Achiever

CPC: Emma Carey
IFC: Robert Thrower
NPHC sorority: Kendanierah Davis
NPHC fraternity: Storm Richarson

IFC:
Sigma Chi



2011 Advisor of the Year

CPC: Alisha Stabler
IFC: Dr. Donna Cunningham
NPHC sorority: Corrie Hunter-Marable
NPHC fraternity: Sirocus Barnes

NPHC sorority:
Zeta Phi Beta



2011 New Member of the Year

CPC: Jaime Mauldin
IFC: Jordan Lee
NPHC sorority: Claudia Cole
NPHC fraternity: Frederick Jones

NPHC fraternity:
Alpha Phi Alpha



2011 Order of Omega Woman and Man of the Year

CPC: Lindsey Wisenbaker
IFC: Chuck Jones
NPHC sorority: Jasmine Everett
NPHC fraternity: Nigel Richardson

Chapters of the Year: CPC: Chi Omega, IFC: Sigma Chi, NPHC sorority: Zeta Phi Beta, NPHC fraternity: Alpha Phi Alpha

Chapters of Excellence: Delta Sigma Theta, Sigma Chi, Chi Omega, Kappa Delta, Zeta Tau Alpha

Chapters of Merit: Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Sigma Alpha, Phi Mu, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Zeta Phi Beta, Alpha Phi Alpha, Sigma Alpha Epsilon

Greek Assembly (Award Results)

The chapter excellence awards are based on the Greek Excellence packets that were submitted by each chapter in February. These packets are diligently prepared by the chapter throughout the year to record all they do on and off of campus. The chapters scoring the most points in one of the four individual sections are awarded the Excellence Award for that section. Scoring is performed by members of the office of Greek life, the executive councils, and by the Greek chapters themselves.

Excellence in Academics and Scholarship:

CPC: Phi Mu

IFC: Sigma Chi

NPHC: Alpha Kappa Alpha

Excellence in Community Service and Philanthropic Activities:

CPC: Zeta Tau Alpha

IFC: Phi Sigma Kappa

NPHC (females): Delta Sigma Theta

NPHC (males): Alpha Phi Alpha

Excellence in Campus Involvement and Leadership:

CPC: Chi Omega

IFC: Sigma Alpha Epsilon

NPHC (females): Delta Sigma Theta

NPHC (males): Alpha Phi Alpha

Excellence In Chapter Development and Reporting:

CPC: Alpha Delta Pi

IFC: Sigma Chi

NPHC (females): Zeta Phi Beta

NPHC (males): Alpha Phi Alpha



Tug

The spring 2012 Tug competition took place on April 14th and was hosted by Sigma Nu Fraternity and Phi Sigma Kappa Fraternity. Each of the teams that participated paid a registration fee and spectators were charged a \$5.00 fee per car to watch. All of the proceeds went to the Muscular Dystrophy Association and to Special Olympics. After a long afternoon of fierce competition and tiring pulls, Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority won first place for the girls, while Phi Sigma Kappa Fraternity took first for the boys! Great job to all teams who participated!



CPC Step Show

The ever exciting philanthropic CPC Step Show was held on Thursday April 12th, 2012. All of the sororities in the CPC at VSU competed for placement and to win money towards their philanthropy. The CPC donated \$4,300 to the Patnership Cancer Fund which assists Lowndes County area cancer patients undergoing cancer treatment with certain medically related expenses. The turnout was great, and the fans were cheering louder than ever. By the end of the night three winners were announced. Third place was taken by Chi Omega who dazzled the audience with lights. Second place was awarded to Alpha Delta Pi, who used their magic to astound the audience and sway the judge's opinions. However, Phi Mu stole the show, and went home with first place, and huge smiles. At the end of the night every sorority out there was a huge success, memories had been made that will last a lifetime, and everyone had a ball as always!



