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Welcome to the Nationals Edition of 7 Visions Magazine! First off, I want to thank everyone, brothers and friends, who enjoyed our last issue. It was our return from a LOONNNGG hiatus. We are humbled by the positive reviews we've received along with the great feedback for improvement. Your feedback shows that you care for what we are doing with this magazine and our brotherhood as a whole.

The most memorable response from the last magazine I received was from Brother Authur Manalac, the creator of 7 Visions. He gave me some great insight on the reasoning behind the name "7 Visions." As some of you may know the number 7 is symbolic for a team striving for a common goal.

One of our founders, Joe Cereceres, had a vision to start something greater than himself and in order for that to happen he had to find others who shared the same goals but different visions of that goal. Each of our founders had their own skill set and characteristics that were vital to our growth. Although they had 7 Visions (not everyone is the same person, diversity here folks), they reached two common goals: to serve the community and to graduate our brothers.

So here we are now, embarking on our 26th year as a brotherhood, reaching the goals that our founders intended this fraternity to be. And here at 7 Visions it is our duty to congratulate and celebrate our brothers.

In many ways, this magazine serves the same goals that our founders intended. Three of our brothers on staff: Denny, Eric and contributor Juan Acosta graduated this past May from their prospective universities. Congrats!

In addition, as journalists to the fraternity, we are here to serve the ODPHI Nation and bring exposure to our brand along with the great work of our national partners such as CASA and Teach For America.

Nonetheless, we are still here to deliver the truth and deliver content that is essential to our brothers. With every story you read in this edition, I want you think about how you can apply it to your chapter and/or your local community. I want you to think about how much you really cherish this brotherhood and how within a quick instant, you're faced with tragedy or hardship. What would be your response?

In this edition, you will see great examples of our Brothers facing tragedy and hardship by applying our values of UNITY, HONESTY, INTEGRITY, and LEADERSHIP.

You will also get more details for National Conference in Milwaukee. It's that time of the year again. I know you're all excited "pero" make it official "So I Know It's Real."

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Enjoy the magazine!

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President's Page



By Jacob-Aidan Martinez

Welcome Back
Brothers!

I hope all of you are having an awesome and productive summer vacation. I can't believe that already ¼ of my term is over. Time goes by fast when you're super busy. The National Executive Council (NEC) has been extremely busy working on many things to better our brotherhood.

The Undergraduate side has been working diligently in making our chapters stronger. The Vice President of Undergraduate Affairs, Eric Barrera, and Director of Entity Services and Records, Jonathon Lopez, both have worked hard to organize and shape their new initiative "Hype Never Stops." By implementing the Entity Action Plan, they have now laid out the process on all undergraduate policies and procedures. I've seen the success that has come with this new program as many entities are starting to shape into the healthy entities we would like them to be. Although we still have a long way to go with several entities, it's great to see that the undergraduate affairs team is always willing to help our undergraduate body. This summer will be exciting because we currently have 7 colonies applying for chapter status. That is the most colonies we've ever had petition in one summer in the history of Omega Delta Phi. If they all receive the great honor, then our chapter roll call will be at Beta Iota by the end of national conference.

The Operations side has been a little slow but steady. As many of you know this semester has been a trying time with the failure of the servers. Our website was down for several months and we almost lost all of our work permanently. Thanks to a few good brothers who gave their time to re-establish the site and work, we were able to launch the new and improved website. The website's new feel and direction makes it easier to navigate and find what you're looking for faster. We wanted to make it user friendly no matter who the user may be. Although there are still a few bugs and errors here and there, the tech team is working to get those ironed out as soon as their schedule permits. The marketing team has been on fire! Not only was the first issue of 7 Visions Magazine an instant success, but the many other projects they've been tasked with have also been extremely helpful to my work and vision. They've been the force behind the countless flyers circulating all the social media sites reminding brothers to register for conference, conference contests and other news that needed to be announced immediately. Our finance side has also been busy as we're currently working with the Board of Directors (BOD) on an internal audit. The expansion side is also keeping busy lining up new entities to start this fall semester. The director has informed us that several new interest groups are getting geared up to start the Founder's Program soon.

The Leadership and Organizational Development side has been extremely busy as they prepare to launch several new programs this fall semester. The development side has been working on getting new vendors and re-signing new contracts so that we can provide new merchandise to our undergraduate body. He is also currently working on starting a credit card partnership to help fundraise and get more alumni support. Our intake/rush side has been kept busy this semester as he has approved transcripts for the spring class lines. He is also preparing a new rush program that will be presented at this year's national conference. The philanthropic director has been researching new philanthropies to align with this summer. The Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children (CASA) has been slow this year as they have lost almost all funding and have cut almost all of their staff. We're hoping to stay with CASA and also create a philanthropic experience that is a little more hands on. We will also be rolling out the new curriculum for the Young Knights Program this summer too. In addition, we've also partnered with City Year in hopes that it will help entities transition into the Young Knights Program a little smoother. The programming director has also had his fair share of work as he is finalizing Founder's Week. Founder's Week will be a week full of events that all entities will be able to participate in on the same day of the week. In addition, we've also partnered with Teach For America in hopes that we can also implement an anti-bullying campaign in schools while the brothers are working with students in the Young Knights Program.

The president's office has been extremely busy with not only being involved in all the projects in every department but also in planning this year's national conference. National Conference will definitely be something to see as we're bringing back Paula Parras (now Paula Macon) to tell us her experience as Omega Delta Phi came to be. I've also revamped the conference with several new experiences and events that will definitely get any brother hype. It will be an experience you won't want to miss! Although it's been a whirlwind of an experience, I feel like we're just getting started.

See you in Milwaukee!

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Academics

RECAP

By Eric Reyes

Academic success is crucial to our brothers and continues to be the focus of the brotherhood. Organization and preparation are also important factors to ensuring the academic success of others. Entities like Gamma chapter (University of Arizona) understands the importance of this and are pictured together studying for their finals this past May. Although academic finals are over with for our undergraduate entities, they still must prepare for the upcoming school year and plan to improve their chapter's standing with the university.

Beta Beta chapter (Cal State University-Dominguez Hills) is a prime example of coming to school prepared and ready to improve their credibility. This past semester, they received recognition for their academic endeavors this past 2012-1013 school year. The chapter received an award for most improved grade point average. It is with the upmost dexterity that these brothers were able to improve the chapter's integrity as an academic and social Greek organization.

Academics play an important aspect of our undergraduate entities and continues to remain a vital role in ensuring we meet our primary goal of graduating our brothers. This aspect of the fraternity can certainly always be improved as it is academic greatness that an organization such as ODPHi is able to thrive and brothers will be able to thrive in other aspects of their lives.



**Octavio Rodriguez
Transfer of The Year**



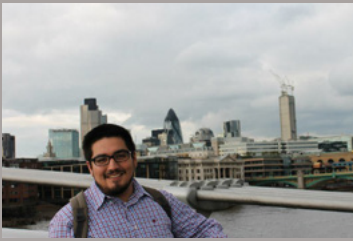
**Beta Beta Chapter
Most Improved GPA**



**Gamma Chapter
Preparing for Finals**

The TFA Experience

By Eric Reyes



As the spring semester closed for universities across the nation, the question some recent graduates probably asked themselves, “what next?” However, there are the select few who know what comes after graduation, the brothers of Omega Delta Phi Fraternity included. Our brothers have always been known to persist in being humble gentlemen who remain true to the ideals of the fraternity by helping their surrounding communities and their fellow man. These ideals have allowed them to utilize their love to help those in need, including aspiring students who need a role model to follow.

Teach For America (TFA) is a national non-profit organization that dedicates itself to “[eliminating] educational inequity” by enlisting high-achieving college graduates and professionals to a national teacher corps for two years. During their tenure, these corps members commit to teach students of low-income communities while promising to provide a high-caliber education worthy of any institution and help raise student achievement at these institutions. Since its creation in 1990, with only 500 teachers in six communities, the organization has grown to one that includes over 28,000 corps alumni with a recent induction of more than 10,000 corps members who taught during the 2012-2013 school year. This growing movement to reform education in order to provide a quality education at every school is one that certainly catches the attention of many. It is no surprise that some of our brothers, including myself, have made the decision to commit to a cause like this.

As I mentioned earlier, I decided to become a part of TFA and haven’t looked back since. When I decided to make the jump into the education field, I knew that TFA would be the organization to work with. Not only does its mission align with my own beliefs about education but it also provides the opportunity for recent graduates to secure a position at one of their many national regions. As I make the shift from Texas to New York, I can only imagine the different obstacles I will face including the weather, culture, education system, and the metro system. Yet, it is these factors that make the challenge of helping children from another geographical location even more exciting. Bringing southern hospitality to the north might be something to help the students, or even the funny accent to get the students to listen to you. Whatever the case is, it is important to remain true to yourself and believe that you can achieve the goals you set for yourself. The opportunity to engage with others from a completely different environment allows the opportunity to see the change they are bringing. However, I only speak highly of such an organization because of my sheer excitement to begin my tenure as a corps member this summer. I look to a couple of other brothers for a more experienced outlook and realize that I made a great decision.

Brother Jose Barragan, who crossed Spring 2010 at Arizona State (Epsilon chapter), graduated May 2012 with his B.A. in Sociology and a B.S. in Family and Human Development. Upon graduation, Barragan embarked on a new chapter of his life and began as a corps member in San Antonio, Texas. The reason he decided to join TFA is an example of the selfless individuals who join ODPHI. “Every child, regardless of what type of family they are born into or where they live, deserves to have an outstanding education. Every child deserves to have equal opportunities regardless of skin color, socioeconomic status, or location,” he said. As he completed his first year of teaching, he did not regret his decision in joining such a movement. His experience as a first-year teacher has been rewarding in so many ways in which he plans to continue to shape his life around the educational reform. “I have developed strong bonds with these kids and have given them new motivation to help work toward reaching their fullest potential,” he said. “It has helped me gain a new perspective on life and really has helped shaped many of the things I now want to achieve in life.” The goals that Barragan wishes to achieve are certainly aligned with his current status as a full-time student at University of Texas-San Antonio. He is currently enrolled in a master’s program to obtain his Masters of Education in Educational Leadership & Policy with a Higher Education Administration focus. Although it can be overwhelming at times for Barragan, due to the necessity of having to grade assignments and complete lesson plans at home, he noted that ODPHI has helped him in his planning skills and balancing his social and work life. “[They] helped [me] see that with dedication and hard work, anything you set your mind to is possible,” he said. Barragan aspires to continue his career in education and plans to attend law school as he does aspire to be a law professor.

