## SOUTH CENTRAL PROVINCE LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS

### South Central Provincial Vice President Report – Fall 2014

Henry McDaniel

## **Travel During Period:**

8/1	Board Meeting Indianapolis
8/2	National Volunteer Leadership Retreat
8/8	South Central Leadership Retreat
10/11	Fall LEAD School (St. Louis, MO)
11/15	Midwestern Region Initiation and Chapter Visits (Nu Xi, Nu Omega, Iota
	Omicron)

#### **Provincial Goals:**

- 1) CMP Achievements 90% accredited Reviewing CMP we feel this will be an attainable goal by the end of the fiscal 2014/2015 year.
- 2) Work on providing additional training for Delta Sigma Pi Brothers to help create a pool of leaders for the future.
- 3) Have each chapter submit a COY nomination and at least one Chapter award for fiscal 2014/2015.
- 4) Create a marketing committee for the South Central Province
- 5) Work on increasing attendance at Lead Events.

#### **Provincial Committees & LEAD**

Professional Development – Colby Reneau Community Service – Angie Schelp Alumni Development – Kevin Weber Scholarship & Awards – Allan Schuster

#### **Discipline and Chapter Assistance**

Kappa Xi – Chapter was placed under probation due to ongoing concerns regarding chapter operations and risk management concerns. The Kappa Xi chapter has struggled with communication with national leadership and this continues to be an ongoing concern. The chapter recently completed invalid elections due to not having quorum and was required to hold new elections. The newly elected chapter President has contacted the Regional Vice President to schedule a meeting to discuss the probation and schedule an officer training meeting. We will continue monitor the ongoing situation and work with chapter leadership to attempt to get the chapter back on track.

Eta Nu - Eta Nu did not have a strong fall recruitment and had two new brother complete pledging and initiation. Several improvements were suggested by their District Director and they were fairly well received. Because the chapter is focusing more on recruitment in the Spring semester, their recruitment

period has been slightly extended to approximately three weeks on concentrated effort with some specific events planned further in advance. The newly elected President leadership seems to be helping the chapter focus on organization and communication. These are both areas that the chapter needs to improve. There is still concerns regarding Eta Nu, but they are showing some signs of improvement and with continued support we hope that they can continue to strengthen.

Sigma Chi –Warning Letter issued for Risk Management Violations regarding alcohol violations. Myself and Brother Wernette, Tornado Regional Vice President, have reviewed the letter and the violation with the chapter President. The analysis of the situation have reassured local leadership this was a single individual Brother and not a systemic issue within the chapter.

### Summary

Overall we continue to have Risk Management concerns throughout the Province and low attendance at Spring Provincial continues to plaque the Province. The leadership has been diligent about ongoing education about risk management issues and being proactive with chapters to help minimize and eliminate risk concerns. Leadership has also been committed to increasing Lead attendance by publicizing the event and looking at ways to add value to the Lead events themselves.

The Regional Vice Presidents and I continue to be concerned with a possible lack of future leadership. The Past Provincial Leadership has not put an emphasis on transition planning as there have been other hurdles to overcome. The problem has become very apparent in several Regions as we have struggled to find District Directors and committee members. All elected and appointed Provincial Leadership have placed an emphasis in their local areas to help create programs to increase involvement and leaders.

This has also been a particularly hard semester for the Southwestern Region due to the resignation of the Regional Vice President. Fortunately there was strong leaders I could depend on to insure the chapters did not want. Special thanks to all the District Directors who worked with the chapter during the transition and special thanks to Brother Cindy Collum McSpadden who served as the interim Regional Vice President. The election was completed and Brother Kevin Gore is now serving as the Southwestern Regional Vice President and will be officially installed in Oklahoma City.

#### Midwestern Regional Vice President Report – Fall 2014

Jackie Shaw

## **Travel During Period:**

9/11	Iota Omicron Pledge Ceremony/Chapter Visit
9/23	Nu Omega Pledge Ceremony/Chapter Visit
9/24	Nu Xi Pledge Ceremony/Chapter Visit
9/25	Iota Pledge Ceremony/Chapter Visit
10/12	St Louis LEAD
11/4	Nu Omega Chapter Visit
11/5	Nu Xi Chapter Visit
11/13	Iota Chapter Visit
11/15	Nu Omega, Iota Omicron, and Nu Xi Initiation
11/20	Iota Omicron Chapter Visit
11/22	Iota Initiation

### **Regional Goals:**

- 1) CMP Achievements All 4 chapters accredited All chapters were accredited or higher last year, so working to stay with this goal.
- 2) Complete a successful Regional Initiation (scheduled April 25, 2015)
- 3) Have each chapter submit at least two Chapter awards for fiscal 2014/2015.

