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## KEEGAN OTTER RECEIVES RUCK LEADERSHIP AWARD

Senior Keegan Otter received the Frank J. Ruck Leadership Award at Carlson Leadership Academy in Los Angeles.

Otter has served our chapter on the 2017 Executive Board as the vice president of programming; though, his impact at Washington State and the city Pullman is sewn deep into the fabric of several other organizations and groups within our community.

Otter currently serves our school and community as the ASWSU director of community affairs.

The Award is presented each year at CLA to a chapter or individual showing outstanding campus and community leadership.



Keegan Otter and the 2019 Frank J. Ruck Leadership Award

## GARRETT KALT FUNDRAISES AGAINST CANCER

Garrett Kalt, '18, served Washington State University as the ASWSU vice president in 2018 before moving on to graduate school in London.

Kalt, along with his friend Meg, are running a half marathon to raise money for breast cancer awareness, research, and treatment this March.

The race will mark five years since Meg's mom Cheryl passed away due to cancer. They are doing this race in honor of her and other loved ones who have been impacted by cancer.

The selfless duo has incentivized donations as \$25 or more will contribute a song to Garrett's "For Cheryl" Half Marathon playlist, and for \$50 or more Garrett will dedicate one of the 13 miles to you or a loved one.

Of course, any donation is beyond appreciated.

Donate Here: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/garrett-kalt>

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*"Garrett is someone who makes a positive impact wherever he goes, whether on the lives of the people around him or the community at large" – Cooper Greenfield, Sound Mind Chair*

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## RISING LEADERS

Three upcoming leaders accompanied the Executive Board in Los Angeles this month for Carlson Leadership Academy (CLA) – a national SigEp program that aims to enhance and foster growth.

Our Rising Leaders punched their tickets to LA by virtue of hard work behind the scenes rather than mere chance. All three were named Kent B. Hickman Scholars – a national SigEp award designed for talented young brothers with the desire to step into chapter officer positions.

The upcoming trio - Jared Holstad, Connor Rath, and Andrew Hansen - belongs to Member Class 18. Chapter President Blake Gurney was the only WA Alpha Rising Leader in 2018.



*Rising Leaders at CLA pictured left to right:*

*(Jared Holstad, Connor Rath, Andrew Hansen, Alex Pan)*

*Note: Alex Pan serves as the chapter's Balanced Man Scholarship Chair*

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## **KEN CHRISTIANSON EXEMPLARY SERVICE**

The Exemplary Service Award is given to dedicated SigEps who have served the organization for at least 20 years. We are proud to announce our very own Ken Christianson received the award in Los Angeles at CLA.

Ken began volunteering for SigEp in 1998. In that time, he's served his chapter as AVC president, vice president of communication, vice president of fundraising, and vice president of property management. After his WA Alpha closed in 2003, Ken spearheaded an \$800,000 capital campaign for housing and scholarships to reopen the chapter. A life trustee of the SigEp Educational Foundation, he's been a member of the SigEp National Housing Board since 2015.

Our chapter wouldn't be what it is today without Ken's tireless work and dedication to WA Alpha. His 20 years of selfless service has produced unparalleled success in Greek life at Washington State.

Under his leadership, WA Alpha has played host to three Buchanan Cups, the top GPA of all Greek organizations at WSU, six student body (ASWSU) presidents and vice presidents, two student regents, and four SigEp regional directors since the chapters re-chartering in 2005.

SigEp has started a \$50,000 endowment in Ken's name to financially assist WA Alpha's future CLA attendees.

## **BALANCED MAN SCHOLARSHIP 2019**

WA Alpha prides itself in the ability to consistently identify and recruit categorically balanced men year in and year out. Our most effective tool in this endeavor has been the Balanced Man Scholarship (BMS).

The BMS is open to first-year students attending Washington State in the fall of 2019. The scholarship is awarding \$4,000, and the application takes only a handful of minutes to complete. There is no requirement of joining the fraternity in order to be eligible to apply or win the scholarship. The application deadline is May 31. It only takes a handful of minutes to apply!

Find the application here: <http://wsusigep.org/bms>

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