The TFA Experience

Continued

Brother Jonathan Avilez, who crossed Fall 2009 at Alpha Upsilon chapter (University of Florida), graduated May 2011 with his B.A. in Psychology. Avilez joined TFA after realizing that he wanted to join another organization “that was empowering not only the future but the current leaders of America.” This decision allowed for him to venture to Phoenix, Arizona to begin his teaching career. Avilez stated that he initially joined because he “needed to enhance the academics in our country.” However, as he completes his final year as a TFA member (TFA only require its corps members to serve two years as a teacher), he still continues to teach in the Phoenix Elementary School District. Avilez’s career as a teacher has allowed for him to remember his own childhood as a Latino in a low-income community and his experiences with adversity, violence and gangs included. However, Avilez uses his story to empower his students by showing them how he is an example of “what their future can look like if they don’t stop fighting for their dreams.” His fight-to-flight example has proven to be one to follow as this past year he reached another pinnacle of his life. Aside from helping the students reach their potential, Avilez tested his own potential while he also worked on a master’s degree while teaching full-time. Avilez mentioned that he needed to balance work by keeping a schedule with him at all times and ensuring that he set time to work on lessons for his students, attend mandatory work meetings, and designate time for his schoolwork. Although this proved to be challenging for him, Avilez successfully completed his degree requirements this past spring semester and graduated with a Master’s in Education from Arizona State University. His work ethic and career choice exemplifies his own belief to “fight for what is [his] and for what is right.” Avilez stated that if others choose to embark on the TFA journey they should be truly invested in creating a change. “It [TFA] works for those individuals who might not ever get a chance to speak for themselves,” he said.

Overall, TFA has been an organization that is veined in providing any child an equal opportunity to a quality education, no matter what walk of life a child is from. With inspiring words from brothers like these two, it is hard not to feel that the decision I made is a good one. Academics play a crucial role in any person’s life and it is hard to believe that TFA’s mission is not aligned with the belief of diversity that ODPi encompasses. Undergraduate and alumni brothers, I will leave you with food for thought. If you only think about those that are underprivileged, will they still succeed? Maybe. If you try to be a part of the solution, will you help more people? Definitely. So, the next time you ponder what you can do to change the world, remember that there are plenty of opportunities to help those in need and you only need to believe that you can be a part of the change the world needs.



Jesse Barragan



Jonathan Avilez



Community Service

RECAP

By Eric Reyes

ODPhi brothers will always be known for providing their local communities the force needed to make a difference. The values in which the brothers uphold each and every day provides them the gusto to ensure they remain at their peak when helping their surrounding communities. Although the majority of ODPHi entities, such as the University of Nevada-Reno Colony, continue to assist in events for the national philanthropy of Court Appointed Special Advocates, many look to other ways they can impact their communities.

With the weather changing throughout the spring, including the sunny skies, showers, and storms, it is no surprise to see the brothers of ODPHi remaining dynamic in their attempts to serve their communities. Several chapters of Central Region and Northwest Region conducted regional community service projects within their regions to ensure they were able to equally help the community they selected with the help of many brothers from various chapters. Alpha Psi chapter (University of California-Merced) aided with the Special Olympics, Beta Beta chapter (Cal State University-Dominguez Hills) aided with the Relay for Life, and the Alpha Nu chapter (University of Pacific) (with help from the Pacific Region assisted with the Stockton Asparagus Festival. Other brothers aided in annual spring festivities that help the children of the communities feel acknowledged and cherished. The brothers of Rho chapter (Texas State University) hosted their 11th Annual Easter Extravaganza while the brothers of Epsilon chapter (Arizona State University) hosted their annual Easter Egg Hunt.

Although the springtime is known for the happy memories in beautiful weather, there are some tragic events that call for special reinforcement. With the recent tornado disaster in Oklahoma, many of the families were displaced and needed much assistance from surrounding communities. Xi chapter (University of Oklahoma) helped assist the parents of their chapter brother in Moore, Oklahoma. They were aided by fellow Xi "AlumKnight" Jesse Robledo who brought a trailer home from Midland, Texas in order to assist his fellow brother. This unity certainly cannot go unnoticed as they helped an extension of their chapter family in need.

Community service is the foundation for providing society with hope for a brighter future in which every human will help each other. ODPHi has always set a great example of helping their fellow man or woman. By being the change we want to see in the world, ODPHi becomes the shining light that the world needs.



**Rho Chapter
Annual Easter Extravaganza**



**Central Region
Adopt-A-Highway**



**Northwest Region
Uniting for Service**



**Central Texas
Adopt-A-Highway**



**Xi Chapter
Doing Service in Moore**



**Epsilon Chapter
Annual Easter Egg Hunt**

Community Service



**Beta Alpha Chapter
Service at KRS-One Concert**



**Alpha Beta Chapter
Blood Drive**



**Alpha Delta Chapter
Young Knights Academy**



**TAMUSA Colony
Highway service**



**Alpha Mu Chapter
Relay for Life**



**UW Madison Colony
Marathon Volunteers**



**Omicron Chapter
Habitat For Humanity in Florida**



**Alpha Zeta Chapter
Service Event**



**Alpha Nu Chapter
Asparagus Festival**



**Alpha Psi Chapter
Special Olympics**



**Alpha Alpha Chapter
Young Knights Academy**



**UIC Colony
Hospital Drive**

Alpha Eta's Meaningful Partnership with Albuquerque CASA



by Lateef Ipaye



Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) is a national association in the United States that supports and promotes court-appointed advocates for abused or neglected children in order to provide children with a safe and healthy environment in permanent homes.

Since the inception of Omega Delta Phi's partnership with CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) in 2009, the impact the Brothers at the University of New Mexico Alpha Eta have had with Albuquerque CASA has been ideal.

In the beginning, Alpha Eta chapter took on chapter CASA fundraisers which totals would be comparable to many entities across the nation. Much of that changed in Spring 2011 when the local CASA opened the executive board to two ODPHi members: Alpha Eta President Drew Riordan and President-Elect Larry Salazar.

"We both learned all about what the board of directors handled on a daily basis as well as report any new involving odphi with CASA," Salazar said. "By having a seat on the board it allows us to maintain a great sense of communication and allows us to make sure CASA knows all about our committee's plans and goals for all our CASA related events, not only does the board of directors care or want to hear about CASA related events but all our events so that they can attend and show us support."

Albuquerque CASA President Rick Semones explained that this move solidified Alpha Eta as a permanent member of their board as well as increasing exposure in the community.

"We arranged for a feature story in our local newspaper to be written by a social issues columnist featuring the work of the UNM ODPHi chapter to raise awareness of the good works done by the brothers in our community," Semones said. "As a board member the ODPHi president has the opportunity to network with local professionals and business folks, and to develop a relationship with the CASA executive director."

This partnership led to an immediate increase in fundraising efforts for the CASA board with the establishment of the annual golf tournament in 2011. In just two years, the golf tournament has raised nearly \$15,000. The event is expected to be held in the fall for its third annual.

The Alpha Eta Chapter has also volunteered at other successful CASA events such as National Adoption Day where they witnessed over 300 children under the Albuquerque CASA get adopted into new families. Conversely, Semones and Albuquerque CASA Executive Director Veronica Montaño-Pilch both volunteered as judges for Alpha Eta's 7th and 8th annual Miss Silver Rose Charity Gala event.

Semones said he believes the chapter is making a true impact on the community. He praised the leadership of past presidents, Juan Dorado,

Drew Riordan, Larry Salazar, Robert Vigil, and the incoming president, Mr. Dominic Romero for their commitment to CASA and raising the bar.

"These young men understand the role of responsibility not only to themselves and each other, but to those less fortunate in our community, and I am very proud and honored to have worked with them to strengthen the partnership between Albuquerque CASA and Omega Delta Phi, and am very impressed that these young men are here to help," Semones said.

Salazar said he would advise others entities to show effort and make your presence known as a way to improve correspondence with their local CASA.

"Build up a personal relationship with the board and get to know them over lunch or dinner so that they can see all that you are about and break the ice a little," he said. "Go in with a plan of why you want to be involved and the benefits of you being involved, be proactive and do not give up."

Semones chimed in as well. "I would stress to the National leadership of Omega Delta Phi to take advantage of the assistance provided by the National CASA Association, and to explore creative ways to engage the young men of Omega Delta Phi in local CASA programs" he said. "Formalizing this relationship through proclamations, policies and board membership, and event committees are some examples of ways to accomplish a meaningful partnership."

UNT “AlumKnights” Organize Service Trip To Oklahoma Amid The May 20th Moore Tornado

By: Luis Gonzalez

Community service is the light that Omega Delta Phi shines upon the world and this became all too evident when brothers from the North Texas area came to the aid of a community broken by the wrath of Mother Nature.

A massive F-5 tornado struck Moore, OK, a prominent suburb of Oklahoma City, OK on May 20th resulting in extensive structural damage estimated to be in the millions. The tornado was part of a huge outbreak that ravaged the heartland including severe thunderstorms and tornadoes resulting in extensive damage to homes, and unfortunately loss of human life.

Brothers Juan Carlos Garcia and Giovanni Angon, alumni of the Alpha Chi chapter at the University of North Texas, upon seeing the devastation in Moore, organized an impromptu trip to the area with the sole purpose of lending a helping hand and aiding in the cleanup and recovery efforts being led in the area. Angon’s girlfriend Diana Nolasea, Southern Methodist University alumna and member of Kappa Delta Chi Sorority, Inc. also helped coordinate the trip.

“For us, it was much more important to go to Moore” brother Garcia said. “It was very important for us; an eye opening experience.”



Members of other Greek organizations such as Kappa Delta Chi, Sigma Lambda Gamma, Sigma Lambda Beta, and Lambda Theta Phi also joined the efforts and answered the call to service. A caravan of 46 devoted and concerned volunteers departed from Denton, TX on Memorial Day Weekend with Moore, OK as their destination.

The members of the volunteer group focused their efforts in cleaning up the ravaged neighborhoods and in helping the town’s people in any way they could. The troupe was tasked with assisting in the cleanup and recovery efforts of one of the most devastated zones within Moore.

Brother Angon said that it was definitely not the same seeing the ravaged community on television and in the newspapers and seeing the devastation and heartbreak live and in person.

University of Oklahoma alumnus Jesse Robledo, a law enforcement officer in Midland, TX was moved to action upon seeing such destruction in his beloved Sooner state. Robledo took initiative by asking for donations and by taking time off of work to travel to Moore and aid in the cleanup and recovery efforts there. Brother Robledo chronicled his efforts through Facebook posts and other social media updates.

A second trip to Moore, OK was planned for June 15th but was postponed due to Father’s Day weekend. A later date will be announced.





Leadership

RECAP

By Eric Reyes

Leadership is a concept that encompasses a multitude of traits that sets the standard for others to follow. This not only allows for one to want to be a part of a strongly lead party but to also want to set an example for others to notice. This year, Alpha Kappa (California State University Monterey Bay) was recognized as Fraternity of the Year and the colony at Eastern Washington University was recognized as Greek group of the year. However, two entities, Alpha Tau (Texas A&M International) and the colony at Texas A&M San Antonio were ultimately recognized as Student Organization of the Year. Although these chapters were recognized as leaders of their campus, brothers across the nation, entirely and individually, have taken it upon themselves to distinguish themselves in other forms of leadership.

