Alpha Phi Sigma (APS) became affiliated with the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) in 1976. Since then, both organizations have enjoyed a great working relationship bringing students and faculty together. The annual conference held in conjunction with ACJS since 1978 is the one time that APS members join our national board and ACJS for a great educational experience. ACJS sponsors the APS conference in many ways such as by providing the meeting room and co-sponsoring the student luncheons. Throughout the years we have enjoyed all events and a warm welcome by the ACJS President. A few years ago, APS asked ACJS Manager, Cathy Barth, to sing the National Anthem at our opening ceremony. Her glorious voice echoed in the room and in our hearts and this year APS touched Ms. Barth’s heart by making her an honorary member of the Boise State University Chapter. Ms. Barth earned a degree in Paralegal Studies and one in English with a minor in Accounting from University of Maryland. She joins the elite honorary members that mentor and help members envision a fulfilling career in the Criminal Justice and related fields. We look forward to seeing Ms. Barth wear her honor regalia every year for our opening ceremony.

Left: Cathy Barth (center) pictured with Dr. Andrew Giacomazzi who is the Chapter Advisor of the Alpha Kappa chapter at Boise State University and an Alpha Phi Sigma National Council member, and Kourtnie Rodgers the President of the Alpha Kappa Chapter.

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The President, Secretary, Treasurer & Advisor run as a slate and must be from the SAME College/University.

**Requirements / Guidelines**

- Letter of Intent from the Chapter running for Presidential Slate (President, Secretary and Treasurer), must be submitted to the Alpha Phi Sigma Headquarters no later than January 27th, 2017.
- The Letter of Intent shall bear the signatures of the Chapter Advisor, the Chief Administrator of the Department and the Chapter President. These signatures are necessary and will indicate that support will be given to the nominated National Student Officers.
- A Letter of Willingness from the Chapter Advisor to run for the National Advisor for a 2-year term, along with the nominated slate.
- Chapter submitting a letter of intent to run for national officers must be in **good standing**. Headquarters must have the Chapter’s Bylaws, Financial Report, and Activity Report on file. Also, Chapter dues must be current.

⇒ Presidential Slate and Vice-President Slate must be from DIFFERENT Colleges/Universities.
⇒ Nominations shall be announced on the Alpha Phi Sigma website and if time permits in The Docket. CAMPAIGNS may begin after acceptance, but no sooner than October 1, 2016.

**VICE PRESIDENT SLATE**

The Vice President & Advisor run as a slate and must be from the SAME College/University.

**Requirements / Guidelines**

- Letter of Intent from the Chapter running for Vice President, must be submitted to the Alpha Phi Sigma Headquarters no later than January 27th, 2017.
- The Letter of Intent shall bear the signatures of the Chapter Advisor, the Chief Administrator of the Department and the Chapter President. These signatures are necessary and will indicate that support will be given to the nominated National Student Officer.
- A Letter of Willingness from the Chapter Advisor to run for the National Advisor for a 2-year term, along with the nominated Vice-President.
- Chapter submitting a letter of intent to run for national officers must be in **good standing**. Headquarters must have the Chapter’s Bylaws, Financial Report, and Activity Report on file. Also, Chapter dues must be current.

**Elections will be held at the 2017 National Conference in Kansas City, Missouri**

The 2017 Annual Chapter Dues, Financial and Activity Reports must be received prior to March 1st, 2017 in order for chapters to vote in the March 2017 National Student Officers elections.
Alpha Phi Sigma welcomes the at-large advisors elected to the National Advisory Board. The advisors will serve a two-year term (2016-2018). We thank all the chapters that voted.

