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A Message from the Fraternity & Sorority Advisor

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Hello,

I hope that everyone had a wonderful fall. I am sending this message to update you on some initiatives going on within the fraternity and sorority community at Lafayette.

Since the last publication,

- Recruitment saw an 18.88% increase in membership;
- The proposal to extend new member education to up to 6 weeks was approved and will take effect in the spring semester;
- All of our chapters passed Accreditation, with 10 chapters receiving Accredited with Distinction - Alpha Gamma Delta, Alpha Phi, Delta Gamma, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Delta Tau Delta, Delta Upsilon, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Mu Sigma Upsilon Sorority, Inc., Phi Kappa Psi, and Pi Beta Phi;
- The Kappa Delta Rho group presented and was approved as an Interest Group;
- We re-established the Rho Tau Chapter of Order of Omega and inducted 23 members;
- Established FSL Ally, a group of fraternity and sorority members committed to making the fraternal community more LGBTQIA+-educated and embracing.

This spring semester, we have a few new initiatives and some continuations from the previous year.

- Our second Presidents Retreat for the newly elected;
- Taking 11 students to the Northeast Greek Leadership Association (NGLA) conference in Washington, D.C.; (Each year, the alumni fund pays for this to support the leadership development of our organizations.)
- Updated policies will take effect regarding the recognition process, accountability, and accreditation;
- Our community has plans to host a number of new initiatives, such as a program centered around providing chapters Narcan kits and how to use them, earlier first-year engagement to enhance fall recruitment, and expanding leadership programming.

As always, the aim of my work is to provide the most fulfilling fraternal experience to our students and to provide them with the tools to succeed post-grad. Your support has been invaluable.

I wish you all an incredible winter.

Warmest regards,

Jake Bates

Upcoming Events

- **November 18 - 23**
 - Rivalry Week
- **November 20**
 - Laf-Lehigh FSL Philanthropy Competition
- **February 10 - 14 (tentative)**
 - FSL Leadership Series
- **February 20 - 23**
 - Northeast Greek Leadership Association (NGLA) Conference
- **March 8 (tentative)**
 - FSL Stakeholders Workshop

MESSAGE FROM SAM PAPALIA

PRESIDENT OF THE PANHELLENIC COUNCIL



This year, the Panhellenic Council has made remarkable strides in strengthening connections across campus by continuing cherished traditions while introducing exciting new initiatives. In the spring, our community came together to celebrate NPC Week, which featured flower pot painting with LEAP, a fundraiser at a local sushi restaurant benefiting Third Street Alliance, and a collaborative workshop with our multicultural sorority, MSU, along with two non-Greek organizations, NIH and LRAJE. We also hosted a sister shout-out event to spread love and appreciation within our community. NPC Week also included Preview Day, a presentation designed to prepare and excite freshmen for their upcoming recruitment process. The week concluded with our second annual Executive Board Dinner, bringing together the leadership councils from each chapter to enjoy a catered meal and celebrate our collective efforts.

This spring, we also partnered with the Interfraternal Council to organize FSL Fest, which consisted of a fundraiser at a local cafe, free snow cones on the quad, FSL trivia night, and a panel featuring our culturally based fraternal organizations.

The fall semester began with a successful recruitment, welcoming over 140 new members into our community! These new members kicked off their journey with a New Member Seminar, led by our advisor Jake Bates and several guest speakers. It has been truly incredible to watch these members flourish as they settle into their new homes!

Recently, we hosted an empowering event on “Being a Woman in Leadership in a Male-Dominated Field,” featuring keynote speaker Kristen Welch, the mother of our DEI Chair, Ari Welch. Kristen, the Director of the CIA’s Counternarcotics Center, shared invaluable insights and advice with our members.

As we move through the application process for the incoming council, I am confident our community will be entrusted to passionate women dedicated to its growth and success. It has been an incredible year and I look forward to watching our community grow!