One exemplary trait of leadership is being philanthropic and selfless to our fellow man. Omega Delta Phi has always been privy to this notion and is certainly exemplified by chapters across the nation. For example, the 2012-2013 academic year has been one of many successful years as many of ODPi chapters and brothers have been recognized by their respective universities. Chi chapter (University of Texas-Austin) was awarded the President's Volunteer Service Award, Alpha Psi chapter (University of California-Merced) received a recognition award for Excellence in Philanthropy and Service, and Xi chapter (University of Oklahoma) was awarded the Volunteerism Award. These chapters are certainly setting a selfless example for those undergraduates across the country looking to pave their own way of excellence as they trek through their undergraduate life.

Several brothers have been recognized for their outstanding efforts to stray away from the path of mediocrity in a social, scholarship, or community aspect. In a social light, Armando Prado (Texas A&M University-San Antonio Colony) was recognized as Mr. TAMU-SA while Robert Maloney (Beta Beta chapter- Cal State University-Dominguez Hills), similarly, was recognized as Greek Man of the Year. Denny Esquivel (Beta Alpha- Northeastern Illinois University) received the Shining Star Award by the United Greek Council. In terms of scholarship and academia, many brothers thrive in this area. Anthony Iglesias (Alpha Alpha- Northwestern University) was awarded the Multicultural Greek Council Outstanding Senior Award for his overall successes and future endeavors. David Morin (Alpha Nu- University of the Pacific) was recognized as the Latino Leader of the Year at his respective university. Octavio Rodriguez (Alpha Nu) was recognized for being Transfer Student of the Year due to his academic achievements during his time at the University of the Pacific. Elliott Nardi (University of Wisconsin-Madison) was presented a scholarship by the Alpha Kappa chapter of Kappa Delta Chi Sorority, Inc. at an annual event, the Emerald Gala. This gala is meant to raise awareness amongst the students in aspects of academia, service, and leadership. With the ideals of ODPi in mind, it is no wonder that Nardi was honored with this scholarship.

In addition many of our brothers have received some of the highest honors one could get as an individual. Delta chapter (Texas A&M University) alumnus Javier H. Valdes was honored by President Barack Obama as a "Champion of Change" earlier this year in Washington D.C. Javier was nominated for his efforts in immigration reform. Javier oversees the organizing and policy work at Make the Road New York in the areas of civic participation, civil rights, education, housing, environmental justice, LGBTQ, and immigration. He also supervises MRNY's youth programming, including school partnerships, Student Success Centers and after-school youth leadership development, as well as MRNY's administrative and operations functions.

The success of many can be attributed by the leaders that one follows or admires. It is no mystery that many of the brothers of ODPi have served as role models to those newly joining the organization and have amazed those who may have once doubted the possibility of their success. This has not only allowed for many more to follow a similar road to success, it has given many the hope for a better future. With the sacraments of ODPi serving as a framework on how brothers can be successful, many can become the leaders of tomorrow.

Leadership



**Brother Javier H. Valdes
at White House**



**Alpha Kappa Chapter
Fraternity of The Year**



**EWU Colony
Greek Group Of The Year**



**Alpha Tau Chapter
Student Organization of Year**



**Robert Maloney
Greek Man of The Year**



**Anthony Iglesias
MGC Outstanding Senior**



**Xi Chapter
Volunteerism Award**



**David Morin
Latin Student of the Year**



**Elliott Nardi
Scholarship Recipient**



**Alpha Alpha Chapter
Order of Omega Awards**



**Denny Esquivel
Shining Star Award**



**Chi Chapter
Volunteer Service Award**

Rodriguez's DREAMzone Increasing Support in Arizona

By: Lateef Ipaye

President Bill Clinton awarded Arizona State University (ASU) Graduate Student and Alpha Upsilon chapter (University of Florida) founder Brother Davier Rodriguez as the winner of Clinton Global Initiative University (CGIU) "Sweet 16" Commitments Challenge for the DREAMzone initiative.

The event took place April 6th at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri.

Comedian Stephen Colbert hosted the CGIU event where thousands awaited the results of the challenge via video stream. Rodriguez described the experience as unforgettable especially when he met President Clinton, one of his idols.

"All my life, I looked up to President Clinton and I believe in the work he does to address the challenges we face around the world," he said. "It was weird to see him in person, since I had only ever seen him on TV. Meeting them affirmed that even iconic personas are people just like me."

DREAMzone, co-founded by Rodriguez, strives to establish a national network of allies to support undocumented students by offering a four hour ally certification course that breaks down preconceived notions of undocumented students and educates participants on federal, state, and local challenges.



"I was completely overwhelmed by the amount of support people, particularly strangers, offered willingly" he said. "We won together, and it became a movement. This, to me, is indicative of people's belief that the work we are doing matters."

Rodriguez said being selected in the bracket challenge provided the opportunity for DREAMzone to showcase the state of Arizona in more positive light through the team's efforts within ASU.

"Arizona has recently been on national news and has received global attention given the state's focus on immigration policy," he said. "DREAMzone not only helps to demonstrate that people in Arizona understand the complexity associated with undocumented immigration but also communicates that undocumented students are a population warranting attention."

DREAMzone has received positive attention in just two months. Rodriguez said this effect symbolizes the program's impact.

"ASU has increased their support for the program" he said. "Additionally, we have been contacted by other institutions of higher education to help them create their own DREAMzone program. Most importantly, people have joined the conversation about immigration and the challenges DREAMers face that shape their experience in higher education."

This platform has allowed Rodriguez to share his knowledge on many other topics. Rodriguez just recently attended CGI America in Chicago where he served on a panel discussing the importance of engaging new Americans in economic recovery and how education is a critical component.





Social

RECAP

By Eric Reyes

The norm of campuses being socially active during the spring semester, it is no surprise that brothers of ODPHi were active in the Greek and university community. Although ODPHi brothers remain engaged in their studies throughout the semester, it is always a great spectacle to see when brothers work with other brothers host events for other Greeks, attend social mixers and events to build networking skills, and displaying their natural talents to the Greek community.

It is always a sight to see when brothers of ODPHi are able to host events to showcase themselves as an organization to allow others to witness the HYPE. Alpha Nu (University of the Pacific) recently hosted a Family BBQ to allow others to join in on their springtime fun in the sun. Another way in which various people can witness the hype is through probates hosted by ODPHi. Alpha Beta (Michigan State University) and Alpha Psi (University of California-Merced) recently hosted separate probates to unmask their newest chapter brothers to Greeks and students on their campus. Not only does the show allow for brothers to celebrate their newest members, the focal points of the show include various Greek organizations being to make note of newer members and allow for networking opportunities to begin.

Other events, in which brothers are able to display their talents and social skills, include step and stroll shows and other organizations' new member presentations. Alpha Beta recently participated in a Greek stroll show in which they were able to showcase the organization and their talents. Beta Alpha (Northeastern Illinois University) recently competed in a separate step and stroll competition and took home second place with the help of their Regional Director Dee Betts.

Although ODPHi is always known for setting the bar high for events they host, brothers are also firm believers in networking with other groups. Alpha Kappa (California State University-Monterey Bay) is pictured with new members of Kappa Delta Chi after attending their spring 2013 New Member Presentation. The University of Nevada-Reno colony has been working on networking since their inception at their respective university and last participated in a social mixer with the ladies of Alpha Phi Gamma.

The diversity of ODPHi is not only reflected by the various ethnic and cultural backgrounds of the gentleman in ODPHi; it is also demonstrated by their interactions with people of different backgrounds as well.



**Reno Colony
Social With APhiG**



**Alpha Kappa Chapter
KDChi Probate**



**Alpha Alpha Chapter
Greek Leadership Retreat**



**Alpha Beta Chapter
Stroll Show Performance**



**UIC Colony
Greek Mixer**



**Beta Alpha Chapter
2nd Place at Step/Stroll Off**

Impact at Parkside

By Lateef Ipaye

In the fall of 2010, Brother Ricardo Wynn and few other friends felt there was an essential need to impact the campus. With their passion for fashion, they created the "Darkside of Fashion," a non-traditional fashion show at University of Wisconsin Parkside.

Wynn, a Communications graduate, expressed that the program's intention was just for a night of fun but grew into something bigger than imagined.

"Darkside of Fashion is intended to build self-esteem and self-confidence amongst the models as well as promote individuality, creativity, and courage for the program," he said. "The participants that are picked do a series of workshops dedicated to leadership, integrity, wellness, and fashion."

To this date, the fashion show has been a huge success on campus seating over 300 attendees every year. In addition, the program was awarded the "Program Of The Year" by the school.

The program, organized by undergrads, required a budget of over \$5,000. Wynn was successful in getting financial support from university departments. This support enabled Wynn to increase student involvement at Parkside.

We spoke with Ricardo and we discussed in-depth on the Darkside of Fashion:

What was the reason for the name choice of "Darkside of Fashion"? In other words, what do you consider as the Darkside of Fashion?

I named it Darkside of Fashion because I wanted something eye catching. At the time, I was a Public Relations major, so I wanted to have something that would truly give people that curiosity.



Secondly, I knew that it wouldn't be your "traditional" fashion show. By naming it "Darkside of Fashion," I wanted to display the "Darkside" of creativity by showcasing unseen fashion that would break social norms, yet accepting, and interesting.

How do you feel the "Darkside of Fashion" relates to your major you recently graduated with?

Darkside relates to my Communication degree because it takes a strong person with interpersonal skills to produce such a creative and mind blowing show. It takes a person that knows how to do qualitative and quantitative research within their community to understand "What is the need?" or "How can I improve campus programming?" These are skills and qualities that I learned by being a Communication major. My department and professors educated me and taught me proper ways to be effective within my everyday interaction, which helped me, be effective within my community.

How do you feel this project is an extension of what Omega Delta Phi stands for?

Well, our goal is to serve the community and graduate our brothers and Darkside coincides with serving our community. As a student leader during my undergrad, I came across the "Student Involvement Theory", which states that if students get involved within a certain amount of time as a freshman then they will be academically successful. I did just that. I saw the lack of creative and innovative programming on my campus community and I wanted to change that. With that change I wanted to give students something that they would remember; something that would target all demographics; something that would give people that "wow" factor. Most importantly, something students would love and remember.

Many times we talk about serving our community within the fraternity, but what does that actually mean? I believe that it starts with our surrounding community. It means impacting those whom you are interacting with on a day to day basis and Darkside did just that. It became the talk of the campus. Incoming freshmen would attend and would come to Parkside wanting to be in the show. I was approached several times by campus Administrators, Student Leaders, and campus students discussing how great the show was. What was interesting about this was that every time someone would approach me they wanted to know "When is the next show?" That showed me that this was something people enjoyed seeing the show and wanted more.

Will this project continue at your university? If so, in what fashion would you like it to flourish?

Darkside will continue at the university and I intended it to be that way. I did the program to target many aspects, those being: social, academic, and leadership. I wanted to empower my campus as a whole. Most importantly, I wanted to empower current student leaders to step up and take risks. Many times it's not that we don't have anything innovative, we just don't have the courage to do so. I strongly believe by me doing Darkside it influenced others to take risks with programming. When I did Darkside, I did not expect a huge turnout. In fact, the first time, I had over 300 people attend and each year the attendance increased.

