



FALL 2011

UR Organizations Receive National Awards

Congratulations to organizations who received national recognition during the 2010-2011 academic year. These include:

Delta Gamma Sorority

- o Patricia Peterson Danielson Award

Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity

- o Chapter Improvement – 3rd Place

Delta Upsilon Fraternity

- o Sweepstakes Award Finalist

Gamma Phi Beta Sorority

- o Most Improved Recruitment Award
- o Collegiate Alumnae Relations Award
- o Frances E. Have Most Improved Chapter Award

Kappa Delta Sorority

- o Merit Chapter Award

Phi Sigma Sigma Sorority

- o Chapter of Excellence Silver Award
- o Collegiate Chapter Membership Recruitment Award
- o Collegiate Chapter Progress Award
- o Outstanding Membership Recruitment Program Award

Sigma Delta Tau Sorority

- o Outstanding Chapter Programming Award

Sigma Nu Fraternity

- o Honorable Mention Rock Chapter Award

Sigma Psi Zeta Sorority, Inc.

- o Psi Sistership Scholarship Award
- o Psi Sistership Legacy Award

Introducing the FSA Newsletter

Welcome to the FSA Newsletter! Designed to keep Fraternity/Sorority Alumni/ae, students, faculty, and staff “in the know” of current events and exciting news, we hope you enjoy reading about current activities and achievements of the UR Fraternity and Sorority community. On the following pages you will learn about upcoming events, read about news within Fraternity and Sorority Affairs, and learn more about our outstanding students, organizations, and staff. We invite any feedback, comments, or submissions you may have for the next issue.

DID YOU KNOW?

- 23% of undergraduates are members of fraternities and sororities.
- In 2010-2011, 81% of fraternity and sorority members were involved in other recognized organizations on campus and over a quarter of the fraternity and sorority community are involved in more than four other student organizations on campus.
- 31.5% of Fraternity and Sorority members hold an Executive Board leadership role in a Student Activities recognized organization.

Members, Organizations, and the Community Receive Leadership Awards

Three members of the UR fraternity and sorority community were honored at the Northeast Greek Leadership Conference held in February, 2011. Drew Alessi '11, of Chi Phi Fraternity, Katarina Gardner '11, of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority, and Luis Soto '11, of Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity, each received the Student Greek Leaders of Distinction Award recognizing their leadership, scholastic achievement, character, and service to the University, their individual organization, and the fraternity and sorority community.



Kevin Ayala '13, Arturo Spica '13, Drew Alessi '11, JJ Gonzalez '11, Jason Alben '11, and Alex Magill '12 at the Northeast Greek Leadership Conference

Chi Phi Fraternity received the Multi-cultural Initiative Programming Award for its Ise Lyfe Program in which the spoken word artist Ise Lyfe performed for the Rochester community during Black History Month.

The Public Relations Award was presented to the entire fraternity and sorority community for the “Greek Glow Out” event during Orientation 2010 which introduced freshman to the fraternity and sorority community.

Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity received an honorable mention in Chapter Development and Leadership category for the Epsilon Challenge, a program which encourages leadership development among initiated members.

The Philippi Award was given to Monica Miranda Smalls, Director of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs in recognition of the relationship she has cultivated with the students, the programs she has enacted, and dedication she gives the fraternity and sorority community.

Greek or Treat on Fraternity Quad

On October 31, 2011 the first ever *Greek or Treat* was held on Fraternity Quad. Representatives from the Panhellenic Association, the Multicultural Greek Council, and the Interfraternity Council worked together to coordinate this successful event. Approximately 65 elementary students from the Quad A for Kids afterschool program at School #34 were brought to Fraternity Quad to enjoy outdoor games, indoor activities, and some Halloween candy, of course! Thirty members of UR fraternities and sororities, were on hand to help take the school children trick-or-treating on Fraternity Quad.



Top: Students from Quad A for Kids go trick-or-treating on Fraternity Quad. **Bottom:** University of Rochester undergraduate getting 'mummified' by children from School #34.

Students and Organization Receive Student Life Awards

The Rochester Center for Community Leadership (RCCL) annually recognizes undergraduate students and organizations that have made significant contributions to campus life. Several of the 2011 recipients are members of the UR fraternity/sorority community.



Rainie Spiva '11; Recipient of the "Award for Outstanding Fraternity and Sorority Leadership"

Rainie Spiva of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., received the "Award for Outstanding Fraternity and Sorority Leadership" and Harold

Brookstein of Sigma Chi Fraternity received the "Rob Rouzer Award for Excellence in Student Government Leadership". Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity also received the "Excellence in Programming Award" for its 19th Ward Spelling Bee program.



Members of Alpha Phi Sorority

Upcoming Chapter Anniversaries

The following chapters will be celebrating Milestone Anniversaries in 2011 for their local founding! Please join us in congratulating the following chapters:

- Alpha Phi Sorority – 20th Anniversary
- Gamma Phi Beta Sorority – 20th Anniversary
- Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity – 25th Anniversary
- Phi Sigma Sigma Sorority – 30th Anniversary
- Sigma Chi Fraternity– 80th Anniversary

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., was founded November 17, 1911 at Howard University and celebrated its national centennial in Washington, D.C. The five-day centennial celebration brought together approximately 10,000 members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. from more than 700 chapters.