MESSAGE FROM BOBBY MCCLOSKEY

PRESIDENT OF THE INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL



This year, the Interfraternity Council has been working towards an impactful and positive change in operations and engagement. Throughout the year, we have increased engagement through hosting our own IFC Field Day to interact with non-affiliated students, co-sponsoring FSL Fest and the Culturally-Based FSL 101 alongside the Panhellenic Council, recognizing chapters on their Founders' Day through a flower delivery, and sponsoring a Narcan education and resource program through the Lehigh Valley. Our Vice President of Scholarship utilized our funds to create a semesterly-academic competition that provides \$500 to the chapter with the greatest academic improvement based on growth percentage of the chapter GPA. Lastly, members of our council have played an active role in the recognition committee, attendance at the Northeast Greek Leadership Association conference, Hazing Prevention Week, and strategic planning surrounding the operations of the council.

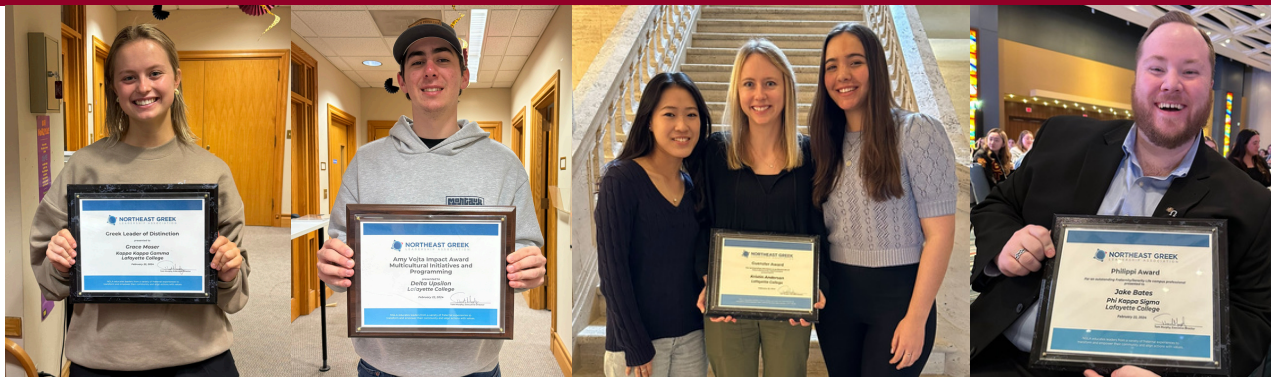
While our council still has work needing to be done to succeed in the future, I am confident that we have aided in setting a foundation that will support the IFC organizations and the FSL community. We are leaving the incoming executive board with a list of objectives to meet and goals to aim towards.





150 years and counting

The Rho Chapter of Chi Phi celebrated 150 years at Lafayette College in January. The event welcomed alumni, advisors, faculty, and staff to celebrate their longevity and continued success at Lafayette.



Award Winning Community: Act 1

In February, our community was nominated for a number of awards through the Northeast Greek Leadership Association (NGLA). At the conference, we walked away with 4 awards.

- Grace Moser (Kappa Kappa Gamma) received the Greek Leader of Distinction award.
- Delta Upsilon received the Amy Vojta Impact Award for Multicultural Initiatives & Programming (pictured Chapter President, Anthony Abenante).
- Kristin Anderson (Pi Beta Phi Chapter Advisor & AISB President) received the Guenzler Award for her contributions to the fraternity and sorority community as an advisor.
- Jake Bates (Advisor) received the Philippi Award for his contributions to the fraternity and sorority community as a campus-based professional.



Working together for a common cause

In March, the fraternity and sorority community gathered for the 3rd annual FSL Stakeholders Workshop, facilitated by Tara Fuller. We want to thank all of our members, advisors, alumni board representatives, and administration for coming out to discuss the progress of the fraternal community.

Award Winning Community: Act 2

In March, Justin Bharucha (Chi Phi) was named Outstanding IFC President by the North American Interfraternity Conference to his dedication to positively leading Lafayette's Interfraternity Council and fraternal community.





