



WASHINGTON ALPHA

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REGIONAL DIRECTOR TAYLOR SWANSON

After Taylor (MC 15) graduates this spring, he will head for the east coast to embark on training to become a SigEp Regional Director for the ensuing academic year.

Like Joe Kurle before him (MC 14), Taylor will be the second WA Alpha RD in the past two years. An incredible accomplishment considering only eight men in our national organization are given the job annually.

Taylor was offered and accepted the job earlier this month.



Taylor Swanson, Member Class 15

MEMBERS RUN A MARATHON RAISING \$2,000

Over winter break, three brothers decided to run a marathon – Travis Staffenhagen, Devon La Pierre, and Luke Partington. It came on as somewhat of an impulse as the decision to run was made within 30 days of the race itself.

Most impressively, Travis utilized his connections and social media to raise money for CureDuchenne – an organization committed to treating and ultimately curing muscular dystrophy.

“My brother suffers from muscular dystrophy, so I thought it would be a great way to support him.” – Travis Staffenhagen, MC 17

GPA REPORTS

In the Fall Semester of 2017, WA Alpha set a WSU New Member GPA record at 3.53. We are happy to announce that record has been broken by MC 18 in the form of a 3.58.

SigEp as a chapter averaged 3.45. That’s good for not only first among all fraternities at WSU, but across all of Greek row!

BLAKE GURNEY NAMED TRAGOS FINALIST

The Tragos Quest to Greece is one of SigEps most coveted national programs and is incredibly selective. Allowing brothers to visit various historical Greek locations, those in attendance will learn ancient philosophy, governance, art, and influences.

WA Alpha Chapter President Blake Gurney has been named a finalist by the selection committee. We will find out who is officially accepted to the program at Carlson Leadership Academy (CLA) this February.



Marathon Finish Line:

Pictured left to right,

(Devon La Pierre, Travis Staffenhagen,
Andrew Hansen, Blake Gurney, Luke
Partington)

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GREEK LEADERSHIP CAMP

Five active members – two as facilitators – participation in GLC. The annual retreat is intended to give newly elected council members tangible skills and ideas to improve their chapter and the greater Greek community.

After the three-day affair, WA Alpha’s 2019 Executive Board is looking to improve social stereotypes and norms. They want to “redefine social” by building deep meaning relationships wherever they may lie and ultimately showcase the best our fraternity has to offer.

KEN CHRISTIANSON

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 is one of five men who will receive the award in 2019.

“Ken began volunteering for SigEp in 1998. In that time, he’s served his chapter as AVC president, vice president of communications and fundraising, and vice president of property management. After his Washington State chapter closed in 2003, Ken spearheaded an \$800,000 capital campaign for housing and scholarships. A life trustee of the SigEp Educational Foundation, he’s been a member of the SigEp National Housing Board since 2015.” – SigEp Journal

Our chapter wouldn’t be what it is today without Ken’s tireless work and dedication. He will be accepting his award this February in Los Angeles at CLA.

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