#### **Discipline and Chapter Assistance**

NA

#### **Summary**

All four chapters had a successful semester. We began the fall 2014 semester with a leadership learning event attended by two chapters. All chapters submitted COY nominations and held strong events this past semester. I am impressed with the growth the chapters exhibited this semester. No discipline issues have been identified. Midwestern Region District Directors have also been active within their chapters.

Next semester we have two new presidents. I anticipate the leadership teams for all chapters will do well. I know of several chapter plans already underway. Regional Initiation planning is soon to be underway. All is looking good for next semester.

I continue to be concerned with a possible lack of future leadership and alumni volunteers. The problem has become very apparent as I have struggled to find District Directors and committee members, having to fill some of my committees from other regions. I am working to find opportunities for alumni to volunteer and am trying to work on a succession plan within my leadership.

# South Central Province | Delta Sigma Pi Gateway Region

Completed by Jeanette Buie

Travel(s) and Meeting

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Kansas City, MO
Chapter Meeting
St. Louis LEAD
St. Louis LLAD
Chapter Meeting
Career Prep
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# **Regional Goals**

I have laid out three primary goals for the Gateway Region for the 2014-2015 year. The first goal is to increase alumni participation with Regional activities. This goal is aimed at involving more alumni brothers in the Regional leadership. The second goal is to have all collegiate chapters in the region achieve at least the accredited status on CMP. The third goal is to have at least four chapters reach at least the recognition status on CMP.

**DD/AA** Appointment List

Chapter	District Director	Alumni Advisor	
Alpha Beta	Don Fitzgerald		
Alpha Chi			
Beta Sigma	Phil Hayes		
Eta Nu	Lou Maull		
Eta Sigma	Corey Polton		
Iota Nu	Cory Teller		
Kappa Omicron			
Sigma Psi	Matt Hudson		

# **CMP Progress**

So far most chapters are on target to achieve the accredited status. Many chapters are making good progress toward the recognition and excellence tiers.

Chapter	CMP Progress			
	Accredited	Recognition	Excellence	
Alpha Beta	47.00 %	50.00 %	12.50 %	
Alpha Chi	30.00 %	50.00 %	25.00 %	
Beta Sigma	55.00 %	70.00 %	18.75 %	
Eta Nu	47.50 %	60.00 %	12.50 %	
Eta Sigma	62.50 %	60.00 %	12.50 %	
Iota Nu	60.00 %	70.00 %	43.75 %	
Kappa Omicron	52.50 %	50.00 %	18.75 %	
Sigma Psi	52.50 %	70.00 %	31.25 %	

## **Chapter Updates**

## Alpha Beta

An overall good chapter with a strong recruiting program. Good community service activities and good chapter brotherhood. Also hosted Iota Nu for a joint event.

#### Alpha Chi

Excellent chapter programming and participation within the chapter. Brothers make up about 1/8 of the business school students and are ambassadors to the business school. Many brothers are also very involved in other campus groups and activities.

## Beta Sigma

This chapter has been steadily improving during the last year. The future looks good for this chapter as chapter continues to work together as a team.

#### Eta Nu

This chapter is in a rebuilding and focusing on recruitment and chapter communications. The chapter is being re-energized by newer Eta Nu brothers and the chapter leadership.

## **Eta Sigma**

Overall this is a strong chapter with good chapter operations and a great variety of chapter activities.

#### Iota Nu

This is another strong chapter with high standards that they continue to improve. Quality programming and great leadership make this another strong chapter in the region and province. They have great motivation and the chapter looks to continued success in the spring semester. Participated in a joint chapter activity with Alpha Beta.

#### **Kappa Omicron**

The hard work this chapter has completed is started to pay off with improved chapter programming and chapter motivation. This chapter is on the path to continued improvement.