Check out the UR Fraternity and Sorority Life Facebook Fanpage.

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Chapter Spotlight

STAY IN TOUCH

If you are interested in getting involved in the UR Fraternity/Sorority community we look forward to your comments, contributions, and suggestions.

Helpful Links

- FSA homepage:
www.rochester.edu/college/fsa/
- FSA Staff Contact Information:
www.rochester.edu/college/fsa/contact.html
- Alumni Relations:
www.rochester.edu/alumni/



Welcome to the newest Chapters, Delta Phi Omega Sorority, Inc. and Chi Omega Sorority!

In 2010, the UR Fraternity and Sorority community welcomed two new chapters on campus. Delta Phi Omega Sorority, Inc., officially established on April 25, 2010. Established as the first South Asian interest sorority at the University of Rochester, Delta Phi Omega Sorority, Inc., is dedicated to unity among South Asian women, community awareness, and gaining understanding of oneself and others.

The Xi Mu Chapter of Chi Omega Sorority was installed on December 11, 2010 and 51 charter members were initiated. Just over one month later the Chapter participated in its first formal recruitment and gained 24 new members. New members participated in variety events and activities to develop meaningful friendships and build sisterhood.



Members of Delta Phi Omega Sorority Inc., pose for a picture



Members of Chi Omega Sorority participate in Chi Yoga

The Year of Respect – The Communal Principles Project

Coordinated by the Office of the Dean of Students, the Communal Principles Project (CPP) “aims to promote the communal principles of fairness, freedom, honesty, inclusion, respect, and responsibility, which are woven into the fabric that make up our community of engaged, lifelong learners” (<http://www.rochester.edu/college/dos/communalprinciples/cpp>). This is the *Year of Respect* and fraternities and sororities are encouraged to be intentional about incorporating Respect into their programs and activities.

“Respect for the basic dignity of self and others is essential to this community. Every person has the right to be treated with respect, regardless of the many differences that distinguish individuals and groups. Respect involves showing regard for others’ well-being and safety as well as for their personal property, personal space, and for their living, learning, and working activities. In addition, members of this community also have a responsibility to respect the properties and functions of the institution” (University of Rochester Communal Principles, 2011).

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The Communal Principles Project is an initiative of The College coordinated by the Office of the Dean of Students.

FAIRNESS

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FREEDOM

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RESPECT

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RESPONSIBILITY

FSA Mission

We promote excellence on campus and in the Greater Rochester area through support, advocacy, and advisement of fraternity and sorority members. We empower community through creating collaborative networks that are aligned with the mission and values of the College and the Office of the Dean of Students. As educators we strengthen the relationship between the College and its recognized fraternities and sororities via a success-driven system rooted in the College.

FSA Vision

FSA envisions that all fraternity and sorority members will:

- Be integrated and invested in the college through active contributions to the quality of campus life
- Serve as beacons of leadership for their communities
- Exemplify and promote the positive aspects of fraternity and sorority life
- Be outstanding citizens and representatives of the University of Rochester

Expectations for Excellence; An Award-winning Initiative

The Expectations for Excellence is an award-winning initiative at the University of Rochester to create college-centered fraternity and sorority chapters on campus. The program follows a success driven model that encourages the chapters to become a larger part of the campus community rather than exist as insular groups on the periphery of the college. The program encourages co-sponsorship of events with other fraternities, sororities, and non-fraternity/sorority student groups on campus as well as greater interaction with college offices and increased use of college resources.

The initiative now has four main categories including Scholarship, Community Building and Programming, Character and Values, and Leadership and Organizational Management. Chapters create a plan with proposed events and strategies for each category. With the help of the FSA staff, Chapter Advocate (a University staff or faculty member), and their Alumni/ae Advisor, the chapter is responsible for completing the goals they set forth in their plan. The chapters submit an Annual Report to the Fraternity and Sorority Standards Sub-Committee and a Volunteer Review Committee provides feedback on whether or not an organization should receive accreditation.



Monica Miranda Smalls, Director of FSA, Luis Soto '11, Lorenzo Mendez '12, and Matthew Burns, Dean of Students.

FSA Recognizes Excellence

On April 5, 2011 the Achievement Reception was held recognizing chapters and their members for excellence in categories of the Expectations for Excellence. The 2010-2011 winners are:

- **Scholarship**
Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity
- **Leadership & Organizational Management**
Sigma Psi Zeta Sorority
Phi Sigma Sigma Sorority
- **Community Building and Programming**
Sigma Delta Tau Sorority
- **Overall Excellence in Strategic Planning**
Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity, Inc.
Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity
Kappa Delta Sorority
- **Outstanding Program**
Delta Upsilon Fraternity,
Dance 4 Charity
- **Non-Academic Student Conduct**
Delta Gamma Sorority

The National Order of Omega, a nationally recognized Greek honorary society, recognized Dan Stavins of Sigma Nu Fraternity and Ellie Sacks of Delta Gamma Sorority with the Rising Leader Award.



John DiSarro, Assistant Director of FSA, Monica Miranda Smalls, Director of FSA, Annie Modica '12, Olivia Ehmann '12, and Matthew Burns, Dean of Students.

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