



Greek Alumni Newsletter

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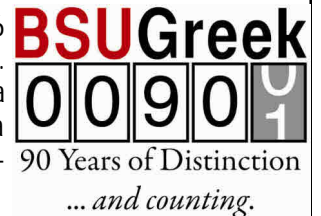
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Ball State Greeks Celebrate 90 Years

This year marks the 90th anniversary of Greek life at Ball State University! Historical records indicate that the Navajo social club, which was established in 1919, is the first fraternal organization at Ball State University. The Navajo club would go on to become Lambda Chi Alpha international fraternity in 1951.

Later that same year, the Girls Club was started, which followed the traditions established by the chapter at Indiana State Normal School in Terre Haute. All girls were eligible to be members and local sororities started in sections of the club beginning with Alpha sorority in 1920, which later became Alpha Chi Omega.

Historically African-American organizations arrived in 1946 with the establishment of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. and in 1953 with Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. A Latina sorority followed in 1994 when Gamma Phi Omega International Sorority, Inc. became the first Latino Greek-lettered organization at Ball State.



... and counting.

Many of the national fraternities and sororities did not establish their Ball State chapters until the 1950s or later. Currently there are 16 fraternities and 12 sororities active on campus.

To celebrate the 90 year anniversary a new 90 year logo has been created, a celebration is planned for the fall and several new traditions will be unveiled throughout the 2009-2010 academic year. Look for more information on the Greek life website or in the next edition of the Greek Alumni Newsletter.

Ball State Bold: Investing in the Future

The Ball State Bold capital campaign is in full swing. Since the September 2008 kickoff, \$174.8 million has been raised - more than 85 percent of our \$200 million goal. Now is a great time to give! In fact, you can both support your Greek interests and have your gift count toward the Bold campaign goal! There are many ways to do this.

First, the Greek Community Program Fund is a way to contribute to the overall goals of the Greek Strategic Plan and other important programming and marketing efforts. More information about this Fund can be found on page 6. As an additional incentive, an anonymous donor has committed to donating \$1 million dollars if 5,000 new donors pledge to give. So your \$25, \$50, \$100 really means \$1 million for Ball State!

Second, individual chapters and donors are also encouraged to establish a chapter or an individually named fund with a new charitable organization named Cardinal Funds, Inc. that has been created to serve Ball State Greek chapters. Cardinal Funds works with the Ball State Foundation to administer chapter and individual accounts. Cardinal Funds can accept both tax deductible and non-tax deductible gifts. The Greek Cardinal Funds can be used for a variety of needs, including academic scholarships, house building or renovation campaigns, chapter programs or leadership development opportunities. For information on establishing a Cardinal Fund, contributing to an existing Greek fund or about the tax deductibility of gifts, contact Phil Purcell at 765-285-7070 or ppurcell@bsu.edu.

Awards Presented at Grand Chapter

Each spring the Greek community honors chapters in the areas of academic achievement, outstanding service and philanthropy work and Greek Excellence. In addition, individuals are recognized for outstanding contributions to their chapters and the Greek community at Ball State. This year's program was held in Emens Auditorium on Sunday, April 5th. Below is a list of our 2008 award recipients.



Service/Philanthropy Awards

National Pan-Hellenic Council
Community Service Award
Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

Philanthropy Award
Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

Overall Philanthropy/ Service Award
Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

Interfraternity Council
Community Service Award
Theta Chi

Philanthropy Award
Delta Tau Delta

Overall Philanthropy/Service Award
Delta Tau Delta

Panhellenic Council
Community Service Award
Delta Zeta

Philanthropy Award
Alpha Phi

Overall Philanthropy/ Service Award
Delta Zeta

Greek Individual Award Winners

Outstanding New Member
Matthew Whitlock, Phi Gamma Delta

Outstanding Chapter President
Abby Kaffenberger, Sigma Kappa
Brandon Steinbrook, Theta Chi