#### Sigma Psi

The newest chapter in the Gateway region is off to a good start. There charter was presented to the chapter at the St. Louis LEAD school. They successfully initiated their first pledges in the fall semester and arranged a variety of professional and community service events during the fall.

#### St. Louis Alumni Chapter

2013 South Central Provincial Outstanding Professional Activities for an Alumni Chapter

The alumni chapter is taking steps to recruit new members and introduce new types of events. Career Prep Day to be successful as over 40 alumni participated, special thanks to Brother Don Fitzgerald for

coordinating this event. Thanks also to Brother Wayne Prichard for supplying us with a steady stream of Chipotle burritos.

### **Expansion Activity**

We are looking for a new Alumni Chapter to be founded around the Columbia/Jefferson City area, to help support the Alpha Beta, Iota Nu, and Iota Omicron (Midwestern region) chapters.

We are also looking for a new Alumni Chapter to be founded around the Springfield, MO area to help support the Kappa Omicron chapter.

## **Future/Upcoming Travel(s)**

I am planning on attending chapter meetings for each of the chapters in the upcoming semester. And I am also planning on attending several chapters pining and initiation ceremonies.

#### **Suggestions and Comments**

Overall the Gateway Region is strong and coming off a very good 2013-2014. This year has continued with a similar level of excellence and each chapter is striving to improve in the areas they need to work on. I would encourage all chapters to submit award applications this year so that their chapters can receive the deserved recognition. The Sigma Psi chapter at Lindenwood University was installed in May. The St. Louis Alumni Chapter hosted a networking event on the Friday evening of the St. Louis LEAD school. The St. Louis Alumni Chapter hosted the annual Career Prep Day was another success where close to 100 collegiate and alumni brothers came together for a day of interviews and career planning.

I would like to thank all chapters for their hard work in the fall semester. Your hard work is paying off with good chapter programming and stronger chapters in the Gateway region. I would encourage all chapters in the region to take the opportunity to submit award applications so that their hard work can be recognized by the entire fraternity.

Please feel free to reach out to myself or the rest of the regional leadership team for questions or assistance.

#### **Southwestern Regional Vice President Report – Spring 2015**

#### Kevin Gore

## **Travel During Period:**

11/15	Zeta Mu (Texas-Arlington) Initiation
11/22	Delta Upsilon (Texas Christian) Initiation
11/30	Chapter Visit/Dinner – Eta Theta (Angelo State)
12/4	Delta Epsilon (North Texas) Initiation

#### **Regional Goals:**

- 1) CMP Achievements 95% accredited Reviewing CMP I feel this will be an attainable goal by the end of the fiscal 2014/2015 year.
- 2) Utilize available technology (Skype, FaceTime, GoToMeeting, etc.) to bridge the gap between all chapters in the region as well having the ability for Chapters to attend each other's events without being physically present.
- 3) Work with Chapters and their District Directors to identify any "pain points" they may be having and how to resolve and/or eliminate.
- 4) Work with Alumni and Collegiate Chapters to increase communication amongst the Region
- 5) Visit each Chapter as close to the beginning of the Spring 2015 Semester as possible as an introduction and opportunity to identify areas of assistance needed as outlined in Goal #3

#### **Regional Committees**

Scholarship & Awards – Stacy Lott; Southwestern Regional Conference – Suspended due to short time frame and focusing on Collegiate Chapter visits and assistance

#### **Discipline and Chapter Assistance**

Nothing to report at this time due to being in the position for less than two months.

#### **Summary**

Since being elected as the Regional Vice President in late November, I have worked to ensure all Chapters have strong leaders in place as District Directors. Two needed to be immediately filled due to positions being vacated. A third was recently vacated and replaced within a couple of weeks.

As stated in my goals, since 1/3 of the Chapters in the Region are quite a distance away, I plan on using technology to my advantage to remain in contact with the Chapters. Outside of email, phone, or text messages; using Skype, GoToMeeting, or other methods to be present when a physical presence is not possible. I have been in contact with Jeremy Levine at Central Office regarding use of the Fraternity's GoToMeeting account and will take advantage of this when deemed necessary. I would like to see Chapters who have outstanding speakers or presentations scheduled to use GoToMeeting (or alternative methods) as a way to allow other Chapter's to view/attend and to bridge the geographical gaps which are inherent in a Region of this size.