Order of Omega

Order of Omega is a national honor society that recognizes excellence in academics and leadership among the Greek community. The Zeta Beta chapter of Order of Omega was pleased to welcome 34 new members to our chapter in the fall 2011



semester! This year Order of Omega has strived to get more involved on campus and in the community. Together our members volunteered at Relay for Life by helping light the luminaries. Order of Omega is also excited to recognize Dr. Levy as our Honorary Initiate for this school year; he is an outstanding leader and we are honored for him to join this organization.

Greek Ambassadors

Greek Ambassadors at Valdosta State is a diverse group of Greeks that are selected to help our Greek Community to continue to grow. This year, Greek Ambassadors is excited to introduce our first executive board! The executive board has three offices: President, Treasurer and Secretary. There were 36 Greeks chosen to be a part of the six different Greek Ambassadors committees. These committees consist of Greek Newsletter, Recruitment booklet, Greek Promotions, Greek Week, New Member Education and Greek Assembly. All members are excited to get to work this semester with VSU's amazing Greek community!





The Collegiate Panhellenic Council is the programming and governing body of the six National Panhellenic Conference sororities at Valdosta State University. Every woman who joins a sorority at VSU becomes a member of the College Panhellenic Council. The council consists of one delegate from each chapter and seven executive officers. It is the council's objective to unite sorority women on campus and improve the overall Greek image. Throughout the year, the Panhellenic Council provides opportunities to strengthen Greek sisterhood by sponsoring many activities including recruitment, philanthropic events, community service projects, a step show, speakers, award recognition dinners, Greek Week and more.

Alpha Delta Pi



Spring semester of 2012 has been a huge success for the lovely ladies of Alpha Delta Pi. The New Year brought home to us ten new beautiful sisters, an award for first place in overall chapter GPA, and first in freshman GPA. Our diligent studies pay off as we continue to set the high standards for education. We got the ball rolling in early March when we hosted our second annual Diamonds In The Dugout Softball Tournament, in support of the Ronald McDonald House. It was so much fun to be able to play in the softball tournament while raising money for a great cause with the local community of Valdosta. In Addition to raising funds for our philanthropy, we also took our annual trip to the Ronald McDonald house in Macon, GA where we helped out in doing volunteer work around the home. Our chapter participated in Greek Week, Relay For Life, and Blazer-a-thon on campus. We kept busy while having fun, helping others, and strengthening ourselves to become the best we possibly can. Alpha Delta Pi is fully pleased with this semester, we have accomplished all our goals we had set for ourselves, and we cannot wait until next year!

The sisters of Alpha Sigma Alpha, Theta Mu Chapter, hit the ground running this year with a fantastic turn out for Spring Recruitment. They are so excited to welcome their wonder new members to their chapter. They also started out the semester with a Jimmy Johns Fundraiser for their two philanthropies, the Special Olympics and the S. June Smith Center. A "Ladder Golf" tournament with Phi Sigma Kappa will take place March 4th to further their fundraising. The sisters gave more towards charity when they took home 1st place in "Dancing with the Greeks". They have also taken groups of sisters weekly to help out at LAMP right here in their own Valdosta community. The girls have also been practicing hard and are really excited about Tug, Step Team, and Softball. This semester the chapter looked forward to fun socials with their fellow Greeks, Spring Retreat, and much more! Alpha Sigma Alpha would like to wish everyone a great semester! Go Blazers!

Alpha Sigma Alpha



Chi Omega



The sisters of Chi Omega are proud to announce the initiation of 22 new sisters as well as 3 new members this semester! This has been a great year for Chi Omega. We changed our old Kickin' it with Chi O soccer tournament to a new corn hole tournament called Cornapalooza. Chi Omega has donated over \$17,000 towards The Make-a-Wish Foundation and is working hard to raise more. Chi Omega hosted a traveling boutique and raised \$225 from 10% of all sales made! Not only has Chi Omega been working hard to raise money toward their philanthropy, they have been volunteering all around the community at the Y-Challenger League, The Boys and Girls Club, the animal shelter and helping out wherever they can! Last Fall, Chi Omega completed more than 2,500 hours of community service, and the ladies are working hard to complete even more this semester! We are striving to maintain our 2011 standing as CPC's Chapter of the Year and VSU's Organization of the Year by living by our values as women of Chi Omega!

