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Homecoming Event

Winners

- **Sidewalk Chalk Competition:**

Alpha Delta Pi

Delta Sigma Theta

- **Sheet Sign Competition:**

Zeta Tau Alpha

Delta Chi

Alpha Kappa Alpha

- "Best On Campus Organization/Blazer Pride" trophy:

Kappa Delta

Sigma Nu

Phi Sigma Kappa

Phi Beta Sigma

- "Best Use of Theme/Red & Black Cup" trophy:

Sigma Chi/Chi
Omega/Alpha Phi
Alpha

HOMECOMING 2013!!!

Every year Valdosta State student look forward to a week of full of activities and competitions known as Homecoming. The theme of Homecoming 2013 was Comm-UNITY in which all of the Valdosta State Fraternities and Sororities participated in. Throughout the week there were many event consisting of a Sidewalk Chalk Competition, Sheet Sign Competition, and a Parade Float competition. The winners of these competitions are listed on the left side of the page.

The Blazer Football team also made it a great Homecoming by easily defeating the Florida Tech Panthers 52-14. During the game, the Homecoming Queen was announced in which Jessica Tuggle sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta was crowned the winner (Pictured below). A big thanks to all those who helped make Homecoming 2013 a great success!



Order of Omega

Order of Omega is a leadership honor society for members of Fraternity & Sorority organizations. Order of Omega recognizes juniors and seniors who have exemplified high standards in the areas of scholarship, leadership, involvement within their respective organization and within the Fraternity/Sorority, campus, and local community. Members are selected from the top 3% of students at each institution. To date, over 500 chapters have been chartered throughout North America, each sharing the common goal of recognizing the many outstanding student leaders at their institution.



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. These chairs consist of Greek Newsletter, Recruitment Booklet, Greek Promotions, Greek Week, New Member Education and Greek Assembly. Greek Ambassadors plays a major role in many of the activities seen at VSU. Without there support and hard work many of the programs and events Greek students attend would not be as well run.

Phi Sigma Kappa

ΦΣΚ



Founded

March 15, 1873

Massachusetts Agricultural
College

Motto

*Do unto others as you would
have them do unto you.*

Colors

Cardinal Red
Silver

Symbol

The Triple T's

Phi Sigma Kappa

We the brothers of Phi Sigma Kappa are proud to announce the association of our 17 new members. We are confident that these young men will represent our fraternity well, and we look forward to the day when we can initiate them into our eternal brotherhood.

As always, Phi Sigma Kappa is very involved in other groups and activities on and off campus. We have brothers actively holding positions and participating in Order of Omega, Red Cross, Student Government, VSU Ambassadors, and College of Republicans. We are also very pleased to announce that one of our brothers was recently elected to serve as president of Habitat for Humanity.

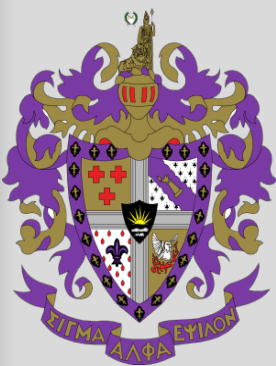
This year Phi Sigma Kappa is hosting the White Tea Rose Bowl. It is a weeklong philanthropy even from November 14th through the 19th. There will be activities every day during that week which will spark some friendly competition amongst the brothers, sororities, and anyone else who chooses to participate. We will also be raffling off prizes. At the end of the week all of the proceeds will go to the Special Olympics.



As always, the goals and traditions that bring us all together as Phi Sigs have not changed. We as a fraternity strive to promote brotherhood, to stimulate scholarship, and to develop character.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon

ΣΑΕ

**Founded**

March 9, 1856
University of Alabama

Colors

Royal Purple and Old
Gold

Symbol

Lion,
Phoenix,
Minerva,
Fleur-de-lis

Sigma Alpha Epsilon

Here is the submission for SAE if you had not received it yet. Sigma Alpha Epsilon is a social fraternity that was founded on March 9th, 1856 at the University of Alabama. Since, SAE has spread to over 275 chapters in every state. SAE has initiated over 305,000 brothers since the founding, making it the 2nd largest Greek letter fraternity. We have been at Valdosta State University since October 13th, 1973 and consist of around 40 members. We do community service events for the Boys and Girls club and philanthropy for the Children's Miracle Network. Other things we do include social events with other sororities and fraternities on campus as well as events with alumni from around the nation. We won chapter of the year in 2011 and have won various awards since as well.



