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BUCHANNON CUP THREE-PEAT!

Every two years at Conclave, the highest performing chapters nationally are recognized with the Buchanan Outstanding Chapter Award. The Buchanan Cup, colloquially called a 'Buc Cup,' represents superior and sustained achievement in our Fraternity.

During the 56th Grand Chapter Conclave in Houston this summer, WA Alpha was awarded its third consecutive Buc Cup.

Committed to excellence, WA Alpha is now in pursuit of a Golden Buc Cup – awarded only to chapters who have displayed a decade of excellence winning 5 Buc Cups in a row.

SigEp at WSU is more than halfway there and shows no signs of slowing down.



Peter Varney, Riley Hamilton, Blake Gurney, Alex Pan, and Jack Ellis hoisting WA Alpha's 2019 Buc Cup in Houston.

WA ALPHA 2019 RUCK LEADERSHIP SCHOLARS

Most college students in the Northwest spend their summer on the water – somewhere warm – nestled between the rocky mountain pines and rolling hills of the Palouse for three months of uninterrupted fun.

But not all.

Rising Washington State juniors Alex Pan and Vice President of Recruitment Ryan Pettit set their sights months in advance to Richmond, Virginia for the Frank J. Ruck Leadership Institute program.

The five-day event connects students with alumni to equip them with the necessary skills and knowhow to spark positive shifts in culture on campus and within their communities. It is often said that only the top one percent of SigEps across the nation are accepted.

When their time as undergraduates comes to a close, both are aiming high. The week at Ruck not only finetuned their aim and vision for the chapter, but also with career aspirations and goals.

Pan, seeking a degree in finance, was connected with several executive-level alumni in and around the circles of Wall Street. And Pettit, a sport management major, now says he's considering work as a recruiter.

"Where else can you get that?" Pan said. "They're facilitators, but they can be so much more. Many even become mentors."

WELCOME MEMBER CLASS '19

SigEps at Washington State are quick to point toward recruiting when asked the secret to sustained success. Behind Vice President of Recruitment Ryan Pettit and his recruitment team chaired by Luke Partington, formal recruitment was a great success.

"We always say, 'recruit the next class to such a high standard, that you yourself would not get a bid.' And I think we accomplished that this year." – Andrew Poulton, MC '18

With 18 informal summer signs heading into recruitment week, an aditional 22 members were added to the class for a manpower of 40.



Bid Day, August 18, 2019

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JARED HOLSTAD IS THE "TASE T." LENTIL

Each year, the citizens of Pullman, Washington congregate to enjoy, celebrate, and revel at The National Lentil Festival, a food festival honoring the lentil.

There are many things to see and do at the National Lentil Festival such as live musical entertainment, a kids' carnival, free lentil chili, vendors, and the Tase T. Lentil 5K Fun Run/Walk.

The event's most understated perk resides in the Tase T. Lentil, the worlds most beloved mascot. And this past month, SigEp sophomore Jared Holstad received the prestigious honor of playing the role.



WA Alpha has shown out in massive numbers the past few years to volunteer with the festival. The opportunity arose from Alumni Keegan Otter serving the campus in ASWSU as the director of community affairs. The torch has since been passed down to Alex Pan letting the tradition continue.

WILL PITZER AWARDED NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

SigEp as a national organization fields competitive scholarship every year. Members from all chapters across the nation go after the award in hopes of paying a little bit less for tuition at their respective universities.

William Pitzer, MC '16, applied and won the "National Competition" award for \$1,000 toward his last year of tuition. Only 20 undergraduates won the award – only five of whom attend universities out west.

The influential senior served WA Alpha on the 2018 Executive Board as the Vice President of Member Development and picked up additional duties as House Manager amid his term.

Pitzer is a homegrown product here in Pullman and an alumnus of Pullman High School where he is an assistant on the football coaching staff. He is seeking a degree in social studies and plans to teach in the high school setting and continue coaching.

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