The ladies of Kappa Delta are excited to be having such a successful spring semester! To start it off, they welcomed 10 exceptional young ladies to their chapter. KD is proud to announce their academic accomplishments for the Fall, earning them a spot as one of the top three sororities in overall GPA. They continue to strive for academic excellence, both individually and as a whole. Kappa Delta has continued this semester in participating within the Valdosta Community. From playing fetch at the Animal Shelter to bingo at the Heritage Nursing Home, the ladies love to make a difference any way that they can. KD is honored to continue their role as Bat Girls for the VSU Baseball Team along with working closely with the Girl Scouts of Valdosta, to instill confidence into their every day lives. This year the Girl Scouts participated in KD's Shamrock event and were such a great help! KD's 18th annual Shamrock flag football event took place March 24th & 25th. Kappa Delta is so thankful for all the support they received this year in raising money for such a wonderful cause, Prevent Child Abuse America. Kappa Delta also continues participating on campus, whether it be by playing intramurals or by supporting other organizations like Relay for Life. Kappa Delta looks forward to finishing the semester striving for that, which is honorable, beautiful, and highest! GO BLAZERS!

Kappa Delta



Phi Mu



Phi Mu had an exceptional semester. The chapter grew by eleven wonderful new members. The Kappa Beta Chapter invited the parents of all of it's members to a banquet in their honor on February 18, 2012. Phi Mu hosted their Second Annual Matches for Miracles tennis tournament on February 25, 2012. The tournament raised over \$16,000 and had several local businesses sponsor and support Phi Mu's national philanthropy, Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. Along with hosting their own philanthropy event, Phi Mu participated in other organization's philanthropy fundraisers such as Kappa Delta's Shamrock, Alpha Delta Phi's Diamonds in the Dug-out, Alpha Sigma Alpha's and Phi Sigma Kappa's Ladderball Tournament, Sigma Nu's Bowling for Breast Cancer, and many more. Phi Mu has also worked to give back to the community outside of Valdosta State University by volunteering at WG Nunn, Park Avenue Church's Bunny Hop, and the Lowndes County Animal Shelter. Phi Mu also held a sisterhood with Zeta Tau Alpha where both chapters enjoyed bowling and fellowship with new friends.

For Spring Semester 2012, our calendar is full of activities that maximize leadership opportunities for our members. Our Executive Council attended leadership training in Athens, GA in January. In February, our chapter participated in Georgia Zeta Day, which provides leadership and sisterhood activities for all ZTA sisters in the state. We have chapter representatives attending Southeastern Panhellenic Council leadership training in March, and in June, three of our executive officers will attend ZTA International Convention in Louisville, KY, where they will have the opportunity to participate in leadership lectures and activities designed for personal growth and development. We remain active in other VSU student organizations and we are proud to have all 118 members of our organization involved in at least one other campus organization, with 25% of our membership serving in a leadership positions. We participate in intramural activities and can be seen at virtually all of the University's sporting events and activities. We are proud of our alma mater and always look forward to showing our Blazer Pride! For more information about membership opportunities in ZTA and what we are doing in the VSU community, visit our website at www.vsuZTA.org. Go Blazers and Go ZTA!