Alpha Sigma Alpha

ΑΣΑ



Founded

November 15, 1901
The Virginia State Female
Normal School

(Longwood University)

Farmville, Virginia

Motto

Aspire, Seek, Attain

Colors

Crimson

Pearl White

Palm Green

Gold

Symbol

Phoenix,

Crown,

Palm Tree,

Star

Alpha Sigma Alpha

Alpha Sigma Alpha has been very busy this semester! Our formal recruitment brought us fourteen new members, and twelve more later on! Three of the sisters were Gamma Chi's to help aid girls that were new to Greek Life find their forever home. Another fun activity that took place was our retreat that happens every semester. This year we went to Jacksonville, Florida and bonded with our new members and reconnected with the old. We went to help with our philanthropy, Girls on the Run, but sadly it was rained out.



Homecoming was very exciting this year because our own president, Ali MacDonald, was elected to be on the homecoming court! We all cheered the Blazers on to victory as well as supporting our sisters that participate in the Blazettes.

We participated in our national DOT days, which is a whole week of community service. To give back to the community, Alpha Sigma Alpha went to the animal shelter and made dinner for the Valdosta Fire Department. Saturday, October 26th, will be our first Chili Cook Off, so have your recipes ready to compete with the university!



Zeta Tau Alpha

ZTA



Founded

October 15, 1898
Virginia State Female
Normal School
(now Longwood University)

Farmville, Virginia

Motto

Seek the Noblest

Colors

Turquoise Blue

Steel Gray

Symbol

Five pointed

Crown (primary),

Strawberry (secondary)

Zeta Tau Alpha

The sisters of the Eta Iota chapter of Zeta Tau Alpha at VSU have had another busy Fall semester! We started the semester by welcoming 30 new talented and thriving members into our amazing ZTA sisterhood! As a thriving organization we met and exceeded our fundraising goals by raising more than \$15,000 for our philanthropy, Breast Cancer Education and Awareness. We were able to share valuable prevention information to hundreds of Valdosta State University men and women through our many events such as Big Man on Campus, Yoplait yogurt eating contest and our annual Pink Out Game.



The Eta Iota chapter received an award for programming and their outstanding involvement at Zeta Day, a state-wide convention. We have also been seen around campus throughout the month of October thinking PINK. We invited students and staff to support our fight against breast cancer by collecting Yoplait lids and wearing pink ribbons.

The sisters of ZTA remain active in other VSU student organizations and we are proud to have all members of our organization involved in at least one other campus organization.

We are excited to have had another great year of service and activities such as intramurals and homecoming week as well as many other community service opportunities. As the sisters of ZTA, We constantly strive to keep in mind the higher ideals and to be the best we can be while helping those around us.



Phi Mu

ΦΜ

**Founded**

March 4, 1852
Wesleyan Female College,
(Macon, Georgia)

Motto

Les Soeurs Fideles
The Faithful Sisters

Colors

Rose
White

Symbol

Quatrefoil

Phi Mu



After a very successful fall recruitment, Phi Mu offered fall bids to 24 amazing potential new members and welcomed back our seven recruitment counselors. On October 10th, we welcomed and initiated these 24 girls to be members of our Kappa Beta chapter. These girls have gone above and beyond and we look forward to see what they will do for our chapter. During this year's Homecoming

Week, we were honored to attend a brunch held in honor of Kappa Beta alumni, Dr. Betty Tanning Dixon. Dr. Dixon graduated in 1970 and was awarded with the College of Nursing's distinguished alumni award. We are also excited to announce our upcoming involvement with VSU's Dance Marathon team in their upcoming Blazer-A-Thon 2013 on November 16th. Each sister will be raising money and participating in the all-day event, with all proceeds going to our philanthropy, Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. We are standing for those who can't stand for themselves and we couldn't be more excited! Upcoming in the spring we will be hosting our annual Matches for Miracles tennis tournament. This event is open to the community and all proceeds will also be going to CMNH. Along with these Philanthropy events, Phi Mu donated over 40 bags of food to Hungry at Home for CPC. Hungry at Home provides local school children that normally would go all weekend without any food with a bag full of food to take home. We have had a very successful fall semester and look forward to what's in store for our chapter and the Greek community in the upcoming spring semester.