# South Central Province | Delta Sigma Pi GULF SOUTH REGION ~ FALL 2014

Completed by Susan Lackey-RVP

# Travel(s) and Meeting(s)

Chapter/Event:	Date:	Event:
Leadership Retreat	08/1-3/2014	Leadership Retreat – Indianapolis, IN
Provincial Retreat	08/8-10/2014	Provincial Meeting – Kansas City, MO
Kappa Xi – ULL	08/21/2014	Executive Mtg/Discuss Warning Letter – Lafayette, LA
Delta Nu – Loyola	09/02/2014	Meet w/Chapter President – New Orleans, LA
Eta Tau – McNeese	09/14/2014	Executive Meeting – Lake Charles, LA
Atlanta LEAD	10/17-19/2014	LEAD, Atlanta, GA (Met w/all GS Chapters attending)
Beta Psi – LA Tech	11/02/2014	Initiation – Ruston, LA
Delta Nu – Loyola	11/14/2014	Initiation – New Orleans, LA
Tulane Colony	11/23/2014	Colony Meeting – New Orleans, LA

# **Regional Goals**

- Encourage communication/interaction/brotherhood among Chapters
- Promote stronger attendance at National Events LEAD, Provincial, GCC
- Stress a more conscientious effort to comply with deadlines CMP, Awards, etc.
- Encourage chapters to achieve Accredited Chapter status and beyond
- Encourage and ensure chapters maintain a clear line of communication with leadership and alumni

# **DD/AA** Appointment List

Chapter	District Director	Alumni Advisor
Beta Psi	Quindarien Price	N/A
Beta Zeta	Griffin Smith	N/A

Delta Nu	Angela Falcone	N/A
Eta Tau	Megan LeBouef Valencia	N/A
Kappa Xi	Erin Van Geffen	N/A
Tulane Colony	Alexis Carville	N/A
	Stanton McNeely III	

## **CMP Progress**

Chapter	CMP Progress  Accredited Chapter	Details
	Complete / Approved	
Beta Psi – LA Tech	45% / 40%	In excellent position to achieve Accredited Chapter; must work on holding professional events
Beta Zeta – LSU	70% / 65%	In excellent position to achieve Accredited Chapter with potential for Chapter of Recognition
Delta Nu – Loyola NO	50% / 30%	Needs to work on profession and service events and meeting deadlines
Eta Tau – McNeese	45% / 35%	Lacking professional events
Kappa Xi - ULL	48% / 28%	No representation at Fall LEAD

# **Chapter Updates**

## Beta Psi - Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, LA

Beta Psi continues to work hard at maintaining communication and brotherhood with leadership and other chapters in the Region. This is not an easy task, as they are the only chapter in Northern Louisiana, and they are on a Quarter Schedule, thereby making it difficult to coordinate/manage time and jointly participate. The chapter sent 4 representatives to LEAD in Atlanta, and it proved to be an excellent experience. They socialized as a Region and did considerable networking with the chapters of the Southern Province. They are on of Delta Sigma Pi's smallest chapters, however, they are enthusiastic and dedicated to building their chapter.

#### Beta Zeta - Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA

Beta Zeta is traditionally the largest chapter in the Region. This chapter incorporates a wide array of professional, community service, and social events that elicit great responses and participation from collegiate brothers and alumni. Beta Zeta is dedicated to promoting brotherhood throughout their chapter and the other chapters in the Gulf South Region. The communication within the chapter is exceptional – they rely heavily on the GIN System - and extends to alumni and leadership.

## Delta Nu - Loyola University, New Orleans, LA

Delta Nu often lags a bit in the fall semester and tends to pick up speed in the spring. They are working to improve this, as well as develop better communication with Leadership. Time management is a problem we are addressing in order to better meet deadlines. They are weak in the professional/service activities areas, but recognize that it must be corrected.

#### Eta Tau – McNeese State University, Lake Charles, LA

Eta Tau has a great working/service relationship with a local casino, thereby, maintaining a healthy (financial) account balance. They hold service events but are lacking in professional events. Most of their officers were newly initiated (in the last 2-semesters), so they are relying on Leadership (DD) for direction in several areas.