Zeta Tau Alpha



IFC



Throughout 2012's Spring Semester the Interfraternity Council has made a prominent impact on the Valdosta Campus as well as in the community. The IFC Chapters have contributed and participated in a significant amount of altruistic activities in which benefit many respective national and local organizations. The members of these chapters have strived to not only better themselves and their chapters, but the entire Greek Community as a whole. Recently the Interfraternity Executive Council put on their first annual IFC 3 vs. 3 Basketball Tournament to benefit LAMP (Lowndes Associated Ministries to People). The event was a great success and portrayed a great example of the unity in which the Greeks here at VSU share amongst each other. Other charitable events have taken place this semester such as an annual softball tournament benefiting the family of a brother who recently passed, a 5K in remembrance of a local community member, a bowling tournament benefiting the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Fund, a buddy game day benefiting PUSH America, etc. In March, the Interfraternity Council hosted a training day for all nine chapters and their executive councils. At this training day they learned valuable tools that will benefit their organizations as well as the Greek community as a whole. The future for the Interfraternity Council is endless. The chapters continue to grow mentally, morally, and socially as each day passes. The charitable events and activities are just a mere example of the involvement in which these chapters take part in.

Kappa Alpha Order



The brothers of the Delta Rho chapter of Kappa Alpha Order had a very productive spring semester. The year started out with our 41st annual Convivium, honoring our spiritual founder, Robert Edward Lee. At Convivium, individual brothers were acknowledged for both their academic and fraternal achievements. The entire chapter participated in KA/ Phi Mu's Healthy Heart Walk to promote an active lifestyle. Delta Rho's biggest event of the semester was the Inaugural James Eunice Legacy 5K Run/Walk and Chili Cook-off. This event was organized to honor James and to raise money for the scholarship founded in his name. The brothers ended the semester with a blood drive to support Kappa Alpha Order's Operation Crimson Gift. On an individual level, a large number of our brothers have spent the semester participating in community service projects. The brothers of Kappa Alpha Order strive to reach beyond the average in order to achieve excellence.

Kappa Sigma

This spring semester looks very promising for the Kappa Sigma Fraternity. As the weather begins to heat up here in Valdosta, the fraternity is looking forward to many exciting events and opportunities to be active; not only in the physical aspect regarding intramurals and the infamous Greek Week, but in the civil aspect as well. This spring Kappa Sigma will be doing many community service events including, several Relay for Life events and one of our favorites Dog Days where the fraternity goes to the Lowndes County Animal Shelter and volunteers with some of the work needed to be done with the animals. It is also a great chance to play with your future pet! Kappa Sigma, as always, will be striving to do there very best this semester, not only in the community service category, but also in the academic category as we strive for Greek Excellence.



The Psi Septaton chapter of Phi Sigma Kappa has taken on numerous events moving into the spring semester of 2012 such as many important philanthropy events, involved community service opportunities, and monthly social events. Phi Sigma Kappa is striving to continue the tradition of the very competitive Tug competition, set up on campus Red Cross blood drives with Alpha Delta Pi, engage in monthly habitat builds with Zeta Tau Alpha, raise money for Relay for Life with Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Alpha Delta Pi, and many more. The chapter is also planning another Brotherhood event at Turner Field to watch the Braves start the off the season. Every month Phi Sig has at least one Social event as well as one Date Night. Phi Sigma Kappa hopes you join them in their closely knit chapter of 32 brothers to promote brotherhood, stimulate scholarship, and develop character.



Pi Kappa Phi

After one of the most successful fall semesters to date, the brothers of the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity, Beta Tau chapter are already off to an excellent start in the 2012 Spring semester. The brothers have been hard at work in their efforts of making the fraternity great as opposed to good. The brothers are currently active in Challengers League, which is organized through the local YMCA. It assists special needs children in playing a variety of sports, which takes place once a week. Pi Kappa Phi is also looking forward to their annual Buddy Game Day. It takes place at a select VSU baseball game and they take the local YMCA challengers league participants to the game and meet the Blazer baseball players after words. Pi Kappa Phi also has two big events that the brothers are excited about. The first is Purple haze; Pi Kappa Phi's annual party that dates back to the 1970's. The brothers are also hosting their annual Rose Ball this semester. The Rose ball is their formal trip and is taking place in Savannah, Georgia. The brothers hope for a semester filled with success in athletics, scholarship, and above all else, brotherhood. Go Greek and go Blazers!