Outstanding Greek Achiever
Lauren Beaver, Kappa Delta
Michael Niezer, Phi Gamma Delta

Greek Woman of the Year
Deanna Pogorelc, Phi Mu

Greek Man of the Year
Shawn Meier, Phi Gamma Delta

Duane Deal Outstanding Chapter Advisor
Dr. James Stroud, Phi Delta Theta

Philanthropy Donation Award
Chi Omega

Philanthropy Participation Award
Alpha Omicron Pi

Academic Awards

National Pan-Hellenic Council
Highest Chapter G.P.A. - Spr. 2008
Gamma Phi Omega Sorority, Inc.

Highest Chapter G.P.A. - Fall 2008
Gamma Phi Omega Sorority, Inc.

2008 Most Improved Chapter G.P.A.
Sigma Gamma Rho Fraternity, Inc.

Interfraternity Council
Highest Chapter G.P.A. - Spr. 2008
Phi Gamma Delta

Highest Chapter G.P.A. - Fall 2008
Phi Gamma Delta

Highest New Member G.P.A. - Spr. 2008
Theta Chi

Highest New Member G.P.A. - Fall 2008
Phi Gamma Delta

2008 Most Improved Chapter G.P.A.
Delta Sigma Phi

Panhellenic Council
Highest Chapter G.P.A. - Spr. 2008
Alpha Chi Omega

Highest Chapter G.P.A. - Fall 2008
Kappa Delta

Highest New Member G.P.A. - Spr. 2008
Pi Beta Phi

Highest New Member G.P.A. - Fall 2008
Kappa Delta

2008 Most Improved Chapter G.P.A.
Kappa Delta

Last Greek Excellence Awards

Greek Excellence awards are the highest honor that a Greek organization at Ball State can receive. The purpose of the Greek Excellence plan is to provide guidelines to assist chapters in functioning at the most effective levels possible and to recognize individual groups for achieving excellence in chapter operations. Chapters may be recognized for achieving excellence in four programming areas: scholarship, chapter management, membership development and outreach. Chapters that achieve excellence in all four areas are recognized as being a Chapter of Excellence. Next year the Greek Excellence awards will be replaced with accreditation awards. Below is a list of this year's award recipients.

Excellence in Outreach

Alpha Chi Omega • Chi Omega • Kappa Delta • Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. • Delta Tau Delta • Phi Gamma Delta • Theta Chi

Excellence in Scholarship

Alpha Chi Omega • Alpha Omicron Pi • Chi Omega • Gamma Phi Omega Sorority, Inc. • Kappa Delta • Phi Mu • Phi Gamma Delta • Sigma Alpha Epsilon • Sigma Chi • Sigma Phi Epsilon • Theta Chi

Excellence in Membership Development

Alpha Chi Omega • Alpha Omicron Pi • Chi Omega • Delta Zeta • Kappa Delta • Phi Mu • Pi Beta Phi • Sigma Kappa • Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. • Delta Tau Delta • Phi Gamma Delta • Phi Sigma Kappa • Theta Chi

Excellence in Chapter Management

Alpha Chi Omega • Alpha Omicron Pi • Alpha Phi • Chi Omega • Delta Zeta • Kappa Delta • Phi Mu • Pi Beta Phi • Sigma Kappa • Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. • Phi Gamma Delta • Phi Sigma Kappa • Theta Chi

Chapters of Excellence

Alpha Chi Omega
Chi Omega
Kappa Delta
Phi Gamma Delta
Theta Chi

Recruitment and Intake Information

This summer chapters will be busy making plans for fall recruitment and intake and marketing their organizations to non-Greek students. Everyone must do their part to ensure the campus is well informed about BSU fraternities and sororities and the opportunities they offer college students. Alumni and graduate members play a great role in informing students and parents about the benefits of joining a Greek organization. Consider telling your friend, neighbor, babysitter, family member or anyone else you know about Greek life and information on how to join. You can also use the online referral process to request that information be sent to a man or woman that you know should be Greek!