#### Kappa Xi – University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Lafayette, LA

Kappa Xi has been placed on probation due to issues regarding risk management, chapter operations, and lack of communication/cooperation with national leadership. When these concerns are brought to their attention, efforts are immediately made with national leadership to amend the situations. However, communication usually ends after the first contact. With the new slate of chapter officers and the guidelines established in probation, we hope to get the chapter going in the right direction.

#### Tulane Colony - Tulane University, New Orleans, LA

Tulane Colony continues to be enthusiastic in their quest to be reactivated as a chapter. They hold regular meetings, have fund raisers, and hold professional events. They have submitted strategic plans in the HUB and plan on attending LEAD Provincial in Birmingham. Although not our province, it will fulfill their responsibility to attend, and they are not eligible to have a representative at the Provincial Meeting.

## Gulf Western Region Fall 2014 Gilbert Landras

The Gulf Western Region continues to do well. We have seen sustained inter-chapter participation and event planning from the collegiate brothers' efforts. I have personally leaned more on the District Directors to be more involved with the chapters and the local alumni chapters in lieu of my visits. This has fostered a few great candidates for my RVP position this upcoming GCC.

The San Antonio Alumni Chapter successfully franchised bringing back structured alumni presence in San Antonio. Most of the recent graduates from the last 2 years are involved and key officer positions are District Directors for the chapters in San Antonio (Lambda Upsilon, Omicron Phi, and Pi Omega). This last regional initiation in hosted by Omicron Phi in November was extremely successful with participation from 7/9 chapters and representation from all alumni chapters. The chapters that participated in the joint initiation felt positive about the event.

We are continuing regional traditions with the vast majority of chapters participating in the Regional Initiations. We look to keep this tradition going at initiations to have an added value in going. Last March we had the 5th annual GWR Regional Conference in San Antonio, TX hosted by Omicron Phi to give brothers in the Gulf Western as well as outside our region another option to learn and improve themselves professionally and fraternally. This past Fall Eta Psi hosted the Fall Regional Conference as well.

#### TRAVEL

2/1/15 – 2/3/15 - San Antonio Chapters (Lambda Upsilon, Omicron Phi, San Antonio Alumni)

2/16/15 – 2/18/15 – OKC LEAD Conference

3/1/15 - 3/3/15 - Austin Chapters

3/29/15 - 3/31/15 -Corpus/Kingsville Chapters

4/18/15 Regional Initiation Hosted by Beta Kappa

#### DISTRICT DIRECTOR ASSIGNMENTS

#	Chapter	District Director
055	Beta Kappa	Paul Brodie
136	Zeta Nu	Joelyn Ferris
163	Eta Psi	Rene Pena
180	Theta Omega	Leslie Dailey
194	Iota Psi	Musanna Al-Muntasir
211	Lambda Nu	Joelyn Ferris
218	Lambda Upsilon	Sergio Maltos Jr.
261	Omicron Phi	Jackie Romero
272	Pi Omega	Gabe Salas, Richard Sandoval

#### **CHAPTER SIZE**

Currently have 532 brothers in the region to start the Spring 2015 semester. Breakdown by chapter.

#### **Chapter Members**

Beta Kappa 110

Zeta Nu 36

Eta Psi 54

Theta Omega 37

Iota Psi 32

Lambda Nu 123

Lambda Upsilon 63

Omicron Phi 48

Pi Omega 29

#### **CMP**

On par so far for most chapters to hit the Accredited status. I expect 8/9 chapters to hit Accredited Tier, 7/9 to achieve Chapter of Recognition, and 3/9 to achieve Chapter of Excellence.

#	Chapter	Accredited	Accredited	Chapter of	Chapter of
		Completed	Approved	Recognition	Excellence
				Req'd/Opt.	Req'd/Opt.
055	Beta Kappa	63%	53%	40%/25%	13%/50%
136	Zeta Nu	73%	68%	90%/83%	69%/83%
163	Eta Psi	55%	45%	90%/58%	31%/33%
180	Theta Omega	35%	20%	20%/17%	13%/0%
194	Iota Psi	60%	50%	90%/100%	56%/100%
211	Lambda Nu	58%	48%	70%/25%	25%/17%
218	Lambda Upsilon	43%	40%	60%/17%	13%/50%
261	Omicron Phi	45%	33%	40%/50%	25%/0%
272	Pi Omega	43%	33%	40%/17%	13%/0%

#### CHAPTER RECAP

#### Beta Kappa

Beta Kappa maintains great communication with each other and regional leadership. They have strong programming all around. They need to concentrate on their chapters relationship with the rest of our region.

