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Greek Assembly (Individual Awards)

Order of Omega
Woman of the Year
Emma Carey

Order of Omega
Man of the Year
Jeremiah Wiggins

College PanHellenic Council

2012 Outstanding Greek President of the Year
Elizabeth Melton

New Member of the Year
Samantha Higginbotham

Interfraternity Council

Outstanding Greek President of the Year
Blaine Hendon

New Member of the Year
William Mast

National Pan-Hellenic Council

Outstanding Greek President of the Year
Ebony' Lawson

New Member of the Year
William Jimerson

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of the event:

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Gamma Chi of the Year
Brittney Reaves

Outstanding Greek Achiever of the Year
Kylar Dessau

Advisor of the Year
Rebecca Taylor



Greek Assembly

2013

Valdosta State University Greek Life

Thursday, April 25th, 2012

7:00p.m- 9:00p.m

Presented by:

Greek Ambassadors

College Panhellenic Council
Interfraternity Council
National Pan-Hellenic Council



Greek Assembly (Chapter Awards)

Overall Highest GPA

Alpha Delta Pi
Sigma Nu
Alpha Kappa Alpha

Most Improved GPA

Chi Omega
Sigma Nu
Phi Beta Sigma

Highest New Member GPA

Chi Omega
Sigma Nu
Alpha Kappa Alpha

Excellence in Academics & Scholarship

Alpha Delta Pi
Delta Sigma Theta
Sigma Nu

Excellence in Service

Chi Omega
Sigma Nu
Delta Sigma Theta

Excellence in Campus Involvement

Chi Omega
Sigma Nu
Delta Sigma Theta

Excellence in Chapter Development

Alpha Sigma Alpha
Phi Sigma Kappa
Sigma Gamma Rho

Chapters of Merit

Alpha Sigma Alpha
Sigma Nu
Sigma Gamma Rho

Chapters of Excellence

Delta Sigma Theta
Alpha Delta Pi
Phi Mu

Chi Omega
Kappa Delta
Zeta Tau Alpha

Most Improved Chapter

Zeta Tau Alpha
Sigma Chi
Phi Beta Sigma

Chapters of the Year

Sigma Nu
Chi Omega
Delta Sigma Theta

GREEK WEEK

Greek Ambassadors had a wonderful time planning Greek Week for this past year for our Greek Community. Our two Greek Week Chairmen, Jamie Mauldin and Brittany Himmelfarb began planning the week of events in late September along with the Greek Advisor, Erin Sylvester and GA Sara Jo Grooms.

The week ran very differently this year, all councils (CPC, IFC, and NPHC) were grouped together to form teams that would represent each chapter, which is new compared to prior years when teams just consisted of individual chapters. The theme for this year's Greek Week was "Ancient Olympics" and everyone was encouraged to pick a team name that somehow honored the ancient Greeks. The idea behind having chapters and councils join together was to promote Greek unity, which seemed to work out well in all events.

Sticking with the Olympic theme, each chapter was assigned an "Olympic torch" that would be lighted during the Opening Ceremony walk, which would include teams and chapters meeting at specified locations around the Valdosta State Campus and then joining the procession as they approached, while also having their torches lit along the way. The procession began at the Sigma Chi house and ended at the Recreation Fields where the first events would take place, which was flag football.

The events for the week were also a little different than past years, as the Greek Week Chairs wanted to make sure that the week would hold the interest of the Greek Community while still being competitive. Dodge ball would surprisingly be the most competitive sport of the week as no one expected it to be as fun and fast-paced as it was. The week continued on with basketball, volleyball, the forever favorite: trivia, and finally softball to end the week of events.

To wrap up the entire week of events Greek Ambassadors also held Greek Stock, which provided food and fun for all Greeks that had participated in the former week's events to come out and enjoy time with one another after such a competitive week. DJ CJ was on the front lawn to provide entertainment and chapters also brought games of their own. Finally, chapters gathered together to take a Greek-wide picture with everyone's letters in the back representing our campus. It was a fun and relaxing way to end such a fast paced week for everyone.

All in all Greek Week was a complete success for our Greek Community and Greek Ambassadors would like to thank everybody that came out to watch and participate in each event!