Panhellenic Sorority Formal Recruitment

September 10 - 14

Website/Registration: www.bsu.edu/greeklife/sororityregister

Cost: \$25

IFC Fraternity Formal Recruitment

September 14 - 17

Website: www.bsu.edu/greeklife/join

NPHC Informational

August 27, 2009

Website: www.bsu.edu/greeklife/join

Refer an Incoming Student

The Greek councils at Ball State have started an online alumni referral program this year! The online alumni referral program allows Ball State Greek alumni to request that a specific individual receive information about Greek life.

Use the online form to submit the name and contact information of the student you are referring and a Greek student will contact him or her via email. The online form can be found on our website at www.bsu.edu/forms/greeklife/alumniref.

The email will include specific information about the benefits of Greek life, fun facts about Greeks at Ball State and information on recruitment and how to learn more. It will also state that you have referred him or her to us because you believe they should learn more about fraternities and sororities at Ball State.

Please consider utilizing this approach to help the Greek community have a great fall recruitment! If you have questions about how the process works, contact Program Coordinator for Student Life Tamika Smith at tmsmith@bsu.edu.

HIGHLIGHTS

Chapter Highlights

Alpha Chi Omega

The ladies of Alpha Chi Omega have had an excellent year! We are very proud to have received the 2008 Chapter of Excellence award at Grand Chapter on April 5, 2009. The ladies of the Gamma Mu chapter have been very busy with our philanthropy, Powderpuff! Powderpuff was held on April 18, 2009 and was co-hosted with the men of Sigma Phi Epsilon. All proceeds went to A Better Way Women's Shelter and the American Red Cross. The chapter initiated four amazing new members on March 20, 2009, which will bring the chapter great success. We also had a Dad's Day consisting of golfing and dining at "Amazing Joe's" which was a lot of fun.

Alpha Gamma Delta

The women of Alpha Gamma Delta have had a very successful spring semester. We welcomed 6 new members who were initiated on April 3 and already some of them have stepped up and taken leadership positions. We have been fortunate enough to hold a different sisterhood event every month, with themes including a Progressive Dinner and a Valentine-making party. We had our spring formal at The Regency in Muncie on March 21 and we also held our annual International Reunion Day with alumnae on April 19, which included a Zumba lesson for participants. Alpha Gam's annual philanthropy, our Par-Tee Golf Tournament, was held at The Player's Club in Yorktown on April 25. We are looking forward to another great semester in the fall!



New members of $\text{AG}\Delta$ have fun at their fall new member sleepover

Alpha Phi

Alpha Phi has had a blast becoming more involved in campus activities and philanthropies. This semester our women participated in almost all of them including Turtle Tugs, BeHope2Her, AOPi Dodgeball, Arrow Games, and

Derby Days. We won four trophies during Derby Days. Even with all of the fun we had raising money for different causes throughout the community we still found time to have another amazing Mr. Phi-nominal. Alpha Phi completely sold out Pruis Hall this past semester and raised thousands for Cardiac Care. After a busy spring we are looking forward to a relaxing summer and an exciting recruitment season in the fall to bring in some amazing women to our chapter.

Chi Omega

The women of Chi Omega have had a tremendous semester! They received one of the most prestigious awards -Chapter of Excellence at Greek Week 2009! They also received excellence awards in Outreach, Scholarship, Chapter Management, Membership Development, and Philanthropic Donation. Chi Omega held a spring philanthropic event raising money for breast cancer research. Donations will be given to the Little Red Door of Muncie. Chi Omega would also like to welcome their newest members to the Phi Epsilon chapter and congratulate all the seniors on their graduation this past semester. Chi Omega is looking forward to their fall philanthropy Yippie Chi-O in September and for recruitment to begin in the fall. We are currently looking for advisors/house corporation members to join the Phi Epsilon Chapter. Contact Lauren Meadows if you are interested at lmmeadows@bsu.edu.

