

A Year in the Life – An Overview

Before the school year began, Theta brothers were working hard to better our chapter. Four brothers attended the bi-annual convention in Florida where they participated in workshops and networking events with brothers from across the nation. In September, our President, Mia Isaacson, shared her experiences from convention and ideas for chapter-wide improvements. One of her greatest goals was to submit a bid for Spring Officer Training Camp (SOTC) to be held at OSU. While the task seemed daunting to our fourteen members, we voted and decided to submit the bid. During the first two weeks of the term, we worked determinedly to recruit new members through rush and marketing events. Eight eager pledges completed the pledge process under pledge educator, Paul Spangler. They were immediately involved in our annual professional event, the Creating Career Confidence Workshop, in which we partner with the College of Business (COB) to host a day focused on building interview and professional skills. We organized a business runway show featuring appropriate outfits for five different professional occasions including interview, business casual, business professional, cocktail and formal attire for men and women. The idea for the show came from a suggestion from COB Dean Ilene Kleinsorge who received negative feedback about the way recent OSU graduates were dressing on the job. The event was more successful than anyone anticipated and was featured in Life@OSU, our online news cast. During our time together working and attending professional, brotherhood (*AKPsi tie-dye night, Big/ Little ping-pong tournament, starlight corn-maze adventures*), fundraising (*more than \$200 from Papa's Pizza night*), and service events (*volunteering during mock interviews and the OSU blood drive*) we ended the term with 22 tight-knit brothers excited to contribute to our future successes.

At the beginning of winter term we received the news that we had won the bid to host SOTC and began working diligently to coordinate a weekend of events and lectures for the North-West Region. We also anticipated our annual brotherhood ski retreat and the regional Principled Business Leadership Institute (PBLI) in Reno, NV. In January we loaded into pick-up trucks and vans and drove to Mount Hood Meadows for a day of fun in the snow. Brothers sledged, skied and

snowboarded – many for the first time. The overnight retreat was a timely break from hard work and an opportunity to bond without the pressures of time lines and due dates. At the end of February, 12 brothers attended PBLI where our chapter was recognized as one of two who paid all dues to the Heritage Center on time. Our thanks and congratulation goes to our well-organized VP Finance, Lindsey Clausen. Also, Kyle Gannon, Haley Fletcher, and Liana Louie represented the Theta Chapter in our first appearance in the regional Case Competition. Later in the term, VP Alumni Relations, Val Keihn, organized a family friendly alumni ice skating event at the Lloyd Center in Portland, OR. Afterward, we had dinner at The Olive Garden, which was especially delicious for two of our brothers from Hawaii who had never eaten at the restaurant before. In early March, brothers had the opportunity to tour Spirit Mountain Casino with our Chapter Advisory Board member, Chris Folds. Professional Chair Crystal Boyd also organized a speaker-series at the Dean’s request. The series, which included COO of Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center Kelly Keiser, confronted issues about ethics in business and the impact of unethical behavior on society. At the end of the term we elected a new executive board. Congratulations to...

Michelle Rucker, *President*

Candice Randall, *VP Administration*

Haley Fletcher, *VP Finance*

Timmy Stowell, *VP Rush/ Marketing*

Monica Truax, *VP Alumni Relations*

Matt Kagawa, *VP Communications*

Lidia Kusnadi, *Master of Ritual*

As spring term began, the anticipation for SOTC mounted. Under the leadership of Michelle Rucker and SOTC committee members Sean Bjurstrom and Timmy Stowell, the chapter pulled together to host 160 brothers from across the region. The weekend consisted of a flag football tournament in Reeser Stadium, over 40 group sessions hosted by 15 guest speakers and a culminating dinner in the Valley Football Center. Each attendee walked away with a deeper understanding of his/ her executive position, new contracts from the region and ideas to take home.

The event was a tremendous success. It was featured on the front page of the Daily Barometer, OSU's student newspaper, and reaffirmed the Theta Chapter's strength and presences on campus as well as in the region. Later in the term we attended several professional events including a campus tour of the retail-merchandiser Buckle at the Salem Center, a Conflict Resolution Workshop presented by OSU's Student Leadership & Involvement Group, and a golf etiquette lesson at Trysting Tree Golf Course. We also had a Big/Little beach retreat to Newport, OR and celebrated National Incorporation day with our newly inducted members on May 20th. We ended the term with two major events: the election of new committee chairs and our 4th Annual Yellow Rose Banquet. Congratulations to...

Mia Isaacson, *Professional Chair*

Ray Mc Guinness, *Rush Chair*

Brent Soffey, *Professional Chair*

Leesa Viveiros, *Fundraising Chair*

Melissa Waud, *Service Chair*

Yellow Rose is a banquet that celebrates a year of hard work and dedication to Alpha Kappa Psi. This year it was held on campus at the CH2M Alumni Center. We said hello to our six most recent alumni (*Lindsey Clausen, Mike Hoffman, Brad Jansen, Val Keihn, Michol Porter and Paul Spangler*) and recognized our 16 new pledges. The new inittate are strong, intelligent mena dn women who hold our values as their own. We were proud to share the spring pledge class' creative project – an Alpha Kappa Psi video titled Daniel Duff and the Fraternity of Business. Check it out on our facebook page at Alpha Kappa Psi – Theta. At the end of the night we recognized six brothers for their outstanding contributions to our chapter throughout the year. Congratulations to...

Candice Randall, *Member of the Year*

Michelle Rucker, *Alpha Award and Brother of the Year*

Paul Spanger, *Scholarship Award*

Timmy Stowell, *Kappa Award*

Monica Truax, *Psi Award*

And a special congratulation to Michol Porter who was awarded the Distinguished Service Award, the most honorable award bestowed on a student member of Alpha Kappa Psi. As this year comes to an end, we all look forward to the opportunities to come through our involvement in Alpha Kappa Psi and to continue the legacy that began at Oregon State University in 1920 – Alpha Kappa Psi, Theta Chapter.

Post Card Idea

- Instead of mailing out the letter, I thought we could send out a postcard.

Front: Get a better picture?

Alpha Kappa Psi, Theta Chapter



How can we get you involved?

Back:

During 2009-2010 we hosted three alumni events: Starlight Corn Maze (Corvallis), Ice Skating at the Lloyd Center (Portland) and Yellow Rose (Corvallis).

Are there other events that you would rather attend?

Is there a location that would work better for you?

LET US KNOW!

Email akps@gmail.com with suggestions and feedback.

Other opportunities to get involved...

- Be a Guest Speaker
- Sponsor an event
- Tell us about job and internship opportunities
 - Attend chapter events
- Be a professional mentor to a current member