What I hope to see happen is the creativity aspect. This past year, I did not do Darkside however, I did another new innovative program, which was a hair show. My committee consisted of all new incoming freshmen who had lacked experience with leadership and programming skills. Since then, the participants of the show and those whom were on my committee have been highly involved on campus. Many have become coordinators or participants of large programs on campus since then. I believe that people should be encouraged to do what they want but going just as above and beyond as the person before their time.

UC Merced Wins Reaches Final Round of West Stroll Championship; Finishes 2nd In First Competition

By Ruben Moody

At the University of California at Merced (Alpha Psi Chapter), the brothers use their stepping and strolling abilities to differentiate themselves from other Greeks. The brothers readily step at their own school related events as a means of recruiting and providing entertainment stated Matthew Bacio. When the opportunity presented itself to take part in the inaugural Art of Stepping (AOS) West Stroll Championship Weekend, the brothers were immediately interested.

"I saw brothers from Epsilon (Arizona State) compete last year at SILK and I knew it was something the Central Cali Knights had to do," Miguel Jimenez added. Although it was the first time any of the brothers would be stepping in an organized competition, they were eager to participate.

The competition aspect of the West Stroll Championship Weekend took place at Bishop Contay High School in Los Angeles on Saturday May 4th. Early in the day the brothers performed their routines for professional choreographers from AOS, including their founder, Jessica "Remo" Saul, who has been featured on MTV numerous times. Saul and other AOS choreographers provided them with invaluable feedback that helped the Central Cali Knights become even stronger heading into the competition.



The Central Cali Knights took on teams representing Sigma Lambda Beta Fraternity, Inc. and Pi Delta Psi Fraternity, Inc. in hopes of being invited to the RISC National Step and Stroll Competition in New York City. Bacio enjoyed the rush that he and other brothers received from being on stage and performing their routines and summed it up as creating a sense of pride for their chapter and the brotherhood.

Derek Hernandez and Jonathan Morales cited the support they garnered from other Greeks once they started performing, especially sororities helped motivate them to do even better. The Central Cali Knights enjoyed the experiences they received from the competition, especially getting feedback from experts and also building confidence in their skills.

After performing three strolls throughout the night, the competition had concluded. The brothers had given it their all during each performance, however once the points were tallied, the Central Cali Knights finished in second place behind the Sigma Lambda Beta team. Bacio and Jimenez agreed that second place instilled a sense of hunger in each of the brothers.

They also added that they hoped by participating in the competition that it would motivate other brothers to begin stepping and strolling. All four team members vowed that they will continually become better performers with their eyes already set on performing in next year's RISC National Step and Stroll.





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Elite Local Alumni Associations On The Rise

By AO Alumni Rafael Torres

Omega Delta Phi Fraternity Local Alumni Associations (LAAs) are not a new concept. But with the normalization of social media network presence and constant smartphone notifications (draining even the most resistant batteries), staying tuned to what the Alumni associations are doing has become easier and the updates have become more frequent. Local alumni associations and their machinations are one part of the Alumni experience. As stated by the San Antonio Alumni Association, "This Brotherhood is a facet of our lives that goes beyond just college. It infiltrates into the rest of our lives and leaves an indelible mark on every Brother that has crossed. Everyone knows when a Brother is home. Everything is easy because he is chasing his dreams. And anybody knows the worst day chasing your dreams is better than the best day doing anything else. This Brotherhood is part of that dream." Here are a few elite LAAs and their event updates:

Upsilon Alumni Association



The Upsilon Alumni Association, based out of Washington State University in Pullman, Washington, had their third Annual David Q. Hernandez Memorial Co-Ed Softball Tournament at Sunnyview Park in Sunnyside, Washington starting on May 18, 2013. The event supports the David Q. Hernandez Memorial Scholarship (website <http://dqhmemorial.org>) in honor of fallen Omega Delta Phi Brother David Q. Hernandez who joined the Brotherhood in 1997 as a founder of the Upsilon Chapter. David graduated from WSU in December of 2002 and was last working as a Youth Counselor at EPIC Youth Services in Yakima, WA before he tragically died in a car accident on February 26th, 2005. During David's time as an active brother, he served in various positions including President and President-Elect.

The association also has initiated multiple socials and Brotherhood events in the past few months including at the RAM - Northgate in Seattle, Washington and two other Brotherhood events to celebrate the 87th Day Alumni Drive with other local alumni council members in the cities of Kennewick and Yakima, Washington on March 28, 2013.



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Wisconsin Alumni Association



Arturo Garcia, a founder of the Omicron Chapter (crossed in April 1997), is the chairman of the Wisconsin Alumni Association (WIAA) who had the honor of being recognized on May 19, 2013 by the National Alumni Association. The WIAA has also been working hard in conjunction with the NAA to provide an excellent alumni track for this year's 2013 national convention in Milwaukee, WI. Some of the events to look out for during the alumni track are: Jazz in the Park, Alumni Golf Outing (separate registration & fee), Miller Brewery Tour, Alumni Workshops, Milwaukee Beer Festival, & Milwaukee Brewers Tailgate/Game Outing to wrap up the weekend. The WIAA encourages as many alumni as possible to get registered for the convention to experience all the Brew City has to offer. Please contact the WIAA at odphiwiaa@gmail.com with any questions regarding the alumni track of the convention.

Some history on the association, they are located in the "MidBest" region and were started as the "Midwest Alumni Association" who were officially recognized during the Omega Delta Phi National Conference in July 2004 in Chicago, IL. The Midwest Alumni Association was eventually dissolved and since then, there are now two associations currently supporting the region: The Greater Chicago Alumni Association (GCA) & The Wisconsin Alumni Association (WIAA). The WIAA began meeting in December 2012 with a group of alumni that had the same intentions and vision of getting an association established for the state of WI. This was due to the increasing number of alumni already in Wisconsin. Over the last five months, the group has been meeting every fourth Friday and they support the four entities in the state of WI, those being UW-Parkside, UW-Milwaukee, UW-Oshkosh, and UW-Madison. The WIAA website is located at www.odpwiaa.com and their logo has been submitted and is officially trademarked with the state of WI to avoid copyright infringement. The WIAA has been diligent in establishing a professional presence to both the brotherhood as well as business partners and associates in the area including establishing a yearly service event in conjunction with the Susan B. Komen walk/run for breast cancer which is held every September in Milwaukee, WI.



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San Antonio Alumni Association

The San Antonio Alumni Association (SAAA) began their third revival group by deciding to lay the groundwork to create a good foundation on Sunday, August 14th, 2011 in San Antonio, Texas. The SAAA supports local Alumni service and social needs and currently has had constant activity since November of 2011 at Haven for Hope, continued monthly meetings and brotherhood events as well as tackling two major service projects at Baptist Child and Family Services in 2012, and had plenty of events completed and scheduled for 2013. In November of 2012, re-elections occurred and the new Executive Board was inducted in December of 2012 to include the following members: Chairman Jaime Noriega (Delta Chapter), Secretary Jonathan Lopez (Rho Chapter), Brotherhood Chair Richard Villarreal (Delta Chapter), Service Chair Daniel Campos (Chi Chapter), Treasurer JD Guerra (Delta Chapter), and Fundraiser Carlos Martinez (Alpha Nu).

On January 29th, 2013, the SAAA hosted alumni at a brother event at Big Sam's Grill & Bar. The Alumni Association treated the Brothers to free wings as was done the year before and the event was used to promote upcoming events. Carlos Martinez coordinated an ODPHI Bowl-A-Thon held on February 27, 2013 and it was a phenomenal success as the SAAA were able to raise approximately \$2,500. An additional fundraiser was held at Cici's Pizza on March 26th, 2013. On April 28th, the SAAA hosted their area recent graduates for brunch at the Liberty Bar in downtown San Antonio. Graduating is an achievement that should be honored by the Alumni Association and also let the graduates know Brotherhood and Service does not end after you wear that square cap. On June 1st, the Spring Service Event was held with Habitat for Humanity. The event started with six (6) Brothers and 30 volunteers at 8:00 am. By the end of their shift at 2:30 pm, the only people left standing were the six (6) Brothers of Omega Delta Phi. The marquee 2013 SAAA signature event, spearheaded again by Carlos Martinez, is Fright Knight scheduled for October 26, 2013. SAAA will be working with Will Rogers Middle School (San Antonio, Texas) where Brother Eric Villescás is a coach at the school and also vice president of the PTA. The name "Fright Knight" is a tip of the hat to Delta Chapter's social event that raises money for scholarships. The association will build a haunted house at a local elementary school with free admission for kids (12 & under) and provide games, snacks, and other activities.



Habitat For Humanity - Only the strong remain!



Odphi Bowl-A-Thon raises \$2500!



San Antonio Alumni Association celebrate graduates!



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Dallas Ft Worth Alumni Association

The Dallas Ft Worth Alumni Association continue working with their membership and AO Alumni Brother, Attorney Brandon Beuerlein, towards achieving 501(c)3 status and have achieved milestones of determining a structure and drafting a 501c3 article of incorporation and mission statement for review and discussion by their active voting membership. Their current timeline and goal is to be able to accept tax-deductible donations by their Knights Classic 2014 Golf Tournament predicted to be in June 2014.

Speaking of golf tournament, their Dallas Ft Worth Alumni Association 2013 Knights Classic Golf Tournament was held at Riverchase Golf Tournament in Coppell, Texas on Friday, June 7, 2013. Twenty four teams, comprised of mostly Brothers, co-workers, and supporters of the Alumni Association members were in attendance and they enjoyed a beautiful day on the course and were treated to a relaxing day of golf, camaraderie, and luncheon at the end of the tourney. National Charter Founder Jorge Rodriguez spoke on the history of the tournament including reminding attendees that this was the 8th and that scholarship dances were held before golf tournament became the mainstay. First place was taken by the team comprising of Delta alum and AVID Golfer Magazine Executive President Robert Rodriguez and Southwestern Printing sponsor Rudy Perez. Last place trophies were given to Brother's Jesse Tapia, David Bernal, Gonzalo Cagigal II, Richard "From Delta" Villareal. The tournament was also sponsored by Chapa Real Estate and Insurance sponsor Alpha Alum JJ Chapa, Odyssey Information Services sponsor and Delta Alum Rudy Ramirez, Zeit Energy and Alpha Alum Clint Beauchamp, Alpha Chi Alumni DJ Giovanni Angon and Absolute Construction sponsor and Alpha Alpha alum Joseph Ortiz. This year's golf tournament raised over \$3000 dollars, with money supporting local DFW and national Omega Delta Phi scholarships as well as providing a \$700 donation (based on a team registration agreement between the Alpha Alumni Association and DFW Alumni Association) to fund the Omega Delta Phi Room initiative.



Chairman Fernando Vadillo with Team Texas Can Academy.



Jorge Rodriguez thanks the long time supports at the 10 year celebration.