The new guys in town

On March 7, the fraternity and sorority community welcomed Lafayette's first culturally-based fraternity - Phi Sigma Chi Multicultural Fraternity, Inc. The founding members are Jermaine Grant, Shahking Gomez, Ryan Rodriguez, and JaJuan Hall. As a community, we are thrilled to have them join.

Sisterhood is community

The Panhellenic Council hosted their 2nd annual NPC Week to celebrate our Panhellenic chapters and bring them closer together.



Educating our community

The Interfraternity and Panhellenic Councils sponsored an event led by Mu Sigma Upsilon Sorority, Inc. and Phi Sigma Chi Multicultural Fraternity, Inc. that aimed to educate our community on culturally-based fraternal organizations (CBFOs) and the role they play in our community.

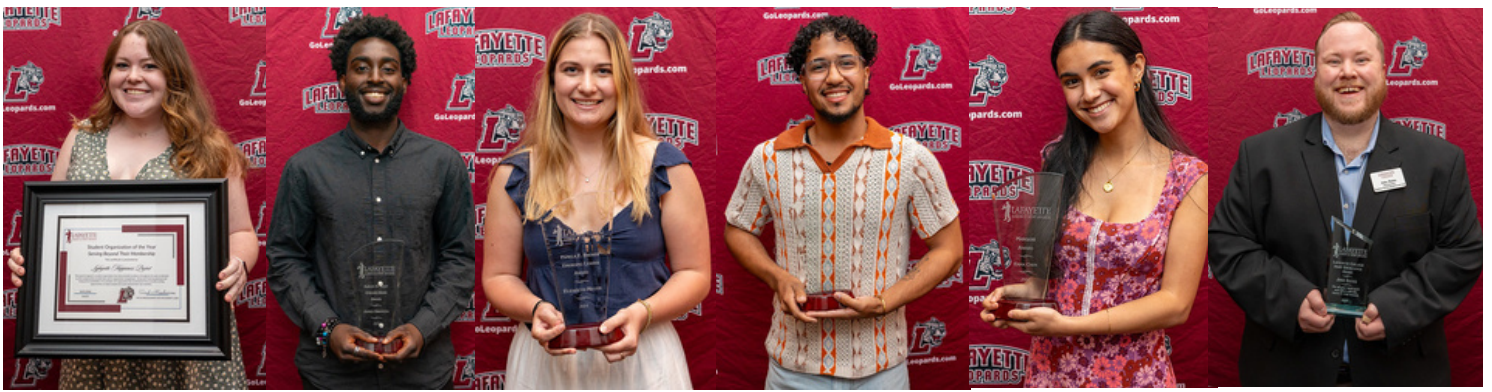
Another comeback?

In April, a group of students presented to the Recognition Committee their desire to re-establish the Rho Chapter of Kappa Delta Rho at Lafayette College. The group was approved to register as an Interest Group.



This is not goodbye, just see you later

This spring, we graduated 200 members of our community. We could not be more thankful for their contributions to the community over the past 3 years and cannot wait to welcome them back to campus. (Pictured: the graduated seniors of Kappa Kappa Gamma.)



Award Winning Community Members: Act 3

This year's Aaron O. Hoff Awards saw an outstanding number of wins for the fraternity and sorority community.

- Devin Croake (Pi Beta Phi) received the Student Organization of the Year - Serving Beyond Their Membership Award on behalf of the Lafayette Happiness Project.
- James Boateng (Zeta Psi) received the Aaron O. Hoff Unsung Hero Award.
- Elizabeth Miller (Kappa Kappa Gamma) received the inaugural Pamela E. Brewer Emerging Leader Award.
- Shaking Gomez (Phi Sigma Chi Multicultural Fraternity, Inc.) received the Frances Ocansey-Ahene Spirit of Multiculturalism Award.
- Emma Chen (Alpha Phi & 2023 Panhellenic President) received the Marquis Award.
- Jake Bates (Advisor) received the Hoff Excellence Award for his work in organizing this year's ceremony.