FLAG FOOTBALL

1st place - Minotaur's (ΧΩ, ΦΒΣ, ΚΑΨ, ΚΣ)

2nd place - Order of the Pies (ΑΔΠ, ΔΣΘ, ΠΚΦ, ΚΑ)

3rd place - Titans (ΦΜ, ΙΦΘ, ΣΝ)



DODGE BALL

1st place - Minotaur's

2nd place - Order of the Pies

3rd place - Titans



Costume Winners - Order of the Pies



1st place - Titans

2nd place - Nike (ΚΔ, ΑΚΑ, ΣΧ)

3rd place - Order of the Pies

VOLLEYBALL



BASKETBALL

1st place - Order of the Pies

2nd place - Minotaur's

3rd place - Titans



TRIVIA

1st place - Nike

2nd place - Order of the Pies

3rd place - Titans



1. What year did Georgia State Woman's College become Valdosta State College ?
2. Who were the first 3 sororities and 3 fraternities at VSC?
3. Who were the first NPHC sorority and fraternity at VSC?
4. What year did VSC become VSU?

Answers on pg. 10



GREEK STOCK

Overall Greek Week Standings

1st place - Minotaur's (70pts)

2nd place - Order of the Pies (60pts)

3rd place - Nike (55pts)



Answers to pg. 9:

1. 1950
2. 1958 - Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Xi Delta, Kappa Delta
1959 - Pi Kappa Phi, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Tau Kappa Epsilon
3. 1971 - Delta Sigma Theta & 1976 Alpha Phi Alpha
4. 1993

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. The newly elected 2013 Greek Ambassadors executive board are:

President: Matthew Drummonds

VP & Treasurer: Isis Thomas

Secretary: Ashley Draughn

Greek Newsletter: DeAldrick Long

Recruitment booklet: Annabelle Smith

Greek Promotions: Marcus Shine & Kimberly Cain

Greek Week: Alyssa Riggs & Lance Stephens

New Member Education: Lauren Miller

Greek Assembly: Nataleah Michael

Greek Stock: Alex Bell



Greek Week



Greek Stock



Greek Assembly

All members are excited and ready to get to work for the Fall 2013 semester. Thank you to those who served on Greek Ambassadors for the 2012 - 2013 school year. Your hard work in all the programs and events was very appreciated and we thank you.

The College PanHellenic Council and its 6 chapters have had an extremely successful spring semester! There are more than 600 women within the 6 chapters, which is over 6% of the student body at VSU. These women collectively maintain a higher GPA than the All-Women average at VSU. Together, CPC chapters also contributed almost 6000 service hours to the Valdosta community.

In March, the CPC council hosted their annual Step competition and raised over \$6,000 for the Valdosta Partnership Cancer Fund. The Boys and Girls Club of Valdosta also attended and performed a step routine during intermission for the more than 1,000 patrons in attendance.

March also marked the annual South Eastern PanHellenic Conference 2013 in Atlanta, which was a regional conference for 82 member schools across the south east. Both the CPC Executive council and chapter officers from all six chapters attended for a weekend of leadership training and sisterhood.

CPC would like to also extend a special thanks to several people who greatly impacted their semester. First, to Kelly Jackson, CPC's Graduate Assistant who will be completing her Graduate degree in May. CPC is also saying goodbye to Alina Goldberg, the CPC president who is transferring to another school for the fall semester. Both greatly impacted the Valdosta campus through their involvement in Greek life over the past few semesters. Alina's position is being taken over by Jamie Mauldin, the former VP of PanHellenic Development.

In the fall, CPC looks forward to welcoming their new pledge classes during recruitment, held during the first full week in August before classes begin. CPC will also hold their second annual Greek Get Down dance competition. Last year was a huge success and everyone looks forward to making it as popular as the Step competition every year.



Alpha Delta Pi

Over 182 years ago, Alpha Delta Pi was founded on the principles of sisterhood, scholarship, leadership, and service to others. These are the key guidelines that the Delta Theta chapter is still committed to today. The women of Alpha Delta Pi exemplify strong character of values and ethics, and also strive to maintain high academic responsibility. Alpha Delta Pi proudly supports Valdosta State University and our surrounding community through philanthropic events, school spirit, social activities, and campus leadership. The motto "We Live For Each Other" embodies the bonds of sisterhood shared between members and is something we live by every day. Our chapter provides opportunity and encouragement for our sisters through the motivation and support of one another. We embrace our diverse differences because we share the common bond of strong sisterhood. Our journey of friendship began here but it continues to strengthen throughout the years. Whether its formals, socials, game days, or intramurals, we always have the best time when we are all together!

Spring 2013 Recruitment brought Alpha Sigma Alpha seven new members! The recruitment activities were very fun and entertaining. Some of the best would be Smores Night and Wii Karaoke. All events were planned by our Recruitment Chairman, Jordan Perkins.

The semester was also when we held our annual Parents Weekend. Along with a nice dinner provided by Valdosta State Catering, we announced our awards for the year. Among with many awards, The Alpha Sigma Alpha of the year was presented to our President, Ali MacDonald, who was overwhelmed with joy and honor. Another important award was given to Michael Leggett, as our new Sigma Sweetheart!