Team Alpha Chi at the Knights Classic 2013!



Team Sigma (SMU) Alumni!



Alpha and Delta can enjoy the day together! Jimmy Realzola and Octavio Rojas in the picture.



First Place awards to the victorious!

Alumni Editorial



Editorial By: Clint Beauchamp

Clint Beauchamp is a Brother who crossed in 1993 from the Alpha chapter at Texas Tech university and the co-founder and Principal of Zeit Energy, LLC, (website ZeitEnergy.com) which is one of the fastest growing companies in one of the fastest growing industries in the United States, the compressed natural gas (CNG) fueling industry. With fleet customers like the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, City of Dallas, Atmos Energy, Southwestern Energy (SWN), UT San Antonio system, Kansas City, and Kansas Public Schools, Clint Beauchamp works as the main cog and decision maker at the company that specializes in providing CNG fueling infrastructure services to both private and municipal fleet customers. Their services include Consulting, Design, Construction, Maintenance, Fueling Contracts, and Financing.

Omega Delta Phi Fraternity has been experiencing a shift as Alumni start to participate in greater numbers and start to assert themselves into the discussions that have been happening in the Fraternity. When I was asked to share my thoughts on the Brotherhood, my initial reaction was what can I share to move that shift forward. So I have thought about it and I know that I want to get very personal about how the fraternity has helped me and maybe try and tie my experience to some general themes that I hear repeated in fraternity discussions.

I grew up in a family that was not sophisticated about college and professional success. People in my family found a job and worked hard at the task in front of them with pride in their work, but not ambition to rise through the ranks. My friends were pretty much the same, but maybe a little bit of trouble makers as well.

The point of this being that when I joined the fraternity in the Spring of 1993, I had never had any personal success either at work, business, or school. At my chapter, it was a time where we were having very successful parties. We had a lot of prestige on campus and raised a ton of money. Because the chapter was small, less than twenty Brothers, everyone had to put in work and played a big part in that success. For me, it was my first taste of true success and opened a door for me to a new world of possibilities that I had not imagined for myself.

My appreciation of this is why I put my time back into the Active membership and the fraternity as a whole. I hope to be a small part of opening that door for some of you to realize that you really can do whatever you put your mind to. The guys running Fortune 500 companies are not better or smarter than you. I know a few of these guys and it is true. What makes them different is that they grow up believing that they will be CEOs and when they hit a speed bump, they have plenty of people to ask advice from. What each of you have in your favor is a platform (the fraternity) to practice and hone your skill set on. Business success starts with getting people to cooperate with you and in the fraternity, that cooperation is a Brother away.

Be your Brother's Keeper.
The Letters don't make Us, We make the Letters.
You get out of the Fraternity what You put in.

These are all great sayings that I hear now and in my opinion hold true.

But there are other sayings that I hear that sound more like excuses than guidance. Quality over quantity (QOQ) is true on its face. Active members should be seeking and building friendships with the leaders on campus and in that regard QOQ is a good thing. Sadly, the only time I really hear it is when a whole or most of a potential member line drops. In business, there are times where you have to lie to your suppliers...sometimes to your customers...sometimes even to your employees...; but you never ever ever want to lie to yourself or each other when you make a mistake. Own up to it and make the change to do better next semester.

The world is becoming more competitive. College has become incredibly expensive. Social Media did not exist a decade ago and now it dominates our lives. Fraternities are changing too and you do not have to be locked into the paradigms of the past. For example, you may not need a huge house that the fraternity owns and you throw big parties in...it may be better in many ways to throw parties at nightclubs where they sell the alcohol and the liability is reduced to your chapter if there is an accident. There are many other legacies of the past that may not be relevant today and it's up to you to keep the fraternity fresh and competitive. Our multiculturalism is a reflection of that change in society.

What I hope never changes for anything but the better is the love and support we share for each other.

Alumni Editorial



Editorial By: Tony Pagliocco

Tony "T-Pup" Pagliocco joined Omega Delta Phi in 1996 at Arizona State University. Tony has held numerous chapter positions and also served as the National Director of Technology and as a member of the Judicial Review Board. He currently works as a Sr. Producer for Wizards of the Coast in Renton, WA. Tony is also the proud father of future Brother Nic (11) and daughter Mariah (16).

When crossing the bridge of graduation, there comes new responsibility in the form of Alumni status, and then a whole new can of worms is opened. At the university level, Brotherhood is very clearly defined. You do your service hours, you study for your tests, you pay your dues, and you participate socially. These are all traits by how Brothers are measured in the undergraduate years. On the alumni level, you have no board to answer to, no dues that are required for active status, in a sense, you essentially become an outsider where you meet with other alumni, talk about the "good ol days", and try and give advice to the current actives who sometimes listen, and sometimes don't.

Why is this though? In my eyes, I view the alumni base as being the foundation for the future of this organization. By putting our Brothers into positions of leadership, authority, and stability via graduation, we are opening doors for future generations of Brothers once they graduate. The only problem with this, is that it needs to be a two way street and it currently isn't on a few different levels.

When you join Omega Delta Phi, you are making a lifelong commitment. That commitment goes beyond graduation, because we are a family. There is no other way to put it gently. That being said, I think that we need to start thinking like a startup business and not like a Fortune 500 company. Innovation in our processes and our structure are going to help us develop and cultivate the alumni base to be a lifelong asset to the fraternity, and not a separate entity. With an organization as young as we are, we have done great things but the bigger picture says that we are also at a critical inflection point where our decisions now at the undergraduate and alumni level could put us into a fantastic position to capitalize in the future or put us into a position of us having to rework a framework that could set us back years.

When I was active (yes I crossed in 1996), I never looked at alumni as graduates, I looked at them as people I had heard crazy stories about, I looked at them as Brothers who had put their time in, when in reality I should have been using them as a resource to help me get through school and for life after graduation. I realize this now as a missed opportunity, but the great thing about 2013 is that we have so many more alumni!!! Every Brother has the opportunity to reach out to an alumni, ask them questions, ask them for help, even ask for a favor! That's what family is for isn't it?

Part of being a great alumni is not only being willing to help, but it's also being part of a solution. Many people are willing to point out when there's a problem. They're always anxious to complain, moan, and grumble about what the bad things are. However when you look to them for a solution, they never have one. This is a fundamental Problem in many organizations for many years. The differences, we are above that and we are able to overcome that.

So the next time you run into One of your graduated brothers, use them to your fullest potential. Use them as a resource. The alumni are here to support and help the growth of this organization. We love our brothers and we love our undergraduates, but the relationship has to be both ways. For us to help you, you have to help us by telling us how we can be good resources for you. When you are an undergraduate brother, you want to be the best active brother you can be. The same thing goes for alumni...we want to be the best alumni we can be but we can only be that with the help of our brothers.



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Paul "Sir Traviezo" Callejas from the University of Illinois at Chicago Colony crossed on April 12, 2012 Alpha Line #3 of U.N.T.O.U.C.H.A.B.L.E.

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Joseph Ortiz crossed in the Spring 2001 from Northwestern University (Alpha Alpha) and completed his Master's Degree from SMU (Sigma).

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Eduardo Rivera crossed at the Omicron Chapter in the Spring 2008.

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Jose Lainez-Cabrera, founder at Alpha Phi on May 6, 2006. Contact him at Jlholdingmke@gmail.com or at (414) 312-7799.

Located in Downtown Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Fajita Grill Centro serves authentic Mexican Restaurant traditional food from different regions of Mexico. They also have a full service bar. The restaurant is located on 530 E Mason St in Wisconsin.



Brother Ivan J. Capellan crossed at Alpha Lambda in the Spring 2001.

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Adrian De Leon is a Brother who crossed at Delta Chapter in the Spring 2006.

Gabriel and Adrian DeLeon created a unique restaurant that happens to resonate with both traditional Tex-Mex food lovers and to those interested in a foodie's interpretation of a Modern Mexican, hence the name La Margarita Mod-Mex Kitchen & Tequila Lounge. This quaint Irving establishment hosts a plethora of regulars each week for both lunch and dinner, attracting them with an interesting menu, reasonable prices and margaritas that are unsurpassed in the Metroplex (maybe even the world!). The website it located on <http://www.la-margarita.com>. Contact them at info@la-margarita.com or phone number 972.570.1137.



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Alpha Omicron Chapter Brother Brandon Beuerlein crossed in the Spring 2008.

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Alumni Affairs

Brothers With Businesses Directory - June 2013



Alumni Spotlight: Julio Maldonado

Julio Maldonado is Brother With a Business. A founder of the Alpha Zeta chapter in 1998, Julio graduated from University of Wisconsin Milwaukee with a double bachelors in Criminal Justice and Sociology emphasis on Business. He has also started his Masters in Public Health at the Medical College of Wisconsin. Married with 2 kids, Julio started his first limited liability company (LLC) in 2000 called Maldonado Consulting & Associates LLC to which he still works to this day; but he does have other business ventures he is working on as well, including the featured Maldonado & Morgan (on right).

Julio Maldonado's official job is Executive Director of the Historic Highway 41 Business Improvement District (BID), which is a business corridor where he manages and caters to 400 businesses. Julio landed this contract two years ago with the City of Milwaukee and Greenfield and it is the only BID in the nation that is made up of 2 different municipalities. The BID is used as the model BID for many cities and states throughout the US and Julio continues to get calls from government officials and business investors about his unique BID. Julio has also assisted more than 50 businesses and start ups throughout both municipalities. To learn more about his BID, visit <http://www.historichwy41.com>.



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Check them out on the web at <http://www.amgwlc.com>, email Maldonado & Morgan at julio@amgwlc.com, or call at 414-349-6591.

Julio Maldonado has been very involved with the community. He has served on numerous board appointments, and most recently, was asked to represent the Milwaukee Latino population on a special Hispanic Conduit, (a political PAC) where he filters support via manpower and funds for rising local Latino politicians.

He continued to stay involved with the Omega Delta Phi Fraternity per his current involvement with his Alpha Zeta chapter and with the emerging Wisconsin Alumni Association. As Julio concluded, "Through this day, I can honestly say that ODPHI has made me who I am. I continue to strive and excel with my businesses and always looking to implement the next idea! I am a full entrepreneur by trade; since the big economic collapse about 5 to 7 years ago, I took it as a sign that I needed to rebrand my businesses and go solo and have been blessed with success through this day.

I continue to live and practice our sacraments of Unity, Honesty, Integrity and Leadership as I believe these qualities can take you a long way."



LEADERSHIP'S PERSEVERANCE: A JOSEPH ORTIZ STORY

*Written By AO Alumni Rafael
Torres*

It has been a long tough road for Joseph Ortiz; his successes have always been greeted with one operose obstacle or another.

Born in January of 1982, Joseph's family moved every few years (due to his father's line of work) which required a young Joseph to adjust constantly to new friends or even new countries. Coming from a mixed racial descent, Joseph dealt with many childhood issues of not being openly accepted and as he grew into his early teens, he continued to struggle with establishing his cultural and racial identity. But hope came in the form of college life as Joseph, or Joe as he is known to his friends, where he was able to put things together in his life while pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Political Science at the prestigious Northwestern University. Several years later, he began to discover and hone his career passion which led to earn a Master's degree in Conflict Management from Southern Methodist University.