Panhellenic Recruitment

This fall, our Panhellenic community welcomed 200+ new members to the community. (Pictured: Pi Beta Phi on Bid Day)

Interfraternity Recruitment

The Interfraternity community welcomed 104 new members to the community. (Pictured - Phi Kappa Psi on Bid Day)



New Member Seminar

In September, the community hosted their 2nd annual New Member Education Seminar. 85% of all new members attended and heard from Sam Papalia (President of the Panhellenic Council), Bobby McClosky (President of the Interfraternity Council), Karmen Brown (Director of Student Advocacy & Prevention), Gabby Hochfeld (Assistant Director of Intercultural Development & Coordinator of Gender and Sexuality Programs), and Jake Bates (advisor) covering the topics of council operations, community history, hazing prevention, sexual assault prevention, SafeZone training, and culturally-based fraternal organizations.

Panhel x Dunkin

This fall, the Panhellenic Council partnered with Dunkin' to host the Dunk-A-Latte Community Cruiser on campus. (Pictured: members of Alpha Phi)



She Shoots, She Scored!

In October, Lafayette Athletics hosted the FSL Knockout Competition to foster a partnership between our communities. Olivia Boeckman (Kappa Kappa Gamma) won the entire event beating out all FSL competitors and the men's and women's basketball teams.

The Order Returns

After a hiatus brought on by the pandemic, we hosted our first Order of Omega initiation and welcomed 23 members to the honor society. Initiates are members of Alpha Gamma Delta, Alpha Phi, Chi Phi, Delta Gamma, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Delta Tau Delta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Phi Kappa Psi, Pi Beta Phi, and Zeta Psi. Jake Bates and Grace Reynolds, Director of Residence Life, facilitated the initiation.



The Newest Affinity Group

This fall, senior Adriana Vergona (Delta Gamma) revived the FSL Ally group as a group of students to facilitate conversation and education centered around the LGBTQIA+ community and making a space within our chapters that queer students can feel safe, seen, heard, and valued.

Who Runs the World? GIRLS!

The Panhellenic Council invited Kristen Welch, the Director of Counternarcotics for the CIA to speak to our Panhellenic community about her experience going from President of her chapter of Phi Sigma Sigma to becoming a high-ranking official in a male-dominated field. This was all made possible thanks to Kristen's daughter, Ariana Welch (Pi Beta Phi & Vice President of Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion for the Panhellenic Council).



Award Winners: Award Ceremony

The fraternity & sorority community hosted our 3rd annual Fraternity & Sorority Life Award ceremony, below are our winners.

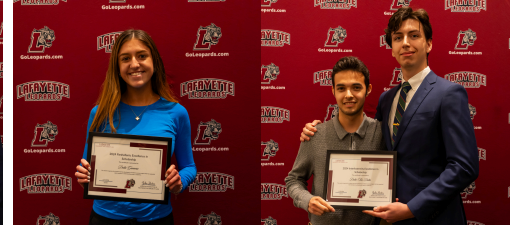
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Kappa Kappa Gamma & Delta Kappa Epsilon



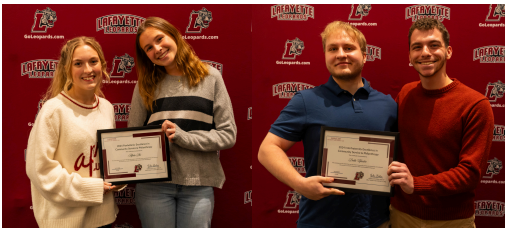
Excellence in Safety & Wellness
Alpha Gamma Delta & Delta Tau Delta



