

Placing "Fingerprints on the Future"

A wrap-up of Academy of Leadership 2001

The 2001 Academy of Leadership, which took place the weekend of January 19-21, has proven to be an overwhelming success as over 100 Chapter Presidents and Chapter Advisors gathered for an intense learning experience. Facilitators and participants left their everyday schedules and environments "at the door" and focused their attention on the future of their chapters and Alpha Sigma Phi.

The environment of the academy supported the philosophy that everyone is in this together, regardless of current stage of life. Alumni recognized that they have much to learn from the youth of today and undergraduates recognized that they have much to learn from the wisdom and experience of the alumni. The bonds created between the alumni and undergraduates through the Academy of Leadership will result in sustained communication and commitment to the future of Alpha Sigma Phi.

Here are just a few of the comments from attendees at the 2001 Academy of Leadership:

"The society meetings had an amazing impact on me. Through the help of our instructor we were able to create such an amazing bond in so small a time span. These connections will never cease to benefit us and Alpha Sigma Phi."

"This has been an excellent weekend. I've been to 3 conferences & conventions, a prior Academy of Leadership and the Ralph F. Burns Leadership Institute. However, this weekend was much better because we were focused on building a future instead of remembering our past problems. In one word I can sum up this weekend - Fantastic."

"The Lead facilitators (Pete & Laura) were the most incredible team I have seen, and quite honestly won't forget."

"The facilitators are the glue that holds this together. Whatever system is used to find them, KEEP DOING IT! Because they are unbelievable."

"A very rewarding and eye-opening experience. After 14 years I finally "get-it"."

"The Academy of Leadership is one of the smartest investments that can be made by Alpha Sigma Phi. It provides a atmosphere for personal challenge, sharing, learning and growth across the generations and geography that define who we are."

"Thank you for including me. As a GCA, it re-fires my spirit."

The National Staff of Alpha Sigma Phi and all of the attendees would like to extend a heartfelt thank-you to the facilitators that made the Academy of Leadership such an exceptional experience.

Lead Facilitators:

Peter (Pete) Smithhisler, Director of Leadership Education, North-American Interfraternity Conference
 Laura Osteen, Faculty Director - Academy of Leadership, University of Maryland at College Park

Society Facilitators:

Stuart Spisak, Westminster College '78
 Barry Olson, Grand Valley State University '97
 Steve Zizzo, University of Illinois '84
 Jonathan Burns, Member at Large '84
 Kevin Konecny, Bowling Green State University '99
 Brian Jump, Indiana University '77
 Allen Stallings, Barton College '73
 Owen McCulloch, Oregon State University '86

Liability Insurance Premiums were Due Feb. 1st!
Did your chapter pay on time? Ask your consultant about discounts!

NLC 2001 - August 15-19

- Imagine...experiencing the largest gathering of Alpha Sigs - Ever.
- Imagine... being challenged intellectually & emotionally, as well as developing your vision to "Better The Man" both personally and within your respective communities.
- Imagine... exploring your potential as a leader and accomplished man.
- Imagine... influencing the future of Alpha Sigma Phi and your chapter.

Now imagine a fraternity where what you imagine is what you can accomplish. The National Leadership Conference of Alpha Sigma Phi is one of our cornerstone programs where you will experience brotherhood at new levels, as well as personal and organizational leadership development. Registration and scholarship information will be sent to all chapters, colonies, and interest groups soon. In the meantime, if you have any questions please contact Ed Lenane, Director of Leadership Development at Ed@alphasigmaphi.org.

IMAGINE... YOURSELF IN CINCINNATI THIS AUGUST FOR THE NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE OF ALPHA SIGMA PHI!

Undergraduate Interfraternity Institute (UIFI) -

During the past 12 years, over 4000 fraternity and sorority leaders have experienced UIFI; a program helping them to transform their communities through values based action. UIFI is designed as an intensive living-learning experience for undergraduate fraternity and sorority leaders. Educational programs are scheduled throughout the days and evenings of the five-day program that will focus on values based action, integrity, commitment, developing common purpose - common bond, and the good of the whole.

Applications are due to Headquarters by April 4, so get yours in early!



Leadershape Institute

What is The LeaderShape Institute?