This semester Alpha Sigma Alpha and Phi Sigma Kappa hosted the 2nd annual Ladder Golf Tournament. All the money that is raised from team registration goes towards the Special Olympics, which is part of both organizations' philanthropies. The turnout was great this year with fifteen teams. Along with playing Ladder Golf, there was a cookout to feed the players and cheering fans.

Alpha Sigma Alpha

One small band of young women, with the help of a local dentist, established the secrets, symbolism, and rites that today bind together over 300,000 women from over 170 campuses and in more than 250 alumnae chapters to make Chi Omega the largest women's fraternal organization in the world. We strive on our six purposes which are friendship, high standards of personnel, sincere learning and creditable scholarship, participation in campus activities, career development, and community service. The Make-A-Wish Foundation is Chi Omega Fraternity's National Philanthropy. Psi Lambda alone has raised over \$17,000 for Make-A-Wish this year! Some of our events include, Cornapolooza, Jeans for Wishes, and silent auction at Parent's Weekend, traveling boutiques, and Submarina days. Chi Omega has a strong sisterhood. We love to play intramural sports, have pledge class dinners, host movie nights, travel, and even take study break parties. We also love to take part in other Greek and on campus clubs' events. Community service is very important to Chi Omega. We help out at the local animal shelter and soup kitchen, clean up the road that Chi Omega sponsors, and play with kids at the Boys and Girls Club. For two years in a row Chi Omega has been awarded CPC **Chapter of the Year!** In addition, Chi Omegas has always been awarded Chapter of Excellence, VSU Outstanding Organization of the Year, Excellence in Campus Involvement & Leadership, Excellence in Community Service & Philanthropic Activities, VSU Outstanding Contribution to the Community, Greek Woman of the Year, New Member of the Year, Outstanding Greek Achiever, & VSU Senior of the Year! We hope that Chi Omega interests you! Go Greek!

The Kappa Beta sisters of Phi Mu are proud to announce the addition of 14 new members to our sisterhood this spring! We look forward to upcoming fall recruitment to continue adding to our special bond. We are also pleased to announce that this past April we held our most successful Matches for Miracles Tournament thus far. The ladies of Phi Mu rose over 15,000 dollars to benefit our national philanthropy, Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. We had over 30 teams compete in a variety of mixed doubles, women's doubles, and men's doubles to make our 3rd annual tournament the most successful we have had. The winners of the women's doubles were awarded two Michael Kors watches courtesy of Girardin Jewelers and the winners of the men's doubles were awarded gift cards courtesy of Academy. Along with Matches for Miracles, our sisters participated in VSU Dance Marathon's all day Blazer-A-Thon in November and placed first in Sigma Chi's Derby Days both to benefit CMNH. Other achievements and activities our sisters were a part of throughout this past fall and spring include: a joint blood drive with the sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha, Relay for Life fundraisers with the brothers of Kappa Alpha and Kappa Sigma, participation in Kappa Sigma's Philanthropy Week, second place in the Annual CPC Step Show, and Greek Week with the brothers of Sigma Nu. We have had a very successful fall 2012 and spring 2013 and we look forward to see what the upcoming semester has in store!

Phi Mu



Alpha Delta Pi

Alpha Sigma Alpha

Phi Mu



Chi Omega



IFC



Throughout 2013's Spring Semester the Interfraternity Council has made a prominent impact on the Valdosta Campus as well as the community. The IFC Chapters have contributed and participated in a significant amount of 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. This semester the executive board traveled to SEIFC in Atlanta to attend trainings, programs, and speakers that provided leadership, recruitment tools, meeting management, and other skills to better the council and chapters. IFC would like to thank all of the chapters for their support in Greek Week and would like to see this support continued for homecoming fall semester. We hope everyone will have a wonderful summer break and congratulations to those individuals graduating this semester.



Pi Kappa Phi

During the 2013 spring semester, the brothers of Pi Kappa Phi have done quite a few things to develop our brotherhood and give back to the community. Our proudest moment was hosting our fourth annual Buddy Game Day at Billy Grant Field. Buddy Game day gave the opportunity for the members of Challengers League, a program that offers recreational opportunities to mentally and physically handicapped children in Valdosta, to watch a Blazer baseball game, run the bases with the players, and spend time with the brothers. Donations from the event went towards P.U.S.H. America, Pi Kappa Phi's national philanthropy that helps raise awareness and understanding for the severely handicapped. Along with Buddy Game Day, the brothers logged almost 300 community service hours with Second Harvest Food Bank in February by helping sort inventory, stock shelves, and organizing orders. Besides philanthropy, our chapter has also taken steps towards our growth and development. The brothers attended an alcohol abuse workshop in May that was hosted by Rick Williams and a leadership workshop hosted by Brenda Beasley.