Excellence in Scholarship
Delta Gamma & Delta Tau Delta



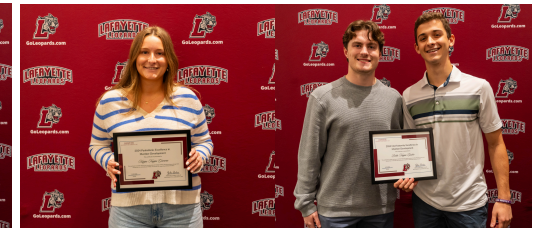
Excellence in Community Service & Philanthropy
Alpha Phi & Delta Upsilon



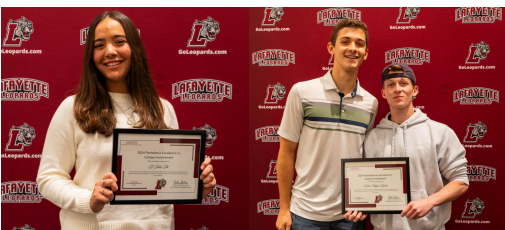
Excellence in Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion
Delta Gamma & Delta Tau Delta



Excellence in Member Development
Kappa Kappa Gamma & Delta Kappa Epsilon



Excellence in Campus Involvement
Pi Beta Phi & Delta Kappa Epsilon



Program of the Year
CBFO 101 - Mu Sigma Upsilon Sorority, Inc. & Phi Sigma Chi Multicultural Fraternity, Inc.



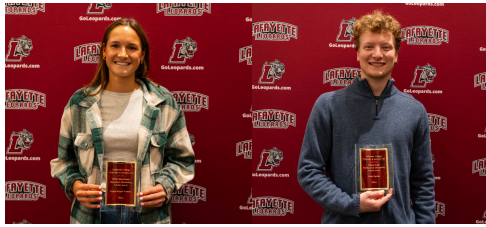
Community Partner of the Year
Alana Klass - Gateway Career Center



Chapter Advisor of the Year
Catherin Bentrim (Delta Gamma) & Luis Thor Blanco (Phi Sigma Chi Multicultural Fraternity, Inc.)



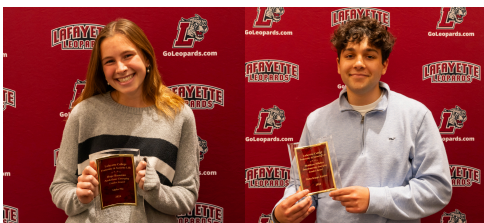
Outstanding Scholar Award
Olivia Boeckman (Kappa Kappa Gamma) & Ethan Junk (Delta Upsilon)



Community Builder Award
Adriana Vergona (Delta Gamma) & Alex Brown (Chi Phi)



Emerging Leader Award
Hope Basaman (Alpha Phi) & Matthew Mikhov (Delta Kappa Epsilon)



New Member of the Year
Ivy Tran (Pi Beta Phi) & Jermaine Grant (Phi Sigma Chi Multicultural Fraternity, Inc.)



President of the Year
Molly Nylund (Kappa Kappa Gamma) & Shaking Gomez (Phi Sigma Chi Multicultural Fraternity, Inc.)



Chapter of the Year
Delta Gamma & Delta Upsilon

Supporting Fraternity & Sorority Life

Alumni play a vital role in shaping the future of fraternity and sorority life, and your support can make a lasting impact! By giving back, you help fund leadership development programs, community improvement initiatives, and leadership conference attendance! Your generosity also enhances the resources and experiences we can provide, ensuring our chapters continue to thrive and uphold the values that unite us. Whether through financial contributions, mentorship, or participating in alumni events, your involvement strengthens the legacy of our fraternity and sorority community and inspires the next generation of leaders. Together, we can make a difference.

In the past year, these funds have been utilized to take our students to the Northeast Greek Leadership Association (NGLA) conference in which we have aimed to send 1 student per chapter at no cost to the students themselves, as well as to host our Annual Stakeholders Workshop to bring our students, alumni, advisors, and administration together and work towards the common goal of supporting the community.

Consider donating to the Lafayette Greek Life Fund today!



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