#### Zeta Nu

Nu did a fantastic job hosting regional initiation. They have strong programming and relations with the university. They need to concentrate on pledging freshmen and sophomores to help stabilize chapter growth.

#### Eta Psi

Eta Psi is on track for accredited chapter and chapter of recognition with no issues that need to be resolved. Good balance of freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors. Good programming. They need to concentrate on officer transitioning to continue this sustained participation.

## Theta Omega

I have a high level of concern. I recommended probation pending PVP and GP decisions. They have good programming and great fraternal spirit. However, they have weak financial operations and can't seem to turn in the critical reports on time. This was compounded the past year with continued financial debit carried over from previous year. We will work one on one with this chapter the rest of the fiscal year to fix this.

#### Iota Psi

Iota Psi has great fraternal spirit, great event planning and have developed a great rapport with the rebooted local alumni chapter. Well on their way to Chapter of Excellence

#### Lambda Nu

Lambda Nu has strong operations across the board. They hosted initiation in Spring 2014. I would like to see them take advantage of this situation and develop a continued relationship with the rest of the region. Continued involvement in regional events!

#### Lambda Upsilon

Lambda Upsilon is doing great. Well on their way to chapter of recognition. They need to concentrate on officer succession.

## **Omicron Phi**

Great spirit and communicates daily on their group page. Strong operations and financial situation.

# Pi Omega

I am concerned with their participation with our region and with their fraternal spirit. Most issues stem from the strict university policy which does not allow them to participate as a chapter. I will take some time and work with. Richard Sandoval is taking over as DD in February.

# Tornado Alley Region RVP – 2014 Fall Report Completed by Mark Wernette

Travel(s) Date	Collegiate Chapter/Event
8/8/201414 – 8/10/2014	Provincial Leadership Conference in KC
8/24/2014	Epsilon Zeta Exec Meeting
9/27/2014	Epsilon Zeta Pledge Retreat
10/17/2014 – 10/19/2014	St. Louis LEAD
10/26/2014	Beta Epsilon Pledge Retreat
11/2/2014	Beta Epsilon Initiation
11/2/2014	Gamma Epsilon Regional Social in Bricktown
11/6/2014	Beta Upsilon Initiation
11/13/2014	Epsilon Zeta Initiation
11/13/2014	Beta Epsilon 85 <sup>th</sup> Birthday
11/22/2014	Gamma Epsilon

Sigma Chi – Attended several events at Sigma Chi this semester including recruitment, meetings, pledging, and socials.

Attended Oklahoma City Tornado Alley Alumni Chapter and Wichita Falls North Central Texas Alumni Chapter functions

# **DD** Appointment List

Chapter	<b>District Director</b>
Beta Upsilon	Jen Sommers
Beta Epsilon	Halleluiah Morris
Epsilon Zeta	Jessica Johnson
Gamma Epsilon	Katherine Nicholas
Alpha Eta Omega	Laura Thompson

### **Chapter Updates**

#### Beta Epsilon - University of Oklahoma

- {62.50%-Completed 47.50%-Approve} Chapter has made CMP a priority this year
- Statement on Chapter Status
  - The chapter is very professional, has strong leadership, and is continually looking at ways to improve.
  - Professional events included speakers from Hitachi Consulting, The Oklahoma Group, and AT&T. In addition, they had a Norman police officer speak about alcohol and hazing, as well as someone from the Price School of Business speak about professional dress.
  - Like always, the chapter was a leader in the Price College day of Service. Other community service events included the Lakeview Fall festival, a Veteran's Day parade, Operation Gratitude, and a blood drive (which was a joint effort with Gamma Epsilon).
  - The chapter also celebrated their 85<sup>th</sup> birthday in style.
  - The chapter had 2 brothers at the St. Louis LEAD School. Attendance was decreased due to OU-Texas being the same weekend.