Sigma Alpha Epsilon

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.



National Pan-Hellenic Council



The National Pan-Hellenic Council, Incorporated (NPHC) at Valdosta is currently composed of eight (8) 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. and Phi Beta Sigma 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.

Spring 2013 was a great semester for NPHC. Starting the new year off with the Cinnabon Fundraiser was a "sweet" success. Followed up with events like Greek Give Back and the Mock Stroll Off & Cook Out in Drexel Park. We also hosted a community service event with Meals on Wheels. Lastly a brand new executive board was elected for the 2013-14 school year.

President: Nevel Phillips
Vice President: Vincent Jupiter
Secretary: Ariana Bryant
Treasurer: Andre Davis
Parliamentarian: Aurielle Brooks
Community Service: Briana Tookes

Alpha Kappa Alpha

The purpose of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. 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.

The Kaptivating Kappa Upsilon chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha was established May 23, 1976 on the grounds of Valdosta State College, and attempts to uphold the strong values set forth by 14 inspirational collegiate women.

Kappa Upsilon has participated in several campus events including Greek Week, NPHC Week, and AKA week. In order to maintain a progressive interest on VSU's campus, Kappa Upsilon encourages unity among college students whenever possible.

Alpha Kappa Alpha has several program initiatives, some of the main ones include:

Emerging Young Leaders: EYL Initiative attempts to affect the lives of girls from 6th to 8th grade by providing leadership development, character building, and enhanced academic preparation to mold the youth to become better leaders at a younger age.

Health: Health Initiatives encourage personal fitness and healthy lifestyles. Health forums such as AKAratics encourage health awareness.

Economic Security Initiative: Expands programs related to wealth building and allocation of resources. Forums such as AKAdemics cover these areas.

Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability: Promotes environment awareness through community forums and activities. This includes energy efficiency and issues related to public health and environmental justice.

Delta Sigma Theta

The phenomenal triumphant Theta Tau chapter of Delta Sigma Theta has made a dynamic impact on Valdosta State University's campus. Delta Sigma Theta as a whole exists to promote academic excellence and provide assistance to those in need as well as promoting sisterhood, scholarship, and service. The Theta Tau Chapter here at Valdosta State University radiates the purpose of Delta Sigma Theta in various ways. This semester alone the chapter has participated in numerous fundraisers to support their objectives of service which include doughnut fundraiser, and the NPHC Cinnabon Fundraiser. Theta Tau chapter of Delta Sigma Theta is a trailblazer for other Greek organizations on campus. The active members partake in service events such as supporting March of Dimes with the Valdosta Association of Nursing Students (VANS). March of Dimes is a non-profit organization that works to improve the health of mothers and babies. Theta Tau's participation in this event alone proves their dedication to serving their community. The members of Theta Tau chapter also gracefully extended membership to twenty seven dynamic women who crossed into Delta land! While doing all this they prepared for what was one of the best Greek weeks yet which was Delta week, and the chapter also was recently recognized for Organization Excellence. Moreover they were nominated by VSU's MAG program as one of the best Sorority's on campus. The Theta Tau Chapter is one of the most successful organizations on Valdosta State University's campus due to their dedication, hard work, and unremitting devotion to the goals and aspirations of Delta Sigma Theta.



Alpha Kappa Alpha



Delta Sigma Theta



Letter from Erin

I should begin by saying Thank You. I appreciate those students, advisors, and alumni who welcomed me into the VSU and Greek community. Thank you for being patient with me as I learned about our community and for trusting me as I have tried to bring about positive change for our community as a whole. Thank you for your hard work this year and for your continued efforts to better our Greek community for future generations of students.

While we have accomplished a great deal this year by raising over \$121,981 and donating 23,700 hours of service to the greater community, there is still so much left to be done. We are further along the road to Greek Housing than ever before which means that the VSU community is watching us closer than ever. Your alumni are looking for a reason to rejuvenate their passion and dedication to your chapters... local high school students (and parents) are watching from afar trying to decide if they will seek membership... faculty and staff are making decisions every day about how they feel towards Greek students. Give all of these individuals every reason to believe in you, to trust in the future of Greek Life and Greek students. Don't give them any reason to doubt you, your efforts or your values. Be the men and women you say you are...let others know what your organization values through your actions. Be the men and women your founders would be proud to call sisters and brothers. I look forward to another exciting year and a thrilling time to be Greek at VSU.



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