His achievements, unfortunately, have also been paired with many painful events; many he has kept from even his closest friends and Brothers.



Joe admitted that he was a very good student and motivated individual. As he recalled, "I had a strong connection with my family. I valued my relationships. However, in many ways I was leading a double or even triple life. I was different things to different groups. I used this to hide the pain and emotional turmoil that I was experiencing (but incapable of expressing)."

Joe's pain would manifest through a lot of self-sabotage; at some of his darkest moments, he immersed himself into alcohol and other substances.

"This led me to neglect academics, friends, and family. Additionally it led to a way of living that directly conflicted on a daily basis with my moral convictions, which led to greater emotional distress. I felt that my daily life was a constant battle between good and evil, and for quite some time evil triumphed on a daily basis," he somberly remembered.

Joe recalled that living this way led him to hide from the world and willingly give up everything, including his family, friends, and Brothers. "What made things worse was the fact that my friends, family, and Brothers did everything they could to help me. My Brothers at actually held two interventions for me at my worst and

as well. The legal system served as an opportunity for an intervention and I did not take advantage of it. At my lowest point I had completely isolated myself from those who loved and cared about me, I had dropped out of school, and had become unemployable," he said.

Joe Ortiz was basically drinking himself to death and completely miserable. "I wanted to die. The darkest place I have ever been was the moment I realized that alcohol and other substances (which had worked so well for so long to cover the pain) were no longer powerful enough to mask what I was feeling. I was incapable at that point of expressing my feelings. I felt demoralized and hopeless," he sadly recalled those moments as the lowest in his life.

Although those were the most painful places that he have ever been emotionally or spiritually, it was also the greatest thing that has ever happened to him. Joe had given up everything and everyone that was important to him. Through that process, people important to him had reached out to help him avoid an even worse predicament. Through their attempts at helping, Joe was exposed to various resources, medical professionals, and 12 step programs.

When he reached what he considers to be his "physical, emotional, and spiritual bottom in life", he was lucky enough to have been previously pointed to people and resources that could provide him with help and guidance.

"I still remember the day I made the decision to do something different" he said. "It was the culmination of months of effort on my part and the parts of others. The important thing about that day was that I was an absolutely broken human being, and I was willing to try things different. I had run out of ideas and possible solutions and finally was willing to take others suggestions and ask a higher power for help. That day I experienced true willingness and saw the beginning of hope and the ending of hopelessness.

Today I try to maintain that hope, faith and willingness. Almost 9 years removed from that horrible jumping off point, I have not found it necessary to drink or use any other mind altering substances. I also realize that I have not reached the end of the path. I strive to grow on a daily basis. This motivation has led me to become a person who was the source of drama, pain, and conflict (and sometimes I can still be those things); to a person who actively works with others to resolve conflict and restore relationships. My transformation still amazes me because I know it is not complete."

Joe additionally was fortunate to get back all of the positive things he gave up including his family, friends, and Brothers who are larger parts of my life now than ever before. In addition he returned to school and earned his Master's Degree.

"For me this means being present in my family and relationships, continuing to serve the Fraternity, and growing my professional portfolio and objectives Today I am happy with my life and the direction it is going," he said contently.

Joe has served as a Prospective Member Educator, Service Chairman, and Regional Membership Director for both the Midwest and North Texas regions. Joe has also served as National Director of Intake. Additionally Joseph has been the Founder's Educator for 4 universities and has served in several positions at the Local Alumni Association level.

Currently Joseph utilizes the fraternity as a means of expanding his goals of living life with service, love, and humility. Joe has retired from the days of parties and strolling and focuses now more on what he can give to the organization and his surrounding communities, rather than the social benefits he can draw from the organization. Some of this is due to maturity, but it is also due to the fact that he doesn't want to be the "old guy" at the club and strolling causes too many aches and pains the day after.

From North Texas Regional Director, Oscar Rodriguez, "Joseph Ortiz (Joe) has been part of the North Texas Regional leadership team since I took over the region in Spring of 2011. Joe has been instrumental as an RMDC by raising the standards of the region's PM process as well as founding two new colonies, TCU and Northwood. Joe's experience as an accomplished PME has been a great addition to the brotherhood. With his leadership with the chapter PME's, we have reduced the number of ghost lines, reduced the number of PM's that cross inactive, and increased PM dues collection. As an RD, I'm grateful to Joe for raising the standard on the PM program. He has left a lasting impression on the North Texas Region."



Considering Joe's exemplary, almost untouchable, involvement with the Fraternity, the challenges he has overcome have molded him to the man he wants to be.

"In my life I have come to believe that if I am willing to do the footwork, and let a higher power be responsible for the results, then I have the ability to be happy, successful, and peaceful. For those who may be struggling with similar demons, there are solutions. We just have to be willing to face our fears, ask for help, and take the action. That is the only way I know how to do it. If it can work for a guy like me who was gladly knocking on death's door, than I know it can work for others as well."





Brotherhood

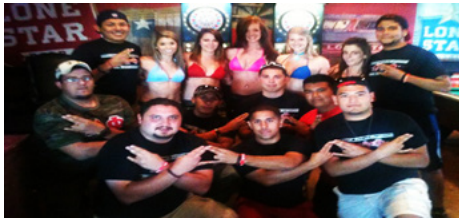
RECAP

By Eric Reyes

Without brotherhood, a fraternity will arguably dwindle in the effectiveness in maintaining a cohesiveness that allows for productivity. Brotherhood in ODPi has always been recognized as being one of naturalness and inspiring as many brothers, from all walks of life, are able to bond and work together. It is no surprise that entities such as Alpha Gamma (University of Texas-Pan America), Alpha Mu (Texas A&M University-Kingsville) and colony brothers at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi can come together at an event with big smiles on their faces. Similarly, the brothers at San Antonio entities (Alpha Pi-St. Mary's University, Our Lady of the Lake University colony, and Texas A&M University-San Antonio) are able to work together to host an end of the year banquet in which they recognize graduating brothers, exceptional brothers, and take a break from undergraduate requirements. Chi chapter (University of Texas-Austin) held a similar banquet this past semester as well. Additional entities find other ways to revel in the natural brotherhood of ODPi experiences throughout the nation.

With the spring semesters being well-known for the many new-member presentations, ODPi is able to demonstrate the brotherhood in a shining light. Chi chapter, Pi chapter (University of Houston) Alpha Upsilon (University of Florida), and Alpha Rho (Texas Southern University) hosted events in which they were able to welcome new members into the organization and demonstrate the brotherhood that is widely known. Alpha Theta (Oregon State University) and Alpha Rho also hosted separate end-of-the-year Beach Retreats as they winded down from the stresses that undergraduate life may bring. Alpha Gamma and Alpha Tau congregated at a central restaurant and basked in the memories that the spring semester brought them. Alpha Pi chapter (St Mary's University) were recognized as Baby Bake Football Champions and also attended Oyster Bake as an entity.

Not only does one find new friends in ODPi, one is able to find everlasting connections that can resemble that of a family. The brotherhood that ODPi has is sincerely an extension of one's own family. The bonds created in this organization are certainly ones that are taken well into the future.



**Alpha Gamma and
Alpha Tau Chapter**



**Alpha Rho and Pi Chapter
On the Beach**



**Alpha Pi, TAMUSA, and OLLU
End of Year Banquet**



Chi Chapter Probate



**Alpha Upsilon Chapter
New Member Presentation**



**Alpha Pi Chapter
Alumni Team**

Remembering Brother Al

By Denny Esquivel Carrasco



There are a several reasons why one would join a fraternal organization. I began to ask my friends over social media to describe why they joined a Greek lettered organization in one word. Whether the organization is service, social, or cultural based, Brotherhood/Sisterhood/Family came in as the Number one reason. For ODPHi, Brotherhood is one of the most important factors of our organization. This Brotherhood is on display every time our brothers are tabling, recruiting and socializing at our respective chapters across the country. Brotherhood is what makes ODPHi.

Here at Northeastern Illinois University (Beta Alpha chapter) in Chicago, their unique Brotherhood attracted a special individual. The Beta Alpha chapter founders met University Events Coordinator, Alberto Cordero in the Fall 2010 semester. From the beginning, the chapter knew Al was going to be an important part in their lives. At first, Al would help with programming ideas, and event planning. Then, Beta Alpha, asked Al to be their faculty advisor the following semester. Soon after, their relationship began to evolve. Al got to know each member of the chapter on a personal level, and pushed every member regardless of status (active, inactive, alumni), going beyond the usual student-advisor relationship.

At Beta Alpha chapter's 1st awards banquet in 2011, Al received a faculty appreciation plaque on behalf of the chapter for his dedication and commitment to Beta Alpha. Al, said a few words during that moment where he expressed: "If I was back in my prime, this is an organization I would love to be a part of. Being a part time student is the only thing holding me from the intake process and some health issues." For the next couple of years, Al somehow made it possible to be accessible any time of day or night. Al was more than your average advisor. He was a brother and friend that could be relied on. Whether the matter was fraternally related or personal, he went above and beyond for the chapter and its members. The university was well aware of the bond and brotherhood that had been formed.

Beta Alpha chapter members saw Al as a brother and friend that could be rely on. He wanted to be a part of ODPHi for years and having those letters would have meant the world to him. The chapter took the step in trying to make Al an Honorary Brother. With plans on granting him Honorary brother status during their 3rd annual awards banquet, Al was to be the keynote speaker. He had no idea the surprise that awaited. Unfortunately, on the day of May 14th, 2013, Alberto Cordero passed away. That night, at 11:11pm, he was granted Honorary status at the vigil held by Beta Alpha chapter.

Al wanted to be a part of something bigger than him. He wanted to be a part of something positive. And Al wanted to be surrounded by people who loved him and love each other. Those years spent with Beta Alpha chapter, he got just that. The close knit Brotherhood of the chapter is what caught his eye. It is what made their bond with each other and Al an unbreakable one. And now with Al gone, Beta Alpha chapter only has one thing to lean on. Their Brotherhood.



Brother Denny with Al



Faculty Appreciation Award



Al's Vigil

DEATH RHO: FROM THE BRINK OF EXTINCTION (AND BACK).

Content By *Gonzalo Cagigal II, Juan Cano*

Written By *AO Alumni Rafael Torres & Lateef Ipaye*

The Rho Chapter of Omega Delta Phi, known as the Death Rho Chapter, is not your ordinary group of Brothers. Known for their passion and resolve, they make their home at Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas which lays deep in the Texas Hill country area.

However, in late 1999 and through 2000, their infamous BRHotherhood almost came to an end.

Rho alumnus Gonzalo Cagigal II described the Greek system as highly competitive when it came to recruiting new members.

