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T.J. GOBLE AWARDED FOR APPITURE

At the 2019 Health Innovation Challenge, T.J. Goble – vice president of Appiture – received \$10,000 for the second-place prize.

Appiture is a camera integrated app that will assist pediatricians in the process of screening for autism. One way the app would do this is look at how the eye adjusts to the light using your phone camera.

Goble says current test used by pediatricians to identify and diagnose autism are subjective. By reducing the tests to biophysical responses a lot of bias can be eliminated according to Goble.



TJ Goble (left), MC '15

IFC SENATE SEEKS TO TACKLE MENTAL HEALTH

The Interfraternity Senate – behind IFC Executive Vice President Julian Naranjo (MC '16) – met this March enacting a new bylaw with a focus on mental health assistance.

The new Mental Health First Aid bylaw will reward chapters who enroll members in Mental Health First Aid Training by decreasing the existing out-of-house programming completion percentage rate by two percent per member. A maximum of five members can attend the training and only two of the five may be first-year students.

Mental Health First Aid is a national program teaching participant how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental illness and substance use disorders.

“Incentivizing chapters to actively take steps forward in treating and identifying mental health will have a positive long-term impact for men on our campus and in our community”
- Julian Naranjo

STEPS TOWARD A MORE UNIFIED COMMUNITY

Traditional Greek organizations – IFC Council fraternities and Panhellenic Council sororities – account for nearly 80 percent of the Greek community according to figures released by the university’s Center for Fraternity and Sorority Life. This has only widened the gap and disconnect between IFC/Pan and Multicultural organizations on campus.

Upon identifying this issue, SigEp has since spearheaded the charge toward a more inclusive and unified Greek community. WA Alpha has scheduled a pair of events of with UGC (United Greek Council) sororities, and plans to follow up on the connections made by participating in those chapter’s philanthropies and other events.

WA Alpha will continue reaching out to more UGC chapters to grow those relationships and ultimately support the entire Greek community here at Washington State University.



Gavin Barnes, MC '15
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BUTCH IS A SIGEP... AGAIN!

Every year on Men's Hoops senior night, the student under the mask of Butch T. Cougar reveals himself. Our chapter is beyond proud to announce that for the second year in a row, Butch has been a SigEp!

"After three of the best years of my life, I can finally tell the world that I was Butch T. Cougar. Never did I think that this experience would change me in the ways it did. I wouldn't trade it even after all the blood, lots of sweat, and tears. I want to thank my family, my friends, and team for all of their unconditional support throughout all these years. Also thank you to Cougar Nation for making this such a special experience for me," Gavin said.

Alumni James Nelson preceded Gavin in the role.

DAN WELTER AWARDED AT NASPA CONFERENCE

Director of the Center for Fraternity and Sorority Life and associate dean of students Dan Welter will receive the Distinguished Service Award from the Fraternity and Sorority Knowledge Community.

The award is for outstanding contributions of individuals and teams within the field who have demonstrated long-term and significant contribution to the knowledge community and NASPA through their service, leadership, and programming.

Welter came to WSU in 2016 and is responsible for the oversight of nearly 70 active chapters and over 5,000 student members. He serves as the CFSL advisor for the Washington Alpha chapter. His work, effort, and contributions have helped members of the SigEp brotherhood since setting foot on campus.

BALANCED MAN STEWARD PETER VARNEY

Peter Varney, a SigEp at Davidson from 1994 to 1996, generously donates his time to the WA Alpha chapter as a volunteer. This month, Peter made his annual trip to Pullman to perform the Brother Mentor ritual for those in our chapter ready to go through it.

Peter also spent time the following morning speaking with the chapter about his time in college, life lessons, and other wisdom he wished to pass down.

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