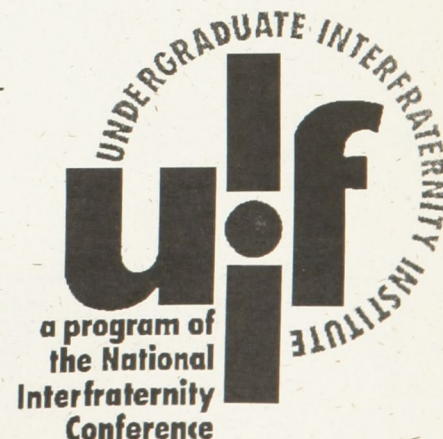
The LeaderShape Institute is a six-day leadership development experience designed to help participants learn to "lead with integrity."

The program content of The LeaderShape Institute reflects key leadership issues: vision, partnerships, integrity, and results and while at The Institute, participants will:

- Learn to work in high-performance teams
- Practice decision-making for ethical dilemmas
- Clarify personal values and standards
- Understand and respect the values of other individuals

In addition, all participants leave The Institute with a "LeaderShape Project." The LeaderShape Project is a vision and plan of action for the participants to implement back in their organization, community, or workplace.

Each year Alpha Sigma Phi offers scholarships to members interested in attending this experience. Sessions are available throughout the summer. Applications are due to headquarters by April 4, 2001. If you have questions contact Ed Lenane at Ed@alphasigmaphi.org.



Chapter News and Notes

- Our Alpha Tau chapter at Steven's Tech just took a pledge class of 12 members over doubling there size! Great job guys!
- Our Epsilon brothers at Ohio Wesleyan University once again had the highest GPA among all the fraternities on campus! Keep up the great work!
- All the fraternities at American University exceeded the all men's average for the campus.
- Our chapter at RPI ranked 1st out of 27 fraternities in grades last semester!!
- Two members of our Zeta Chapter at Ohio State University are chairs for the campus' Greek Life Task Force

Look for the New Ritual Books this Summer

During this summer's Grand Chapter, the final steps were taken to enhance several of our ritual ceremonies and a plan was discussed to reproduce and distribute the new books to each chapter.

We are now on track to have the books reproduced and distributed this summer. We will be asking each chapter to bring their old books to the National Leadership Conference in Cincinnati to trade them in for new ones.

As before, each chapter will be issued five copies, individually numbered, so they can be properly tracked. If you do not currently have five ritual books, please contact your Chapter Leadership Consultant so your chapter can have the proper number of books to perform our ceremonies. As a reminder, you are not permitted to photocopy our ritual book.

Getting the project to this point has been no easy task and we have Brother Scott Grissom, AA'78, to thank for getting this project completed. He began working with a committee of undergraduates and alumni in 1996 to begin this tedious task.

Upcoming Dates

February

- 15 Biographical Data Forms for your Spring class are due!
15 Submit a typed budget to HQ

March

- 15 NLC Delegate fee is due

April

- 1 April Report of Membership
4 NLC Scholarship application
4 UIFI and LeaderShape Apps
4 NLC Coordinator Apps due

May

- 15 Delta Beta Xi and other alumni award Apps are due

Be Part of the 2001 NLC Staff Team

- Interested in a challenging, yet rewarding experience?
- Want to experience the National Leadership Conference of Alpha Sigma Phi from a different perspective?

Look for applications to be a Conference Coordinator in this mail packet or contact Ed Lenane at ed@alphasigmaphi.org.

Use of our Marks

As you may know, our letters, insignia, crest, etc. are registered marks of Alpha Sigma Phi Inc. All reproductions of these marks need to be approved by headquarters.

This includes dance favors, t-shirts, web pages, etc. For merchandise, we have contracted with Spirit Recognition for them to produce favors and t-shirts that are consistent with the image we would like to portray. They can be contacted at 800-321-7747.

If you have any questions, please contact your Chapter Leadership Consultant.



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*Don't forget to turn in the
Biographical Data Forms for your
pledges! We need to get your rosters
accurate and this is the first step!*

*Also, remember to keep current on
your fees and dues to avoid problems
down the road. This information
should be discussed early in the
recruitment process so no one is
surprised later.*

New TBTM's are For Sale

Many of you have inquired about the new *To Better the Man* and how you can get your own copy. They make a wonderful keepsake or book you could display around your home.

If you are interested in purchasing a copy, they can be acquired through headquarters for a nominal \$20 fee. That amount also includes normal shipping and handling charges.

Anyone who joined our organization after September 1, 2000 will receive the new edition upon payment of their pledge fee.