"Every year, fraternities would bring in national recruitment teams that would recruit for the chapter all day while the local members attended their classes," he said. "In addition, the national recruitment teams would accumulate a lot of money to buy national recruitment materials such as flyers, banners, items with their letters on it, videos, and pictures of the events. As you can imagine, our chapter always felt like we were overmatched, out-supported, and just plain out-funded in every aspect as far as what a Fraternity should look like, be and should provide."

Gonzalo Cagigal II is an auditor with the Office of the Inspector General SSN who also finds time to be a current local alumni council representative of the National Alumni Association, a key member of the Dallas Ft Worth Alumni Association, and a proud member of the Rho Alumni Association.

Gonzalo clarified the chapter's issues started with the mismanagement by their regional director during the Fall 1998 to Spring 1999 semesters before he became a brother.

"A lot of brothers in our chapter felt he did not care about our chapter" Gonzalo said. "When he did come around, all he did was scold the bRhos, was detrimentally negative and would fine the chapter for unnecessary or imaginative infractions."

In addition to the lack of support from their regional director, they were faced with the similar issues at the school.

"You are not even considered a frat unless you have a chapter house which was the perceived concept at that time" Gonzalo lamented. "Ever single frat on campus had fellow faculty and university officials as their alumni members. They would come out and speak with them during rush events. Their alumni would sponsor alumni dinner invitations prior to bid nights. They would have a portfolio of all their distinguished alumni members and of course would bank on the notion of when you graduate they will hook you up and help you get your feet wet in the real world."

Juan Cano, a Special education teacher for San Antonio ISD, crossed in the Fall 1998 and recently graduated with a Masters in Education from the University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio, Texas. He recalled other organizational shifts that added to the growing discontent.

"The biggest departure in my opinion was that the chapter started lacking doing community service and that there was invalid emerging ideal that raising money was the sole proper way of giving back or doing community service" he said.

"Many of the bRhotherhoods did not agree with this. Also, our group was focusing more on the social aspects or events versus the selfless service events. Lastly, the level of maturity and disorganization in our chapter caused us not to have a new member pledge class the Fall 1999 semester of the eventual split which layered many of the brother's upset. Many of the remaining brothers at this time felt it was in the best interest of the brotherhood to work on ourselves as a chapter and build the bonds of brotherhood than to take on a pledge class versus bring them into a chapter that was very disorganized and unhappy at the time."

A brewing thunderstorm loomed over the horizon. The Rho chapter was (and is) an extremely proud and strong "BRHOtherhood." With the already disliked regional director trying to force the chapter to expel two brothers without due process, the soured relationship eventually led the chapter to a near collapse. Gonzalo recalled the confrontation as unacceptable.

"At the end, we didn't expel anybody and he left furious and pretty much said that he was going to shut our chapter down when he talked to the national leadership, he said."

As the prior foundation shifting incident with the regional director was ending, one of the Rho founders vainly announced at a regular chapter meeting that everyone should drop Omega Delta Phi and move to join another competing fraternity.

As you can imagine, that led to many internal arguments and factions to form within Rho. With the discontent that had been growing with the chapter from previous discord, this seemed that like the answer to all of those problems. The Rho founder pitched the competing fraternity's organization, alumni support, and also their national support.

"The National Expansion Chair's ace in the hole was that the local alumni already had a chapter house on campus and were willing to have it ready for us once we obtain our chapter status" Gonzalo recalled.

Juan also recalled the same event. "I remember him distinctly writing the other fraternities name on the whiteboard in our meeting room. I, among many other brothers, were in complete shock and, during his presentation, I asked him a couple of times to stop and leave the meeting so that if he wanted to discuss this matter he could do it after the meeting. But he had already met with a few brothers prior to our meeting."

Juan felt like the Rho founder undermined the Rho brotherhood and as he expressed, a few of the older brothers walked out of the meeting upset.

This chapter ending proposition rocked them to their core. But the story takes an even more compelling turn. In the midst of the potential mutiny, a final event almost put a nail in the figurative ODPi coffin at the Texas State University.



The university had what was called an accreditation process that all Greeks had to submit in order to be allowed to return the following year called the CAPS (Chapter Accreditation Process) and it included every aspect associated to a fraternity.

“All of this occurred right at the end of the semester” Juan said. “The open question was how to move on and continue as ODPHi and to renew (our CAPS) and be ready for the next school year.”

In response to this review, Juan and few other brothers gathered to determine who still wanted to be ODPHi. They called each brother on their chapter roster.

“As a chapter this allowed us to determine where everyone stood, he said. “Officially we had to document this event and wrote letters to each person who dropped what constitutional violations were broken and either personally handed this letter to each member or gave everyone a deadline to turn this letter into our advisor at his office. If they did not turn in this letter by the deadline, that meant that they would no longer be brothers of Omega Delta Phi.”

Gonzalo remembered that the current President of the chapter denied and made excuses for not showing the Brothers a completed CAPS packet as he was part of the group who were in on sabotaging the fraternity in order to get ODPHi off of campus. This included a chapter founder, one of Rho’s founders, and their fraternities national expansion director.

Gonzalo was so upset at this revelation that he decided he would do whatever it took to keep Odphi on campus and deny the saboteurs what they were wanting.

So he pretended to be part of the group of saboteurs and attended an informal meeting hosted by the competing fraternity. He pretended he was apart of the group that would eventually drop their Omega Delta Phi letters to gather information and to help the faithful Brother’s determine their next step.

“Our chapter founder asked him what would happen to the guys that did not drop ODPHi, he said. “The national director’s response was that it was fine that he know not everyone would drop but that all they needed was the ODPHi fraternity council spot to make a case to replace them on campus once the CAPS paperwork had not been filled out.”

Gonzalo was furious and vowed that he would let Rho go under or fail. He and group of brothers met up and began to fill out the packet.

“The deadline night at the student center where Brothers met to stay committed to Omega Delta Phi, he said. “We all got emotional. I will never forget at the end of the night walking away into the darkness, chanting so loud that all of Texas State will never forgot the Gentlemen of Omega Delta Phi DEATH Rho Chapter!”

After successfully passing accreditation, Rho chapter began making strides to rebuild the chapter morale. Juan described this experience as stressful, but it made Rho a stronger brotherhood.

“I think the one fulfilling thing about this whole process is that we got it done and that we built a stronger foundation with stronger brothers and that nationals had enough faith in us to do the right thing, whether it be that or they just didn’t know how to deal with the issue didn’t matter, we just took care of business,” he said.



Graduation

RECAP

By Luis Gonzalez

The fraternity exists to provide two services to the community: that of being of service and providing outreach to those in need and that of graduating its members, a feat that Omega Delta Phi as a national fraternity does well. Every semester, men from all over the nation graduate and become alumni of the many institutions of higher learning that make up our chapter roll call.

The sacrifice, hard work, dedication and dreams and aspirations of our brothers and their families come full circle when the graduate's name is read aloud at commencement. Graduation is a time to reflect, reminisce, and to fully develop an appreciation for the "support group" and "family away from home" that the brotherhood has provided.

"ODPhi was my support throughout all my tough times in my academic career. Brothers were there for me in any situation imaginable and ODPi gave me reasons to challenge myself in all aspects" said Juan Miguel Acosta, graduate of the Alpha Omicron chapter at the University of Texas at Dallas.

The support group, both in an academic and personal setting, is what many graduating brothers attribute to their success as undergraduates. Knowing that brothers were there to keep them grounded, motivated, and accountable is one of the biggest pluses which graduating brothers noted.

"The fraternity contributed to my success by giving me a set of standards to strive for. Brothers were always there to help, whether it was with homework or just going to the library with me" said Jose Velasquez, a Film Practices degree candidate from Epsilon Chapter at Arizona State.

Owning up to one's individual responsibilities and juggling those with the responsibilities that come along with being involved in the brotherhood was a definite challenge that brothers had to get used to.

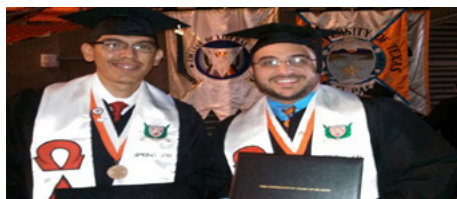
"Omega Delta Phi pushed me harder than I would have individually. The brotherhood provided an experience unlike any other which allowed me to network, meet many people, travel, but above all else, being a brother gave me access to a support group, family away from home which pushed me to do better and which definitely had a hand in my success" said Eta Chapter and Criminal Justice degree candidate Jorge Hernandez.

The genuine sense of family, of having support away from home, and of having men who backed these gentlemen unconditionally; those are the reasons why Omega Delta Phi has continually made an impact in the lives of countless men. The impact resonates especially with men from underrepresented groups and men who are the first in their family to attend a college or university.

Omega Delta Phi is a lifetime commitment; a brotherhood that embraces its newest brothers as well as its old; a brotherhood that is part of a movement to enable any MAN the opportunity to engage in a fraternal experience. For these graduates, commencement and the end of their undergraduate journey does not represent the end of their involvement with the fraternity. After all, graduates vow to go out and do well so that they can give back to the brotherhood that gave them so much and afforded them so many memories and experiences.



Alpha Chapter
Texas Tech



Beta Chapter
UT-EI Paso



Gamma Chapter
University of Arizona

Graduation



**Delta Chapter
Texas A&M**



**Epsilon Chapter
Arizona St.**



**Eta Chapter
Sam Houston St.**



**Lambda Chapter
University of Washington**



**Xi Chapter
University of Oklahoma**



**Omicron Chapter
University of Wisconsin, Parkside**



**Rho Chapter
Texas St.**



**Sigma Chapter
Southern Methodist**



**Tau Chapter
UT Arlington**



**Upsilon Chapter
Washington St.**



**Chi Chapter
University of Texas**



**Alpha Beta Chapter
Michigan St.**



**Alpha Delta Chapter
UT-San Antonio**



**Alpha Eta Chapter
University of Mexico**



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**Alpha Kappa Chapter
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**Alpha Omicron Chapter
UT-Dallas**



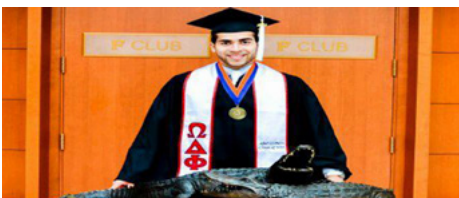
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St. Mary's**



**Alpha Rho Chapter
Texas Southern University**



**Alpha Sigma Chapter
University of Illinois,
Urbana Champaign**



**Alpha Upsilon Chapter
University of Florida**



**Beta Alpha Chapter
Northeastern Illinois University**



**Beta Beta Chapter
Cal. State Dominguez Hills**

Graduation



EWU Colony



UW Madison Colony



TCU Colony



Utah Colony



TAMU-SA Colony



OLLU Colony

In closing, this effort has been an extremely rewarding one as we uncovered the amount of greatness our brotherhood. Brothers like these have truly embraced the sacraments of **UNITY, HONESTY, INTEGRITY, and LEADERSHIP** on their path to success. Due to page limits and time constraints, many stories could not be mentioned but we were amazed by the many endeavors that brothers across have successfully achieved and the traditions that continue to live on after 25 years of academic and professional success. Please stay on the lookout for our next issue in late September. This is only the beginning to our mission of representing Omega Delta Phi on a global scale. If you would like to be apart our next issue or know of someone deserving please feel free to contact us at marketing@odphi.com. We now would like to conclude you with details on National Conference. See You in Milwaukee!!