### Beta Upsilon - Texas Tech University

- {60.00%-Completed 47.50%-Approve} Chapter received Chapter of Excellence last year and is looking at a repeat.
- Statement on Chapter Status
  - Chapter carried over their strong operations from last year into this past semester and still has great programming, and is looking at ways to improve it even more. They have also received recognition from the school for the pledge class' service event.
  - The chapter's professional activities included tours, a professional dinner, and a recruiter expo.
  - The chapter's community service events included a blood drive, Habitat for Humanity, Ronald McDonald House, Minis and Friends, and the South Plains Food Bank.
  - The chapter continues to have very strong recruiting and pledge classes.
  - The chapter had 2 brothers at the Phoenix LEAD School. Travel distance was again a factor for participation.

#### Gamma Epsilon -Oklahoma State University

- {52.50-Completed 40%- Approve} Chapter has improved on submitting events
- Statement on Chapter Status
  - The chapter completed two professional events and six community service events.
  - The chapter is a leader in the region in regards to joint events. They hosted a social in Bricktown that included brothers and alumni from across the region. They also participated in a joint blood drive with Beta Epsilon.
  - o The chapter will look at improving the recruitment and pledging process in the future.
  - The chapter had 1 brother at the St. Louis LEAD School. Room for improvement going forward.

#### **Epsilon Zeta – Midwestern State University**

- {52.50%-Completed 50.00%-Approve} Great improvement in CMP over last year
- Statement on Chapter Status
  - The chapter has paid off their debt and has greatly improved in recruitment initiating
     13 brothers in fall 2014.

- Chapter operations are on an upward swing and it appears they will continue to head in the right direction.
- The chapter held four community service events, often coupled with social events to encourage participation. They also completed four professional events as well.
- The chapter had 8 brothers at the St. Louis LEAD School, which is an improvement of 8 over last fall's LEAD.

#### Sigma Chi - Cameron University

- {52.50%-Completed 42.50%-Approve} First Year
  - This is the chapter's first year. Like any brand new chapter, they are learning who they
    are but it looks like they have a bright future ahead of them.
  - Chapter operations is strong and is well organized.
  - The chapter completed four professional events and four community service events.
  - o The chapter will look at improving the pledging process in the near future.
  - The chapter had 8 brothers at the St. Louis LEAD School.

### **Regional Expansion Activity**

There has been limited expansion activity in the last semester. Although there is still a possibility in Arkansas and small universities in Oklahoma and Texas, there are no immediate plans.

## Regional Goals for 2014/2015

- Increase LEAD Participation (Collegian and Alumni Chapters) Every school attended a fall LEAD school
- Increase Regional Activities and Communication Under-way, but has improved over last year
- STAR Retreat TBD Is shaping up to be bigger and better than 2014
- Chapters Obtaining Chapter of Excellence TBD All chapters have committed to improving CMP and there have been good results with this.
- Improve Risk Management Awareness Many chapters have already had risk management events this year and DDs continue to emphasize the importance of risk management with brothers and pledges. No major problems noted in the region.

# South Central Provincial Community Service Chair Report – Fall 2014

Angela Schelp

## Travel

8/8 South Central Leadership Retreat

#### Committee

Sara Baker

#### **Provincial Goals**

Increase community service participation.

# **Summary**

The collegiate participation in the community service increased from 19.4% in Spring 2014 to 44% in Fall 2014. The alumni participation in the community service event increased from 40% in Spring 2014 to 60% in Fall 2014.

# South Central Province | Delta Sigma Pi SCHOLASTIC DEVELOPMENT & AWARDS COMMITTEE

Completed by Allan Schuster, Chair

#### **Committee Goals**

- 100% of Chapters Submit a COY
- More Certified Deltasig Leaders
- Recertify current Certified Deltasig Leaders

#### **Committee Members**

Member	Region
Allan Schuster – Chair	Southwestern
Heather Bouldery	Midwestern
Erik Gonzalez	Gulf Western
Phil Hayes	Gateway
Ashley McCormick	Tornado Alley
Megan Valencia	Gulf South

