

Chapter *of the Year*

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Jared Holstad: Community Builder of the Year

Chapter President Jared Holstad won the Community Builder of the Year Award, an award given to an individual within Greek Life who promotes unity within the Greek community and Pullman at large.

To earn this award, Holstad focused on risk policies and community safety, such as working with IFC to instill ways to keep chapters safe with regards to COVID-19, while simultaneously serving as WA Alpha's Chapter President.

“This award means that as an organization, we're headed in the right direction,” Holstad Said. “I think it serves as a springboard going into next semester with my Policy and Procedure position with IFC to improve the relationship between the Greek community and Pullman.”



WA Alpha receives multiple Arête Awards

On Wednesday, November 18, the WSU Center for Fraternity and Sorority Life held their annual Arête Awards ceremony, a lasting tradition recognizing outstanding members within the Panhellenic, Fraternity, and Multi-cultural communities. The awards given succeeded both the 2019 fall and 2020 spring semesters.

Washington Alpha finished the night receiving four chapter awards: Highest Fall 2019 GPA, Highest Spring 2020 GPA, Highest New Member GPA of Spring 2020, and the Global Citizenship Award.

The chapter also won two individual awards in Chapter President Jared Holstad receiving the Community Builder of the Year Award and Washington Alpha winning IFC Chapter of the Year for the fourth time in six years.

WA Alpha is humbled to have received the awards that they did and looks forward to working towards more awards in the future. They will maintain a focus on academics, community engagement, and being leaders in the Greek system while bettering themselves as a chapter and as individuals along the way.

WA Alpha Elects 2021 Executive Board

On the evening of November 9th, 2020, the men of WA Alpha held a lengthy election to determine their next executive team.

The night of elections was lengthy and insightful with many candidates running for positions. Each candidate voiced their visions for their position and the chapter at large.

This year's elections also took a format that has yet to be seen in the chapter's history: elections via Zoom.

All elected board members are optimistic about their positions and what visions they see for the chapter. They seek to both grow the chapter internally and to help WA Alpha remain as an organization that benefits the communities surrounding it.

"This executive team is filled with guys that have a diverse perspective that will benefit our chapter greatly," said President-elect Colin Anderson.

In the coming weeks, the elected board will undergo meetings with chapter mentorship and their position's predecessors in order to facilitate a successful transition of duties.

For the time being, the board members await their term, confident about what they can bring to WA Alpha that will take the chapter to new heights.

The future looks bright for WA Alpha.



Flattening the Curve

Amidst the Covid-19 outbreak, WA Alpha's David Jaquish turned to student donors who've recovered from Covid-19 for convalescent plasma donations in an effort to help diagnosed patients recover from the disease.

Jaquish, who serves as Director of Service and Philanthropy for WSU's Interfraternity Council, originally sought to conduct traditional blood drives when he partnered with Vitalant Blood Donations in September. However when students who planned to donate contracted Covid-19, a regular blood drive became an issue.

In response to this, Jaquish and other members of the Greek community worked alongside Vitalant Blood Donations to organize numerous convalescent plasma drives for students who had recovered from Covid-19 with the first drive occurring on October 19th.

Convalescent plasma from donors who have recovered from Covid-19 contains antibodies that can be transfused to patients with severe cases of the disease in order to aid them in their recovery process.

A plasma drive was even held in the WA Alpha chapter facility on October 26th which yielded multiple donations.

Jaquish, who served as WA Alpha's Vice President of Scholarship in 2018, believes that as the number of students who recover from cases increases, more plasma donations will be achieved.

"You can't un-contract Covid-19," Jaquish said. "The only thing you can do is try to make things better for others suffering from the disease."



48 Miles in 48 Hours



At 4 PM on Sunday, March 7th, six brothers completed the 4x4x48 challenge, putting their mental and physical toughness to the test running 48 miles in 48 hours to raise money for the SEAL Legacy Foundation.

The members that completed the challenge were juniors Nick Fazio, Andrew Hansen, Conner Rath, and Cass Riggan, sophomore Jackson Burpee, and senior Jack Hill.

Nick Fazio organized the challenge, which was inspired by retired Navy SEAL David Goggins. Donations that were raised support the families of fallen Navy SEALs, specifically the 115 United States Navy SEALs that have lost their lives since 9/11.

Starting at 8 pm Friday, 3/5, members participating ran 4 miles every 48 hours, running at 4, 8, and 12 AM and PM until Sunday at 4 PM.

After each run, members turned to social media to encourage their peers and family members to donate.

By the end of their last 4 miles, the group raised \$7,500 to fund a scholarship for the child of a fallen SEAL.

Exceeding Expectations

However, if they reached their original goal of \$10,000, an additional \$5,000 would be added to their donations by a member of the SEAL Legacy Foundation, allowing the group to fund scholarships for 3 different children of wounded and fallen SEALs.

Hearing this, members of Washington Alpha turned to social media to advertise their brothers' journey in an effort to help them achieve their goal.

Their \$10,000 goal was met and boosted by an additional \$5,000, for a total of \$15,000 from 118 donors.

“This challenge untapped reserves of perseverance and truly showed the power of positivity to my fellow runners and I,” said Jack Hill.

For now, this group of dedicated members rests, happy with the support they've received from their family and friends and the donations they have generated.

We are proud to call them our brothers and congratulate them for their accomplishment!





Brian Patrick and Alexander Pan run for ASWSU

On March 5th, two of our members announced their candidacy for ASWSU President and Vice President. Sophomore Brian Patrick will be running for President and current senior Alexander Pan will be running for Vice President.

“I am running for President to continue improving the collegiate experience at Washington State University,” said Brian Patrick. “The Previous ASWSU board laid a strong foundation for improving the mental health and safety of our campus, and I want to continue where they left off and ensure that every student can make the most out of their college experience.”

In addition to focusing on mental health and safety, the pair hopes to increase the transparency and level of student involvement in the decisions of ASWSU and the University.

The pair also has a large amount of campus involvement between them. Presidential candidate and Business Management Major Brian Patrick is currently President of the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) club and Vice President of Recruitment for SigEp.

Alexander Pan also has lots of campus involvement. Over his college career, he has represented the WSU student body for two terms as the ASWSU Director of Community Affairs, been an ambassador for the Carson College of Business, and served as Vice President of SigEp Learning Community.

Brian and Alexander hope to bring this dedication and work ethic to ASWSU as President and Vice President. If elected, they will work day in and day out to ensure that Cougs get the most out of their college experience every day.

Alumni Ken Christianson Launches Donation Challenge

On March 1st, two WSU alumni families launched a generous donation challenge for WSU athletic programs, with one of the two families consisting of SigEp National Housing Director and active WA Alpha alumni Ken Christianson and his wife Sue.

The challenge consists of every donation toward a new Indoor Practice Facility (IPF) and a Champions Complex being matched dollar for dollar by Ken and Sue Christianson and Scott and Lisa Taylor.

The Indoor Practice Facility aims to give student-athletes a place to practice their craft year-round while escaping the harsh weather conditions of the Palouse. The Champions Complex allows student-athletes to have a place off of the field where they can focus on their academics, mental health, and professional development.

If you would like to donate to the construction of the IPF or Champions Complex, it can be done below:



BALANCED MAN SCHOLARSHIP

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Washinton Alpha's Balanced Man Scholarship is up and Open to all incoming WSU freshmen and transfer students, this scholarship is awarded to one who exemplifies the SigEp values of being a balanced man in their everyday life.

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