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PHI CHAPTER ALUM STARTS INSPIRATIONAL FOUNDATION

Alyssa Phillips is a seventeen-year-old from Westlake, TX. Alyssa enjoys riding horses and water skiing and many other activities that teenagers do. However, what sets Alyssa apart from other teenagers is that she does these activities with Cerebral Palsy (CP). CP is a group of permanent movement disorders that appear in early childhood. By no means does Alyssa let this get in the way of what she loves doing. She wants others with CP to have this same attitude and her efforts go far beyond accomplishing this goal.

Alyssa, along with her parents, Paul, Southeastern Louisiana '91, and Michelle Phillips, started the Alyssa V. Phillips Foundation. The foundation strives to advance the awareness of Cerebral Palsy and urge individuals with the condition to lead a more independent and healthier life. Since the foundation was launched in 2012, Alyssa and her family have awarded thousands of dollars in grants to assist with physical therapy, vehicle modifications and special equipment. "My biggest hope is that people realize that individuals with CP are just like everyone else. Many have aspirations, hopes and dreams and many are motivated and want to not only be a part of a society but to contribute to the community," said Paul Phillips.

The foundation supplies assistance and items that insurance plans don't already provide. The demand for the foundation's services along with information regarding CP is very strong. New information is constantly surfacing through contacts with the families, doctors, researchers and therapists as well as vendors and sponsors.

"At the heart of humanity, we are all social creatures and seek interaction and inclusion. Thus it is important to see someone with CP as part of the fabric of our world and to treat them as you would any other person."

To learn more or to make a gift please visit alyssavphillipsfoundation.com.

5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT SIG TAU THIS MONTH

- 1** Go Wildcats! Sig Tau has started a new Associate Chapter at the University of Arizona in Tucson, AZ. With 36 new Associate Members the Fraternity is now on 74 campuses.
- 2** In September we welcomed 2 new registered Alumni Associations. We're happy to have Alpha Phi (Southeast Missouri) and Gamma Tau (Millersville).
- 3** The Fraternity is now selling Bid Cards that incorporate the new brand. You can purchase them on the [Facebook](#) page or by calling Headquarters.
- 4** Registration for the Noble Man Institute is underway. Each of the four sites is limited to 40 undergraduate men who were initiated this semester. Deadline is October 31st.
- 5** The Fraternity's Board of Directors met in Balsam Lake, WI September 22-24. They approved Missouri, Beta Alpha and Kansas State, Zeta Kappa Associate Chapters to be chartered.



ZETA PI ASSOCIATE CHAPTER INSTALLED

Sig Tau installed the Zeta Pi Associate Chapter at the University of Arizona in Tucson, AZ on Friday, September 16. The Founding Father class of 36 men includes pre-law, pre-med, engineering, mathematics and business majors just to name a few. Founding Father and Associate Chapter President AJ Wurtz is excited to embark on his life long journey as a Sig Tau. "I am very excited about being a Founding Father. I feel that the Zeta Pi Chapter will be able to make a significant difference here in Tucson and look forward to the future." Click the picture above to learn more.



RECRUITMENT SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED BY GAMMA RHO CHAPTER

Two students at Cameron University received scholarships from the Gamma Rho Chapter of Sigma Tau Gamma. The scholarships are to help with book expenses for the upcoming academic year. The scholarships were given to sophomore Tyler Williams and freshmen transfer student Nathaniel Stewart. Gamma Rho Chapter President Joved Serrano, Cameron '14 said the scholarships were provided by Headquarters because of a grant from the Sigma Tau Gamma Foundation.

"Alumni Association President Robert Champ spearheaded the entire process. We had over 100 people apply for the scholarships," Serrano said. "We had a table set-up for the first three days of school and people stopped by to apply. The E-Board got together and after a couple hours of looking at applications, we decided on the two recipients."

Both Tyler and Nathaniel were invited to a Gamma Rho Chapter Cookout and upon arriving, had no idea they were receiving the checks.

"Once they arrived at the barbeque, we surprised them by handing over the checks," Serrano said. "Seeing the guys shock and happiness of them winning was pretty cool." The brothers at Cameron are hopeful these scholarships will continue each year to support their recruitment efforts.

RECRUITMENT BY THE NUMBERS

Alabama, Epsilon Phi Chapter
30 Associate Members

Arizona State, Zeta Alpha Chapter
35 Associate Members

Purdue, Beta Theta
41 Associate Members



Epsilon Mu - Congrats to the Epsilon Mu Chapter at Marshall University. The chapter has 21 new associate members, more than doubling the chapter size at Marshall. Click the picture to learn more.



Epsilon Tau - The Epsilon Tau Chapter at UNC-Charlotte gave out 29 bids with 29 associate members accepting. A 100 percent success rate from the Edward H. McCune 2016 Distinguished Chapter of the Year Award Winner.



MU CHAPTER MEET N' GREET

Southeastern Oklahoma State held an alumni and undergraduate networking event this past month. The event brought together members of all ages to demonstrate that alumni still have strong ties to Mu Chapter. What makes this event more worthwhile is that it was not organized by alumni or undergraduate brothers. The event was organized and planned by Dot Phelps. Dot is the wife of Pat Phelps, Southeastern Oklahoma '58 and has been a part of the Sig Tau family for over 45 years.

"It was very energizing to me and all the alums who introduced themselves and when they pledged and to see what they do for a living," Dot said.

The event was attended by alumni brothers who drove from near and far, including brother Jerry Buchanan, Southeastern Oklahoma '72, who drove three hours from Tulsa just for the event. Headquarters Staff, Erik Kahl, UW La Crosse '07 was in attendance and saw just how excited both undergraduates and alumni were about the direction of the chapter.

"It was a great event for Mu members to get to know one another," Kahl said. "The alumni are excited to see the chapter grow and the undergraduates are just as excited to see they have proud alumni to support them."

The future is improving for the Mu Chapter.

UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

- October 15:** Winona State Homecoming, Winona, MN [ATTEND](#)
- October 15:** Purdue Homecoming, West Lafayette, IN [ATTEND](#)
- October 15:** UNC - Charlotte Homecoming [ATTEND](#)
- October 15:** Washington State Homecoming [ATTEND](#)
- October 15:** Missouri S&T Homecoming and Chapter's 60th Anniversary [ATTEND](#)
- October 22:** Millersville University Homecoming, Millersville, PA [ATTEND](#)
- October 22:** Truman State Homecoming, Kirksville, MO [ATTEND](#)
- October 22:** Central Missouri Homecoming, Warrensburg, MO [ATTEND](#)
- October 29:** Murray State Alumni Homecoming Tailgate, Murray, KY [ATTEND](#)
- November 1:** Initiation Report Due
- November 15:** Spring Roster Changes Due (via OmegaFi)
- November 18-20:** Noble Man Institutes (AZ, IL, PA, WI)
- December 1:** Boston Area Alumni Reception, Boston, MA



HQ UPDATE

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Adam Kowalski

New Director of Alumni Engagement joins HQ Staff



Jessica Hackler

After two and a half years she will depart on 9/30.