Sigma Alpha Epsilon



Sigma Alpha Epsilon has had another great year at Valdosta State. This past year the men of Sigma Alpha Epsilon have volunteered all across the Valdosta area and continue to as the semester rolls on. They continue their over 30 year tradition of volunteering to preserve Valdosta's historical landmark, The Crescent. Our chapter also plans on teaming up with Wolfson Children's Hospital and the AJ Donohue Foundation in Jacksonville, Florida for the third year in a row to raise money for hospital development and cancer research. Sigma Alpha Epsilon strives to make their members succeed in and out of the classroom. SAE boasts representatives and leaders in several on campus organizations including: Order of Omega, Ducks Unlimited, IFC, SIFE, SGA, and is even proud to say one of our members is the SGA comptroller. They work hard to improve Valdosta State's campus life but also take pride in their athletic and social events. SAE participates in almost every intramural sport and Greek week. We will be hosting the 18th Annual Paul Burnette Memorial Soccer Tournament, which raises money for the VSU foundation and our 2nd Annual Relay for Life Volleyball tournament. The brothers host and attend several spring social events including a Mardi Gras party, spring formal, and Margaritaville. SAE at VSU also attended the 113th Annual SAE Alumni ball, which is one of South Georgia's oldest social traditions. Whether it's working hard or relaxing with close friends, the brothers of SAE live by their creed "The True Gentleman" and continue to be a well respected organization at VSU.

Sigma Chi made history on the Valdosta State University campus in the fall semester of 2011. The 37 men who had worked harder than ever to establish their own chapter of Sigma Chi were successful on the 22nd day of October 2011. The chapter held a formal Initiation Banquet on this night as well that closed the deal for the new chapter by the signing of their charter. After all the years of working hard and battling through struggles and hardships, the Lambda Mu chapter of the Sigma Chi fraternity was brought about. Another big win for Sigma Chi in fall semester of 2011 was their act in Zeta Tau Alpha's "Big Man On Campus". Contestant Kevin Surla, who represented Sigma Chi, took home the gold after his display of talents with his various outfits and ribbon dancing techniques. Sigma Chi also held a local cookout for the firefighters of the city of Valdosta. Sigma Chi planned this event to help branch out and show that they are thankful for these men and women who risk their lives every day to keep us safe.

Sigma Chi



SIGMA NU

The brothers of Sigma Nu Fraternity have yet again had a great start to this semester. This past year, the brothers of the Mu Nu Chapter have been working hard to serve the Valdosta community as a whole. The brothers have been involved with several community projects including River's Alive, Second Harvest, and helping with the Animal Shelter. Sigma Nu's philanthropic work this past year recurs to be one of greatness. This past Fall, the brothers of Sigma Nu, raised over \$2,000 by holding our annual Male Revue which was donated to The St. Jude's Childrens Hospital. This Spring, Sigma Nu will hold our other annual philanthropy, Bowling for Breast Cancer, which all the proceeds will be donated to the Susan G. Komen Foundation. Sigma Nu continues to excel in athletics participating in every intramural offered at Valdosta State. We have won seven out of the last nine Greek Weeks, and hope to do so again this Spring. Sigma Nu's brothers attend several social events including our annual Parent's Weekend, our annual White Rose Dinner, and our Formal this Spring. Sigma Nu continues to excel in all aspects here at Valdosta State, and strives for excellence in all they do. Go Blazers!



