Ryan Halverson Pledge Class

Under Elaine Cole and Chiraag Kapadia as Spring 2016 Pledge Advisors, the chapter welcomed sixty-two new pledges during Pledge Ritual on February 10th. The pledge class is named after recent alum Ryan Halvorsen (‘15) who served as president of our chapter for two semesters and is a DSK recipient.

Chapter Changes:

› Yankee Candle Fundraiser
› Outside hour now counts for .5 hours (up to a maximum of 5 APO hours)
› Outreach Chair added to partner with new service organizations
› Fitness Fellowship! This has been very popular already this semester
› Family Wars now takes place all semester and includes many more activities
› Pledge class bonding events
Yankee Candle Fundraiser

We are currently partnering with Yankee Candle as a fundraiser for our chapter! The prices are exactly the same as they would be otherwise, but APO will get 40% of the proceeds. They have a variety of products, including candles, candle holders, and car air fresheners. This will help us fund our many service and fellowship events, so follow the link below (or the one on the Facebook page) and enter group number 990093845 if you would like to purchase anything! The last day to purchase something and benefit our chapter is March 11th!

https://www.yankeecandlefundraising.com/store.htm

Family Wars Snapchats: Part of Family Wars this semester is earning points by submitting snapchats of members spending time together. Here are a few of the ones we have received so far!

1. Incredibles and Flintstones study sesh
2. Our fearless leader #incredibles
3. St. Louis, Missouri
4. Smash bros and incredibles
5. #Weasleys bros + pledge make blankets
Messages from the Exec Board

Here’s an update from a few verticals on what they are planning for this upcoming semester:

President:

Hello Alpha Phi Alumni!

I hope you are all doing well. My name is Matthew Deutsch, and I am the current President of Alpha Phi Chapter. I pledged APO in Fall 2014 as a sophomore. Prior to serving as President, I have served as Pledge Advisor, Brotherhood Chair, Parenting Chair, and a member of the Sectionals Conference Steering Committee. I am from Boca Raton, Florida and am studying Operations and Supply Chain Management as well as Leadership and Strategic Management in the Business School.

As President this semester, one of my major goals has been to make APO as inclusive as possible. Our chapter is a family, but that only works if everyone feels welcome and included. In that spirit I have put together an Inclusivity Committee to work on ways to improve the chapter’s efforts to be inclusive. We have worked to schedule more Diversity and Inclusion trainings for the chapter and even amended the language used in our Rituals to be more inclusive of all members of our chapter. Another major effort of my Presidency has been to reinvigorate the Family System by bringing back Family Wars.

Additionally, the chapter has made strong fundraising efforts this semester. One of these projects is a fundraiser with Yankee Candle. They send us a personalized link, and for every candle sold through that link Alpha Phi Omega receives 40% of the sale! This has been a great way for our chapter to raise funds. If you are interested in supporting APO by purchasing a candle, check out the link I posted in the alumni Facebook page! If you aren’t interested in candles but would still like to make a contribution to our chapter, please visit https://gifts.wustl.edu and enter "Alpha Phi Omega" in the other designation field.

It is an honor and a privilege to serve as President of the chapter that each of you helped build into the wonderful organization that it is today. APO means so much to me, and that is a credit to the handwork and dedication each of you showed to our chapter. It is my goal to continue this high level of service and fellowship so that future members will grow to love APO as much as we do.

Yours in Leadership, Friendship, and Service,

Matthew Deutsch
President, Alpha Phi Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega

Fellowship:

The VPs of Fellowship have implemented several new programming initiatives this semester. Every Tuesday we now offer “Fitness Fellowship” events, which include yoga and dance workouts. Once the weather starts improving, we also want to start APO running groups in Forest Park! Another program we started is "Skill Share," which involves fellowship events where brothers teach a small group about the cool stuff they can do. Our two upcoming Skill Share events will include learning how to bake a chocolate soufflé and how to perform improv comedy. Like every spring, we are hard at work planning for APO Formal, and we are tentatively planning a trip to Six Flags in April.

SERVICE:

We’re looking forward to another semester of serving the St. Louis community. With the new Outreach chair we’re hoping to build on our existing service program and cement a number of new partnerships. We hope to maintain our strong connection with the scouts and are hard at work preparing for Merit Badge University. Additionally we’re re-vamping our National Youth Service Day programming and have partnered with the Hawthorne School. We’ll be teaching their students a number of skills and holding workshops throughout the afternoon.
Event Highlights

Chocolate Chocolate Chocolate company factory tour

Covenant Cafe
Brothers prepared and served food to residents of a nursing home

Coming Soon...
- Formal on March 26
- Merit Badge University on April 2
- Relay for Life on April 9