Delta Tau Delta

The brothers of the Epsilon Mu chapter of Delta Tau Delta continued to improve on a national level with another strong semester. In January, they won the 2008 Most Improved Chapter award, as well as 4 other national awards. The brothers have doubled their community service hours, come up with new ideas for philanthropic events, reached out to the Greek community more and had their recruitment plan recognized on the national level. With the hope that Watermelon Bust will be a continued success, their goal is to bring home more national awards. The brothers have been working very hard to continue making not only themselves but also the Greek community better. If you have any questions please contact their president, Phill Keene at pmkeene@gmail.com or visit their website www.bsudelts.org

New to this issue of the *Greek Alumni Newsletter* are chapter highlights. The feedback we received from alumni and alumnae indicated you are interested in reading about the chapters at Ball State. The following chapter highlights include all of the chapters who submitted updates prior to the publishing date of this newsletter.

Delta Zeta

Delta Zeta had an extremely strong spring semester. We held various events including an ice cream social, Dad's Day, a themed scavenger hunt around campus, formal, and serenades. Our sisters had a wonderful time attending other sorority's and fraternity's philanthropic events as well as Greek Week events. Delta Zeta's suite was also recently renovated and the updates look amazing. At Grand Chapter, Delta Zeta was presented the Community Service Award and the Overall Philanthropy and Community Service Award from the Panhellenic Council. Recognition was also received in the areas of Membership Development and Chapter Management. Delta Zeta also held Turtle Tugs and raised over \$4,000 for the Painted Turtle Camp. We are looking forward to fall semester and all of the excitement it brings.

Gamma Phi Omega, Inc.

The Delta Chapter of Gamma Phi Omega had many accomplishments in the past year. The chapter went from being a one women chapter, to at the end of the 2008-2009 school year, having seven very strong members. The women of the Delta Chapter were also recognized nationally with two of the members receiving national awards. At the awards banquet, held in mid-April, the chapter also received 'Notable Chapter of the Year'. On campus the ladies of Gamma Phi Omega have been recognized with the highest GPA in NPHC for the past two semesters. The chapter is looking forward to the future and has set many high goals that it looks forward to meeting this next year.



Women of Gamma Phi Omega Sorority, Inc. pose after a recent event.

Phi Gamma Delta

Phi Gamma Delta pledged four men in its spring class and is maintaining one of the largest chapter sizes it has ever seen. During its annual State Day in February, Phi Gamma Delta won numerous awards and accolades and placed runner-up as the most outstanding FIJI chapter in the state of Indiana. Likewise, Phi Gamma Delta did well at Grand Chapter, winning best chapter spring and fall GPA, best fall pledge class GPA, Chapter of Excellence, Matthew Whitlock as New Member of the Year, Michael Niezer as Outstanding Male Greek Achiever, and Shawn Meier as Greek Man of the Year. Phi Gamma Delta won the IFC championships in indoor soccer, indoor volleyball, and pool this spring of 2009. The men of FIJI are gearing up for their second annual philanthropy to the American Red Cross, the Ride Across the Purple Valley, which is a 600+ mile bike ride that travels to all other FIJI chapters in Indiana. They have already surpassed last year's money raised of \$2,100.00 and are prepared to make this event another success.

Phi Delta Theta

The spring semester of 2009 has been one of many great accomplishments for the Indiana Kappa Chapter of Phi Delta Theta at Ball State University. The brothers of Indiana Kappa have put their hearts into the ongoing improvement of their chapter, and people all over campus have started to notice! Recently, recruitment efforts have produced the largest pledge class the chapter has seen since the spring of 1990. Along with their recruitment efforts, the chapter, with the help of their Chapter Advisory Board, put on a Founder's Day Celebration that celebrated forty years of the chapter's existence at Ball State University. Coupled with the Founder's Day Celebration, the chapter also took part in a Gold and Silver Legion Ceremony. This ceremony congratulated alumni of the chapter for their involvement within the fraternity for either twenty-five (silver) or fifty (gold) years. Many alumni were in attendance, which in turn made the Founder's Day Celebration and Gold and Silver Legion Ceremonies a great success. The Indiana Kappa chapter of Phi Delta Theta has taken huge steps in the improvement of their chapter, and will keep striving for excellence in all their future endeavors.

