



Brothers,

This is your Fall Semester 2012 update for the Alpha Iota Chapter. I hope this newsletter finds you in good spirits. As the holidays approach, we would like to let you know what we have been up to so far this year and provide a very special opportunity for you.

We've recently held our annual elections, so later in this letter I will be sharing the new exec board elect and the newly appointed chairmen for the year 2013. We have been working very hard towards receiving our charter, and hope you as excited for this occasion as we are.



Message from the Brotherhood Events Chair

Over the past semester, the brothers of the Alpha Iota colony have used the resources available to us to enhance our brotherhood through various activities. On October 14th, we collaborated with the OSU Pistol Club to get a private session at the gun range in the basement of

the ROTC building. We learned about gun safety and had the opportunity to shot various .22 caliber handguns and rifles. It was an experience enjoyed by all. It was also rather educational because most our brothers had not fired a gun before. The next major activity was during the weekend of October 26th. Eleven brothers first traveled to Aurora, Ohio to have a sleepover at the Deptola residence. The next day, we woke up early to head to Cedar Point to enjoy the thrill of the rollercoasters. However, the theme park was packed that day. We had a blast chatting and getting to know each other better. On October 28th, three brothers traveled to southern Ohio to visit with Greg Gifford, an alumnus. Greg built on our knowledge of firearms. We learned how to pack a black powder rifle and shoot a crossbow.

Our main event in November was our bow tie tying lesson at a local suit store called Pursuit. The owner allowed us to come into his store to teach us how to tackle the bow tie and even fitted us for suits. The night included a lesson on how to dress for various functions that we may encounter in our college career. Most of us in attendance bought bow ties, and some even bought suits. It was quite a step forward in fashion for us. The storeowner was thrilled to have us. An email was received an hour after the event to tell us how much fun the storeowner had with our unique event. The majority of our events over the course of November were events that were more unofficial such as getting together to play various sports or just the simple act of getting food. We have grown greatly over the past semester to become a closer brotherhood.-Jon Conley



Message from the Philanthropy Chair

This was a very exciting and eventful year for Delta Sig, as the brothers of Alpha Iota were actively involved in several community service events, as well as a big philanthropy event. To begin the year, several brothers helped move freshmen into their dorms, which was very rewarding. For a freshman to see Delta Sigs helping out in the OSU community first thing upon arriving to college, was both a great recruitment tool, but also a nice way to show university administration we care. In addition to this, we also participated in "I Know I Can" workshops, which assist children in lower-income urban areas in pursuing a college education. The events were very rewarding, not only for us, but for the kids as well. We were invited to participate in more of these workshops in the spring. Alpha Iota was very active in doing community service this semester, as we logged over 800 hours of community service as a group.

Delta Sigma Phi's big philanthropy event this semester was a clothes drive, benefiting victims of Superstorm Sandy. This was headed by brothers Dan Kieffer & Arslan Sheikh. The clothes drive raised 115 bags of clothes for people on the East Coast in need of assistance.

Looking forward to spring semester, Alpha Iota is excited to be tentatively involved with a group philanthropy event with Acacia and Alpha Chi Omega. In addition to other smaller philanthropy events we will take under ourselves as a group. We have set a goal for ourselves to reach 1200 community service hours as a group by the end of next semester. We are already halfway there, and are a very motivated group of men. We believe community involvement and community service truly embody "Better Men, Better Lives".

-Dan Kieffer

Elections and New Chairmen

We held our elections for new executive board members in early November of this year. Below are the new elected executive board members and appointed chairmen for next year.

- President- Matt Deptola
- Vice President- Steve Deptola
- Vice President of Membership Development- John Phillips
- Vice President of Recruitment- Wes Taylor
- Vice President of Social Excellence- Tyler Wasserman
- Treasurer- Michael Leonard
- Secretary- Aaron Clapper
- Sergeant at Arms- Zach Eardley

Chairmen

- Academic Chair- Eric Farell
- New Member Educator- Antonio Venegas
- Alumni Relations- Tom Olen
- Brotherhood Events- Ameya Deshmukh
- Community Service- Arslan Sheikh
- Philanthropy- Dan Kieffer
- Public Relations- Justin Soltesz
- Health and Wellness- Jon Wolford
- Campus Activities- Cody Nagel
- Fundraising- Jon Conley



Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of our most recent fundraising effort. Funds raised from this project will go towards our chartering banquet this spring and also into our housing fund. Over the past ten months, we have diligently working to become an official chapter of Delta Sigma Phi. We are on pace to apply for chartering by February 1, 2013. If accepted by the Grand Council, we will be fortunate enough to have a ceremony later in the spring (tentatively early April) to undergo the proper ritual and to celebrate our achievements. Expanding our housing fund is of utmost importance to us as well. We want to help create a place for future Delta Sigma Phi Brothers to enjoy. We want to create a place for alumni to come back to and reminisce about their experiences in college. Our primary goal right now is to charter, but we are looking forward to the future. What happens after a fraternity charters? They typically feel like they no longer have a purpose. They lose their drive. Our goal to attain a house is going to help keep us motivated and continue on our course to become one of the best chapters that Oho State has ever seen.

You can help support our dream by purchasing a Delta Sigma Phi Alumni crewneck sweatshirt that we have created. The price is set at \$35, with shipping already included in the price. The cutoff date to make sure that you would get the sweatshirt before Christmas would be Friday December 14. We would greatly appreciate your support. Hopefully, this sweatshirt will remind you of your time as an undergrad and will remind you to stay connected with your Brothers. Thank you very much for all of your support. Found below is the artwork for the crew neck sweatshirt and one can be purchased online by using the following link:
<http://bit.ly/deltasigosuapparel>

If you have any questions at all, do not hesitate to contact myself or our Treasurer, Michael Leonard. Michael's email is leonard.302@osu.edu!



If you are interested in being more involved with the chapter and would like to know how or just want to share some ideas, please feel free to contact me. We love hearing from our alumni, and any knowledge and experience you can pass on to us is much appreciated. I hope you all have a great holiday season!

Tom Olen

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