Tau Kappa Epsilon

With representation at our national Leadership Academy and heavy attendance of both the TKE Province Educational Conference and TKE Regional Leadership Conference, chapter morale and individual motivation has never been higher in Zeta Nu. We are currently in the process of rebuilding our chapter, hoping to build it back to the point where we are recognized as one of the best TKE chapters in the region. Attendance at these leadership functions has helped spur an attitude for change within the chapter, striving to bring back the Zeta Nu that most of our alumni have bragged about. We have been taking every opportunity we can to support our local philanthropy, South Georgia Second Harvest food bank, and are looking forward to hosting our annual Car Bash event for St. Jude's in April. We were very pleased with our semester GPA in the fall and hope to break that in the spring. This upcoming semester we are focusing on the needs of our chapter; raising the most money we can for St. Jude's, improving our number of community service hours, and putting a heavy focus on our chapter GPA. We are very optimistic about this semester and are hoping that, throughout the age in our membership, this will be everyone's best semester in Zeta Nu.



National Pan-Hellenic Council



The National Pan-Hellenic Council, Incorporated (NPHC) is currently composed of nine (9) International Greek letter Sororities and Fraternities: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc., Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. NPHC promotes interaction through forums, meetings and other mediums for the exchange of information and engages in cooperative programming and initiatives through various activities and functions.

Members in the local NPHC take part in many activities on and off of the campus of Valdosta State University such as: Student Government Organization, community service at elementary, middle, and high schools as well as service at the Boys and Girls clubs. During the spring 2012 semester, NPHC coordinated a community service project that the entire Greek community took place in at the Second Harvest Food Bank in Valdosta, Georgia.

Since chartering on May 23, 1976 the Captivating Kappa Upsilon Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha has been devoted to serving the campus of Valdosta State University and the community for the last thirty-five years. Through their profound purpose and vision of their founders, they stand proudly to keep the legacy of their sisterhood alive.



Kappa Upsilon has kept their commitment this year in being of SERVICE TO ALL MANKIND at Local Nursing Homes, Second Harvest Food Bank, Habitat for Humanity, Valdosta Soup Kitchen, and Valdosta's local Juneteenth Celebration. Kappa Upsilon has also collaborated with Valdosta High School's Key Club to donate school supplies to J.L. Newborn Middle School. Through the chapter's signature programs, the members have educated the students on the VSU campus on how to be successful in college with our educational forum, AKAdemics. Kappa Upsilon is also proud to support the fight against Breast Cancer in hosting our annual "Think Pink Week". The ladies of Kappa Upsilon are pleased to continue to uphold the mission of SERVICE. The members invite you to embark with them on their journey as they continue to live the legacy of being the *First & Finest!*

Alpha Phi Alpha

The Mu Omicron Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated upholds its mission of developing leaders, promoting brotherhood and academic excellence while providing service and advocacy to the community. Since May 31st, 1976 the brothers of the Mu Omicron Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha have advocated success in various areas; producing leaders in Student Government Association, the National Honor Society, educators in all levels of the education field, as well as executive directors of a number of non-profit organizations. Since its chartering, the chapter has remained in good standing with the national organization, as well as Valdosta State University, maintaining a positive role on campus. The members of Alpha Phi Alpha throughout the years have contributed to the success of student life by creating and participating in events that students as well as faculty and administration can enjoy. The chapter continues to strive for excellence by fulfilling philanthropy, exceeding scholastic expectations, and upholding the aims of which their founding Jewels created; "Manly deeds, scholarship, and love for all mankind."



Delta Sigma Theta



The astonishing Women of Delta Sigma Theta, Theta Tau Chapter would like to welcome you to the beautiful campus of Valdosta State University! Theta Tau was chartered on May 28, 1971 by seven illustrious Sorors. Following in the footsteps of our National Founders and Chapter Charter Members, we uphold the sacred purpose of our sorority and seek to carry out the mission of our Five Pragmatic Thrust. We wish to raise the standards of our generation, and seek to build monumental leaders through service. We promote academic excellence, campus and community involvement. Not only do we make it a priority to impact our Valdosta community through an abundance of community service, but in addition we make it a mission to improve the VSU community by hosting multiple forums. Furthermore, reaching out to give

guidance to the young female population on is a passion of ours. Therefore we conduct forums to inform them of the many dangers we face in our society such as breast cancer awareness, AIDS awareness, sexual assault, the different components of an "Ideal Woman", hygiene maintenance, appropriate dress attire, beauty (inside and out) tips, and many more! We host forums to educate students on the dangers of drug abuse, drunken driving, and the misconceptions and stereotypes of NPHC Greek life. On behalf of Delta Sigma Theta, we wish you an outstanding academic year here at Valdosta State University!