Alpha Tau Omega to Re-Colonize this Fall

The fall will mark the return of Alpha Tau Omega to Ball State's campus after a seven year hiatus.

ATO alumni have been fundraising and planning for their return to campus for many years. They will utilize alumni, faculty, staff and student referrals to begin establishing a list of men with strong leadership skills and academic ability. Then staff from the national headquarters will meet with the men in small groups and one on one settings to determine if they are interested and capable of re-establishing Alpha Tau

Omega at Ball State University. Their goal is to establish a colony of a minimum of 20 men this fall and fully charter in twelve to eighteen months.

Alumni who are interested in assisting with the re-colonization efforts or who would like to refer a male student should contact ATO at BSU Alumni Association President Matt Smith at mattsmith93@yahoo.com or ATO Director of Expansion, Matt Arnold at marnold@ato.org. or visit www.joinato.org.

Ball State Homecoming Dates Set

Dates have been set for the 83rd annual Homecoming celebration. This year the Cardinals will take on the University of Toledo at Scheumann Stadium on October 3, 2009 at noon.

An up-to-date schedule of events can be found on the BSU Alumni Association website: www.bsu.edu/alumni/homecoming.



Greek Program Fund

Want to support the Greek life at Ball State but are not able to volunteer? Consider donating to the Greek Community Program Fund. Currently this fund is helping offset the costs associated with the new marketing and branding campaign. The Greek councils have partnered with Innova, a company known for its expertise in developing Greek branding and marketing campaigns at strong Greek communities such as Purdue University and Iowa State University. In the future, this fund will provide scholarships and support large scale programming for Greeks.

To donate to the Greek Community Program Fund please contact the Ball State Foundation at 765-285-8312. Checks should be made payable to the Ball State Foundation and the account # 008632 included on the memo line.

Learn more about Greek news online at: www.bsu.edu/greeklife

Spring 2009 Grades

All-Greek Average – 2.968
All-University Average – 2.932

All-Sorority Average – 3.088
All-Female Average – 3.034

All-Male Average – 2.804
All-Fraternity Average – 2.799

Alumni Highlights

Greek alumni highlights will be added to the Greek Alumni Newsletter starting with the next issue. Send us announcements about births, marriages, professional accomplishments or any other highlights you would like to see in the newsletter. We will include as many as possible in each issue. Email your highlight to cwluyster@bsu.edu.

Strategic Plan & Greek Housing Update

The Greek community recently concluded year two of implementation for the 2007-2012 Greek Strategic Plan. The two years were busy ones that introduced a great deal of needed change within the Greek community and laid the foundation for progress to be made over the next three years. A new risk management policy was passed, an accreditation program introduced, a new branding and marketing campaign started, nationally recognized recruitment educational programs were brought to campus and so much more has occurred since the Greek Strategic Plan was first introduced in 2007. All of these initiatives were made possible because of the efforts of many advisors, alumni, students and university administrators.

In addition, conversations about sorority houses continue to take place. Individual sorority representatives will begin meeting with university administrators in the coming months to discuss financial models. Once these meetings are complete, the university and national organizations can decide if they want to build sorority houses at Ball State.

Look for more specific updates in the Greek Strategic Plan Progress Report which will be published this September. All questions about the sorority village project and Greek Strategic Plan can be directed towards Cara Luyster, Assistant Director for Student Life, at cwluyster@bsu.edu.