Thanks,

“7 Visions” Staff.



NATIONALS SECTION

RECAP

By Eric Reyes

With many academic institutions being over with their normal school year, undergraduates and alumni wonder where the time has gone. Undergraduates look to internships and summer school in hopes of furthering their own successes. Alumni continue their work ethic at their respective careers while some attempt to balance home and work life. However, there is one thing that undergraduates and alumni can look forward to as an outlet for rejoice, the 2013 Omega Delta Phi National Conference from July 18-21, 2013.

Last year's conference was held in the fatherland at Texas Tech University in commemoration of the 25th year anniversary of ODPHI. This year, a change of pace will take brothers to Milwaukee Wisconsin for the 26th Annual National Conference. The conference will take place at the Hyatt Regency Milwaukee and will be a forum to help develop undergraduate membership and allow for alumni to network and understand the importance of their continued support and role as brothers after graduation. With many chapters beginning to flourish in the Midwest, it is no surprise that this will surely be a conference to remember.

The beautiful scenery of Milwaukee will not only be a relief from the hard work that brothers plan to partake in during business meetings, but will allow for other outdoor events to occur. The Wisconsin Alumni Association will be hosting an Alumni Golf Outing and Brewery Tour for Alumni interested in basking in the Milwaukee scenery on July 19th. These events will be followed by an Omega Ceremony and President's Reception. Saturday, July 20th, will be the focal point of the weekend as undergraduates and alumni will embark on important business meetings relating to the fraternity in order to effectively plan for the upcoming school year and future opportunities for brothers. The Awards Banquet will recognize the efforts of many brothers and will be followed by speakers from different organizations looking to gauge the interest of brothers in seeking opportunities with them. This will then be followed by a dinner and a speech by a very special keynote speaker, Paula Macon, formerly known as Paula Parras, prior to her marriage. Sunday, July 21st, will be a very light day which will include a breakfast and optional tailgate and Milwaukee Brewers game (separate from registration dues) for those able to stay later. All days of conference, except Sunday, will be followed by KnightLife events for alumni and undergraduates to socialize.

Registration for conference has already begun and can be done online at witnessthehype.com. For those who were not able to take advantage of early registration, the cost of registration for undergraduates is \$100 and \$125 for alumni. Late registration will be completed on July 15th with possible on-site registration if space is permitted. Registration includes entry to all conference meetings, ceremonies and registration packet (Banquet dinner, commemorative t-shirt, name-tag/lanyard, collectible bag, and other collectible HYPE Items).

National conference is crucial to ensuring the future success of our organization and is important for as many brothers to attend. We not only must stand united in displaying our letters, we must stand united in our decisions to better the organization as a whole. To those who have not already registered, please plan to do so before the deadline as this will surely be one for the books. To those who have already registered, thank you for your tenacity and HYPE-ness. See you in Milwaukee!



NATIONAL CONFERENCE

By Jacob-Aidan Martinez

Brothers I hope you're as excited for National Conference as I am. As National Conference Committee Chair, it's been crazy getting everything prepped for a weekend full of fun and educational events.

Thursday, July 18 – Registration opens at 2 p.m. and will end at 8 p.m. Please make sure that you register as the lanyard/name tag will be your ticket to all the events. There will be brothers checking to make sure that you are a registered brother. Every brother needs to register in order to attend any event. That night will be the Opening Ceremonies where we will be greeted by the Mayor of Milwaukee, WI. The mayor has an extremely important message and surprise for the brotherhood. We will close with roll call and some final words from some of the committee members.

Friday, July 19 – Registration will continue in the morning from 7 - 8a.m. for those brothers that come in late. The National Undergraduate Council (NUC) will then see the cause and effects of Social Media, Hazing and other Risk Management Issues with a presentation presented by a representative from Willis. Then we will have some guest speakers from Geico, City Year and Teach For America who will talk about the many opportunities in their respective organizations. After lunch, the NUC will proceed in discussing any issues. There will be several productive things happening during the NUC meeting with the election of a new Undergraduate Representative and also the National President's new amendments to the constitution. There will be a break for brothers to go to their rooms and nap or just hang out with other brothers and network. At 6 p.m. is the Omega Ceremony. This year I have decided to have the Omega Ceremony as its own ritual rather than doing it at banquet. The Omega Ceremony will now be for brothers only. Following the Omega Ceremony will be the President's Reception. The President's Reception will be a mixer of sorts. The night will be a grand opportunity for the undergraduate and alumni brothers to meet their national leadership and mingle with other brothers. This will be a great opportunity to ask officers anything and everything about the organization and also to get some really hype collectible items. The president and vice presidents will each have a different give-away collectible ODPHI item. In order to collect all four, you have to visit each one of them. The President's Reception will offer finger foods and a cash bar. That will conclude Friday night.

Saturday, July 20 – Roll Call will take place at 8 a.m. Regions will then break into groups of four. There will be four break-out sessions. The sessions include: Undergraduate Affairs (New policies and more), Intake/Rush (New intake policies and rush program), Philanthropic/Programming (Founder's Week/Young Knight's Program) and The Art of Stepping. The Art of Stepping will teach new and innovative moves to brothers interested in Stepping. The program will also create a new chant for brothers to chant at their respective chapters. After lunch, the regions will break and meet with their Regional Director's for Regional Meeting Business. After a short break, everyone will regroup where the National President will present an NEC update at the NEC Open Forum. After Q&A, brothers will be released for a long break. The night will conclude with the Awards Banquet. Brothers will be welcomed with a fancy set-up and an all you can eat buffet. Our keynote Speaker, Paula Macon will then present her speech to the attendee's. The night will proceed with award's ceremony in which the NEC will hand out awards to the undergraduate body. After the banquet, there will be an official club party hosted by the local chapter and alumni association.

CONFERENCE HOTEL



On behalf of our entire staff, we would like to welcome you to our beautiful hotel! Our mission is to provide authentic hospitality by making a difference in the lives of the people we touch every day.

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Brothers can reserve rooms at a special \$99/night rate! Please make sure that if you plan to stay at the Hyatt Regency, use the link provided so that you can get the exclusive rate. Rooms can be booked till June 28, 2013. Book Early!

Book Your Room By June 28th
at witnessthehype.com

CONFERENCE T-Shirt

Over a month ago, we were assigned with putting together a contest for the best T-Shirt Design.

We are TOO Proud to announce Brother Melvin Chacon as the winner. He will receive free registration for National Conference. Congrats Brother.

Check out his Design:



ABOUT MILWAUKEE

Nestled along a magnificent bluff overlooking one of Lake Michigan's most beautiful bays, Milwaukee is the largest city in Wisconsin and the 22nd-largest nationwide. The city is known for its cleanliness and safety. Heralded as the "City of Festivals," Milwaukee celebrates its melting-pot heritage throughout the year with a delightful procession of ethnic and cultural events. Polish Fest, Lakefront Festival of Arts, Bastille Days, Festa Italiana, German Fest, PrideFest, Arab Fest, Irish Fest, Mexican Fiesta, Indian Summer Festival and the Holiday Folk Fair are all colorful tributes to a cherished past. This kaleidoscope of cultures also influences area restaurants, art galleries, museums and performing arts groups. In addition to its ethnic festivals, Milwaukee is home to the nationally-acclaimed Summerfest, the "world's largest music festival." The annual event is an 11-day music celebration including 10 ground stages and the 23,000-seat lakefront Marcus Amphitheater featuring a variety of music, from national headline acts to up-and-comers. The Wisconsin State Fair combines agricultural traditions with the excitement of a contemporary event.

Millions of people visit the greater Milwaukee area every year. They come from around the world for all kinds of reasons: attending a business conference; visiting family and friends; taking in the world's biggest music festival; or simply enjoying the area's natural beauty and central Midwestern location. Once they've been here—and experienced the excitement of our culture, the warmth of our people and beauty of our city—they're sold. Departing visitors begin to plan their next trips right away. Start booking your flights for Nationals 2013 and find out for yourself what the Milwaukee experience feels like.



MILWAUKEE KNIGHTLIFE

Jazz in the Park, July 18, 2013 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Jazz in the Park is an outdoor, free, summer music series featuring a lineup of jazz, big band, funk, R&B, reggae, blues and more. Performers come from across town or across the country. Music starts at 6pm, but stop by early for Jazz in the Park Happy Hour and get great drink specials. All proceeds from sales help offset the high costs of production and ensure continued success of the festival. For complete lineup please visit: [www.http://www.easttown.com/events/jazz-in-the-park/2013-lineup](http://www.easttown.com/events/jazz-in-the-park/2013-lineup)

Milwaukee Firkin Beer Fest, Saturday July 20, 2013 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Milwaukee Firkin Craft Beer Festival is a celebration of Milwaukee Brewing: past, present and future. The festival has over 100 craft beers to sample from Milwaukee breweries as well as guest beers from around the country. This year featuring returning Cask Tasting Tent which offers 20 plus cask conditioned barrels, or firkins, where guests will have the chance to taste beers from 100 years ago. Additionally some of Milwaukee's finest musicians will be performing, local food vendors and Art Milwaukee! For more information visit: <http://milwaukeefirkin.com/main.html> *Bro Tip: remember, Milwaukee is the capital of the US for Beer.

LUNAR MUSIC , July 19, 2013, Live Music – 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Live DJ – 8 PM – Midnight, Dress Code – Don't look like a slob. RSVP to the Lunar Music Series at the Milwaukee Athletic Club. Watch the sunset over the Milwaukee skyline on the highest outdoor patio in the city. RSVP <http://newaukee.com/events/lunar-rsvp/>.

Festa Italiana – July 19-21 at the Summerfest Grounds by the Lake.

Festa Italiana, the nation's largest Italian American festival, will bring alive an authentic slice of Italian life to Milwaukee's Lakefront this summer. <http://www.festaitaliana.com/main.html> *Bro Tip: this is basically a 1-mile stretch of ethnic festivities. One price of about \$13-15 per day will get you inside the grounds to listen to music, view culture villages, and purchase goods from the Italian culture. Good event!

Other Attractions:

Old World Third
SURG Restaurant Group
Cubanitas Restaurant
Water Street
Historic Third Ward
Milwaukee Public Market
SPiN Milwaukee
Milwaukee Street area
Hunter's Point and the Historic Third Ward
Brady Street
North Avenue area

Family friendly (You will need a cab)

University of Wisconsin Milwaukee
Miller Brewery Tour
Potawatomi Bingo & Casino
Milwaukee County Zoo
MLB Milwaukee Brewers Baseball @MillerPark
Betty Brinn Children's Museum
Discovery World
Harley Davidson Museum
Milwaukee Art Museum
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