Iota Phi Theta

The Delta Phi Chapter of Iota Phi Theta has planned many programs geared towards the student body. Delta Phi has had numerous community service events that have been open to the public. They started the semester with volunteering to help the 100 men of Valdosta repaint their new headquarters in Valdosta to Blazing through Books in the Education building. The Chapter has raised money for Relay for Life through a program called Only on Camera Photo Shoot.

They have given back to the campus by having Cookouts at night for students after class and Spades and Basketball program. Through educational events they have produced programs such as a Heart Health Forum and Golden ticket: STD awareness. They also provide stress relief programs like their Wet n' Wild: cookout and water balloon fight on the front at the end of the semester. You will see the IOTA Men at Visitation and Orientation or at all of the Sporting events VSU has to offer. Looking forward to having you has a member of Valdosta State University. GO BLAZERS!!!!!!!!!!!!





Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority engages themselves in various community service projects such as Project Reassurance, Program for Africa, and the National Morrow Donor Program, just to name a few. The Lambda Beta Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc. was chartered on the Valdosta State University in October of 1988 by seven lovely ladies. Since then, the Lambda Beta Chapter has been successfully impacting the

community by hosting forums on Breast Cancer, Postpartum Depression, Sex Education and other issues affecting society. Furthermore, the chapter has participated in many community service opportunities including: Rivers Alive, Soles 4 Little Souls, and Habitat for Humanity, and tutoring at local public elementary schools. The Lambda Beta Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., wishes you the best this academic school semester.

Zeta Phi Beta

The Alpha Theta chapter has won numerous awards not only on the campus level, but On a regional and state level for their outstanding contributions to society through community service. The women of the Alpha Theta chapter mentor young girls at the local Boys and Girls club bi weekly on issues surrounding self esteem, organization and over all, the power of motivation. Among many other projects these women are involved in is a philanthropic organization called Baby Luv, in which they have partnered with the Lowndes County Health Center to assist in the reduction of deaths among pre mature infants. With this program, women who are considered at risk are mentored through their pregnancy to ensure the health of the child. Last Fall the ladies of Alpha Theta hosted the 1st birthday party for the infants who were born into this program. Whether its big or small the women of this Chapter remain true to their founders goal that Zeta Phi Beta be a "Community conscience, action oriented organization" one that is not overshadowed by stereotypes or the social aspects of Greek life. This small family rounded chapter holds firm to the belief of quality over quantity, and continues to uphold their powerful legacy.



Letter from Jenni

Four years ago, I started here at Valdosta State University. Throughout that time, my experiences have been both challenging and rewarding. I truly believe that our Greek students are among some of the best and brightest students at VSU. I am happy to report that in 4 short years, Greek life has increased enrollment from 8 percent to over 11 percent of the undergraduate student body. During that time, we have chartered three new organizations and reactivated all of the NPHC organizations (Divine Nine). Not only has this Greek community raised over 1 million dollars for philanthropic causes, but we've also performed more than 50,000 hours of community service. Our Greek community has accomplished all of this, while maintaining a grade point average above the all student average here at VSU. In addition to staying active in Student Government Association, Orientation Leaders, VSU ambassadors and other leadership organizations, this Greek community continues to support the Valdosta community throughout the years. Our community is continuing to refine areas of risk management and chapter excellence. In addition, membership development remains paramount for all 24 of our chapters. For the last four years, I could not be more proud to call VSU my home.



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