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SigEp's on the 2020 IFC Council

Once again, Washington Alpha continues to spearhead change by leading the interfraternal community at Washington State University.

For the third consecutive year, multiple members on the council belong to SigEp.

From Taylor Swanson and Austin Loomis in 2018, to Julian Naranajo and Andrew Thomas in 2019 - the 2020 slate awarded Andrew Thomas (Public Relations), Gabe Brookshier (Programming), and David Jaquish (Service and Philanthropy).

The trio is alongside representatives from Phi Kappa Theta (2), Delta Sigma Phi (3), Phi Kappa Tau (1), and Sigma Pi (1).



PRESIDENT HOLSTAD'S ADDRESS

"SigEp will continue to build men through a balanced approach to learning and growth by focusing on academics, mental well being, physical well being, university partnership, and service.

We as an organization are working towards improving our overall Fraternal experience to encourage and support the development of our brothers throughout all four years at Washington State, and to develop them into committed alumni who are dedicated to this organization for years to come.

Fostering a healthy relationship with the University is at the heart of what we as the Men of Sigma Phi Epsilon hope to accomplish. This healthy relationship will allow us to continue to better ourselves through involvement with academics and student organizations while also leading the change on our campus in the Greek Community. Working closely with the office of student affairs will be a critical step to achieve this goal.

WA Alpha is committed to preparing our membership for life after college via alumni networking opportunities for connections in the professional world."





NICK JOSS TO FLIGHT SCHOOL

A formal sign in Member Class '17, Nick Joss has been part of Washington State's Air Force ROTC program since his freshman year on campus.

Joss was recently selected out of 120 candidates to receive a 3,000 dollar scholarship for instructional flying time and study materials at Pullman/Moscow Regional Airport.

"The scholarship means a lot to me," Joss said. "18 hours of flying time will significantly boost my Pilot Candidate Selection Method score and increase my chances of becoming a pilot in the World's Greatest Air Force."

The intention of the program is to teach participants the proper skills and knowledge to fly a Cessna 172 aircraft solo.

The last Air Force ROTC Cadet to come out of Washington Alpha was Niko Tsakeredes, a STEM major who graduated with a perfect 4.0 GPA. Niko is currently in graduate school at Cornell University.

"Real Risks"

In accordance with the Interfraternity Council's Development Initiative - a response to recent event in the community - Vice President of Programming Connor Rath set up an interactive workshop for the chapter to learn of risks associated with alcohol.

"The program gave us tangible knowledge on how we can improve safety within our own chapter, and as a community as well," Brother Aaron Croom said.

The programming event was a requirement to be in good standing with the university after an IFC council decision; however, Rath had already planned the programming in advance.

After taking role, 83 percent of active brothers were in attendance.



ALEX PAN WINS IFC GREEK OF THE YEAR

Of all the men we meet in our lives, few stack up to Alex Pan – certainly none of comparable age.

He's a man who cares, gets results, and proceeds to find his next pursuit in his periphery. Pan is weary of long-term goals as he works micro-ambitiously daily to slowly build toward the desired end result. And most admirably, his drive is fueled by his love of the Pullman community – the very place he was born and raised.

He has served the chapter as House Manager and BMS chair - elevating our summer recruitment to a level never before seen. He distributed the scholarship to over 400 high school seniors across the nation receiving interest from 24 states – far as Delaware and Rhode Island.

The applicant pool averaged a 3.6 GPA, so Pan had to separate the bunch through 140 interviews seeking information on values and character traits. Through this effort, Pan bid and signed 21 high achieving applicants into the fraternity.

Additionally, Pan serves in roles where he has no obligation, continuously giving membership community service events bred from his connections in the Pullman area.



On campus, you can find Alex Pan serving the Carson College of Business as a college ambassador. Working a variety of roles, Pan gives tours, takes phone calls, and organizes networking events for undergraduates in Pullman.

And despite the multiplicity of his involvement, Alex Pan's greatest accomplishment comes with his role in ASWSU as the Director of Community Affairs – he has no days off with the role.

For a young man so accomplished and connected, you won't find anyone more selfless in their endeavors. Perhaps few in the Greek community know Alex Pan by face or name outside the brotherhood of Sigma Phi Epsilon, but everyone on campus – Greek or unaffiliated, student or faculty – is familiar with his work.

Pan makes an impact everywhere he goes. And his chapter, the Greek community, ASWSU, the university, the city of Pullman, and even Whitman County is better for it.

Congratulations, Alex!

Top GPA Four Years In A Row!

When recruiting member class '16, top grades on campus was a staple in conversation with potential new members.

And those new members, now standing as seniors, are one semester away from graduating while keeping the fraternity top in grades every semester of their time in chapter.

Between Member Class '17 and '18 both setting class GPA records at the university - and a recent 3.37 GPA for Fall 2019 - it's clear the academic support in Washington Alpha is utilized.

"We recruit academically driven members in the first place," former VP of Scholarship Andrew Poulton said. "A lot of guidance from older members assists the underclassmen in their transition to a college workload."



AYERS INTERNS WITH THE CHIEFS

Connor Ayers joined SigEp in the fall of 2016, a legacy in the brotherhood under his father Kirk. After serving the fraternity as the 2018 Vice President of Programming, he later brought the Brother Mentor Challenge to new heights just a few semesters later.

Ayers is finishing off his undergrad degree in Sport Management as a marketing and promotions intern with the Spokane Chiefs currently working on a charity jersey auction with the team.

"Connor's a real stand-up guy. He constantly gave back to the fraternity every year in chapter. He's one of those guys you just know is going to do big things," Vice President of Finance Andrew Hansen said.

After Ayers completes his internship, he will graduate with honors in May of 2020.

He plans on finding work after graduation with the Seattle NHL expansion franchise in marketing and promotions.

Congratuatlions to the 2019 E-Board

for one of the best years in chapter history



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