#### **Committee Activity and Updates**

- 2015 Collegian of the Year Award
  - o 100% of chapters nominated a Collegian of the Year
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> Year in a row we have achieved this goal
  - o 65% (24/37) Chapter COYs submitted an application
    - Decrease from 75%(27/35) chapters in 2013
    - Looking for 75%(28/37) of nominees to submit an application in 2016

#### 2014 Chapter Award Applications

- 82 Collegiate Chapter Applications
- o 16 Alumni Chapter Applications
- 13 Individual Member Applications
- The Province had 3 National Winners for 2014
  - R. Nelson Mitchell Outstanding Collegiate Chapter Award
    - Iota Nu Truman State University, Gateway Region
  - Outstanding Alumni Chapter
    - St. Louis Alumni Chapter, Gateway Region
  - Outstanding Chapter Advisor
    - Dr. Thomas Bankston Eta Theta Angelo State University Southwestern Region
- o Province is looking for higher numbers of applications for 2015

# Certified Deltasig Leader Program

- o 25 Total Certified Deltasig Leaders in South Central
  - 16 of them have Tier 2 Certification as well
- Goals to be achieved by Grand Chapter Congress

- All Provincial Leadership be Tier 2 certified (PVP, RVPs, Chairs)
- RVPs identify 2-3 alumni per region to be certified, including new graduates for minimum Tier 1 Certification
- Each Alumni Chapter have at least 1 Chapter Officer with at least a Tier 1 CDL

# **Suggestions and Comments**

- To make applying for awards easier the chapter officers should work with VPCO & VPSA on writing reports on all events as if they will be in an awards application. This will allow for a simpler process at the end of year when writing awards applications.
- RVPs and Alumni Chapters should promote the Certified Deltasig Leader Program

# **Alumni Development Committee**

Completed by Kevin R. Weber

# Travel(s) and Meeting Committee Goals

- 1. Building Stronger Alumni Collegiate Relations on a Local and Provincial Level
- 2. Alumni Chapter Retention and Development
- 3. Alumni Expansion Opportunities

# **Committee Activity and Updates**

Current Franchised Alumni Chapters:

St. Louis, Baton Rouge-Red Stick, Austin, Corpus Christi, Space City Houston, Kansas City, Arlington Area Lone Star (TX), Dallas Area, Fort Worth Cowtown, Oklahoma City Tornado Alley, Tulsa – Green County, Wichita Falls – North Central Texas

Held Alumni Council Roundtable /VPARs Unite sessions at the Little Rock Provincial LEAD and St. Louis LEAD, to get a sense of what the alumni of the province are needing and wanting to start bridging the gaps between alumni and collegiate chapters so we can have better communications of upcoming events, how chapters are doing, and re-involving alumni that have not been as active as they were in the past.

Have been looking over the preliminary data breaking down the needs are of the alumni and aligning them within the three committee goals to better serve our alumni chapters and local chapter alumni. Will continue to work and develop sessions and roundtables that will add value for alumni attending Regional and Provincial conferences.

#### **Suggestions and Comments**

We are always looking for leads to expand our Alumni chapters. If you know of anyone that would be interested in starting a chapter, please forward their information on to any member of the committee and we will be happy to reach out to them. Also looking for new members that are would be interested on being a part of the committee, please email us at <a href="mailto:southcentral.alumnidevelopment@dspnet.org">southcentral.alumnidevelopment@dspnet.org</a>.

# South Central Provincial Professional Development Chair – Fall 2014 Colby Reneau

# **Travel During Period:**

8/8 South Central Leadership Retreat 10/11 Fall LEAD School (St. Louis, MO)

#### **Provincial Goals:**

- 1) Develop a Professional Development Committee
- 2) Create a marketing sub-committee for the South Central Province
- 3) Work on increasing attendance at Lead Events.

# **Summary**

The province is working to develop a Professional Development Committee. We did not have a functioning existing committee so we are building one from the start with all new members. There have been several volunteers from various regions but we are struggling to get volunteers from every region. We are actively promoting the Professional Development Committee at LEAD events to get new volunteers

We plan to create several sub committees using volunteers from the Professional Development Committee once it is established. We have a goal to create a marketing sub-committee that will help to bolster registration numbers for LEAD events through creative and innovative advertising.