Alpha Phi Alpha

ΑΦΑ

**Founded**

December 4, 1906
Cornell University
Ithaca, NY

Motto

First of All, Servants of All,
We Shall Transcend All

Colors

Black
Old Gold

Symbol

Great Sphinx of Giza

Alpha Phi Alpha



The Mu omicron Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Incorporated was founded on May 31, 1976 at Valdosta State Campus now known as Valdosta State University by Eight Outstanding Men known as the Charter Brothers. The Men of Mu Omicron strongly believe in giving back to the community.

Recently, we adopted Baytree Road to do our part in helping maintain the beautiful city of Valdosta. Additionally, we host a blood drive and step show during Homecoming of every school year. We have participated in various community service projects, including, but not limited to: Habitat for Humanity, Mentoring Students at J.L. Newbern Middle School & Valdosta High School, and we host countless voting registration drives. The Mu Omicron Chapter hosts an annual Miss Black and Gold Scholarship Pageant in the spring, where young ladies have the chance to show off their pageantry skills with the chance of winning scholarship money at both the local, state and national level. While a number of Fraternity chapters across the country were facing negative press due to hazing, the Mu Omicron Chapter continues to set high standards in scholarship and service on campus and throughout the Valdosta community. As always the Mu Omicron Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. will

continue to move on-wards and upwards toward the light. Mu Omicron's best days have yet to come!



Alpha Kappa Alpha**AKA****Founded**

January 15, 1908
Howard University
Washington, D.C.

Motto

By Culture and By Merit

Colors

Salmon Pink
Apple Green

Symbol

Ivy leaf

Alpha Kappa Alpha



The purpose of Alpha Kappa Alpha is to cultivate and encourage high scholastic and ethical standards, to promote unity and friendship among college women, to study and help alleviate problems concerning girls and women, to maintain a progress interest in college life, and to be supreme in service to all mankind. Since chartering on May 23, 1976 the Kaptivating Kappa Upsilon Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha has been devoted to serving the campus of Valdosta State University along with the Lowndes County community. Kappa Upsilon is continuing forward with commitment to "Service to ALL Mankind". The Kappa Upsilon Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha has recently received the following awards Keep Lowndes Valdosta Beautiful Student Organization of the Year, Highest Overall GPA Award, Highest New Member GPA, Evelyn Coleman Cluster Attendance Award, Valerie Thomas Bryant Justice Award (Brittany Roberts), and the National Council of Negro Women Collegiate Leadership Award

(Kelsey Garner).

We are also proud to say that we supported the fight for Breast Cancer in hosting our annual "Think Pink Week" by raising funds and awareness for the Susan G.



Komen foundation and serving in other capacities in the community. Alpha Kappa Alpha has made and will be making many contributions to

Delta Sigma Theta

ΔΣΘ



Founded

January 13, 1913
Howard University

Motto

*Intelligence is the Torch
of Wisdom*

Colors

Crimson

Cream

Symbol

Fortitude

Delta Sigma Theta

In conjunction with the yearlong centennial celebration of the founding of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., the Theta Tau Chapter at Valdosta State University has been extremely busy with numerous events that occur on and off campus. The Theta Tau Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. was the first Black Greek lettered organization at Valdosta State College. These young women are driven and strive to continue the triumphant and exultant legacy of the Chapter.

The women of the Theta Tau Chapter have been working very diligently. Alongside with many other on-campus organizations, these young women have assisted the community in more ways than one. In addition to the sorority's individual events, other organizations have been invited to take part in assisting the community and giving back to the students that attend Valdosta State. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. hosted the VSU Fall Carnival recently on the front lawn. The organization collaborated with Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc., Heart-to-Heart, NAACP, GSA, and BSL. Guided by the event's theme, many students attended the Carnival and relished in food, music, and games.



Amongst all the events that take place on this campus, we are proud to announce the recent accomplishments of the prestigious chapter. The Theta Tau Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. is the 2013 Annual Hall of Phame Step Show winners. Jessica Tuggle, a member of Theta Tau, holds the title and 'crown' of Valdosta State's 2013-2014 Homecoming Queen.

These young women have put in a lot of hard work and dedication and the school year has just begun. The thunderous and triumphant Theta Tau Chapter exudes elements and characteristics of social advocacy that has sustained Delta Sigma Theta for 100 years. Stay tuned for what else this organization has in store for Valdosta State University!