**Lorna Grant, Ph.D.**
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**Ivy Yarckow-Brown, M.S.**
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Sigma Mu Sigma Chapter Advisor
## 2016 Scholarships, Awards, and Grants Recipients

### V.A. Leonard Scholarship

**Undergraduate**

**Anna Reeves**  
Eastern Kentucky University  
Epsilon Chapter

**Graduate**

**Saadia Feliciano**  
University of Maryland, Eastern Shore  
Gamma Omicron Chapter

### Regina B. Shearn Scholarship

**Undergraduate**

**Ashlerose Francia**  
New Mexico State University, Las Cruces  
Alpha Chi Alpha Chapter

**Graduate**

**Kenny Loui**  
Nova Southeastern University  
Omega Tau Chapter

### Criminal Justice General Knowledge Scholarship Test

**Undergraduate First Place**

**Brian Miller**  
Fairmont State University  
Epsilon Iota Chapter

**Undergraduate Second Place**

**Tyler Parrey**  
Indiana University of Pennsylvania  
Alpha Eta Chapter

### Criminal Justice Specific Knowledge Scholarship Test  
*Rehabilitation*

**Graduate First Place**

**Kourtnie Rodgers**  
Boise State University  
Alpha Kappa Chapter

**Undergraduate First Place**

**Asheley Buchwalter**  
Indiana University of Pennsylvania  
Alpha Eta Chapter

**Graduate Second Place**

**Renee Lamberton**  
University of Houston, Downtown  
Alpha Phi Chapter

**Undergraduate Second Place**

**Emily Wheeler**  
San Jose State University  
Iota Chapter

**Jackie Campitelli**  
University of North Florida  
Pi Omega Chapter
Best Paper Competition

Undergraduate

1st Place
Matthew Palermo
Endicott College
Zeta Pi Chapter

2nd Place
Samantha Terrazas
New Mexico State University, Las Cruces
Alpha Chi Alpha Chapter

3rd Place
Brianna Jackson
Fairmont State University
Epsilon Iota Chapter

Graduate

1st Place
Kenny Loui
Nova Southeastern University
Omega Tau

2nd Place
Ashley Salazar
New Mexico State University, Las Cruces
Alpha Chi Alpha Chapter

3rd Place
Ivette Ramirez
New Mexico State University, Las Cruces
Alpha Chi Alpha Chapter

Student Achievement Awards

Unity, Educational Leadership, & Community Service

Unity
New Mexico State University, Las Cruces
Alpha Chi Alpha Chapter

Community Service
Eastern Kentucky University
Epsilon Chapter

Educational Leadership
North Carolina Central University
Eta Lambda Chapter

Chapter Goal Awards

Community Service
Eastern Kentucky University
Epsilon Chapter

Educational Leadership
North Carolina Central University
Eta Lambda Chapter

Star Chapters

Eastern Kentucky University, Epsilon
New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, Alpha Chi Alpha
San Jose State, Iota
Fairmont State University, Epsilon Iota
North Carolina Central University, Eta Lambda
Community Service Project Awards
2015-16 Theme: Rehabilitation

1st Place
University of Mississippi
Mu Rho Chapter

2nd Place
Fairmont State University
Epsilon Iota Chapter

3rd Place
Eastern Kentucky University
Epsilon Chapter

Outstanding Yearbook Competition

1st place
San Jose State University
Iota Chapter

2nd place
New Mexico State University, Las Cruces
Alpha Chi Alpha Chapter

3rd place
Fairmont State University
Epsilon Iota Chapter

Website Competition

1st place
San Jose State University
Iota Chapter

2nd place
New Mexico State University, Las Cruces
Alpha Chi Alpha Chapter

3rd place
Fairmont State University
Epsilon Iota Chapter

Alumni Achievement Award

Carl Allen Root
Eastern Kentucky University
Epsilon Chapter

Community Service Project
The 2016-17 Theme is . . .

Interdiction to Addiction

Member of the Year

Joseph Ellis
Eastern Kentucky Ellis
Epsilon Chapter

Advisors of the Year

Andrea Joseph
New Mexico State University, Las Cruces
Alpha Chi Alpha Chapter
Crime Scene Investigation

1st place
Fairmont State University - Epsilon Iota Chapter

2nd place
San Jose State University - Iota Chapter

3rd place
Eastern Kentucky University - Epsilon Chapter

College Bowl

1st place
Boise State University - Alpha Kappa Chapter

2nd Place
Indiana University of Pennsylvania - Alpha Eta Chapter

T-Shirt Competition

1st place
San Jose State University - Iota Chapter

2nd place
New Mexico State University, Las Cruces - Alpha Chi Alpha Chapter

3rd place
Eastern Kentucky University - Epsilon Chapter

Fairmont State University - Epsilon Iota Chapter

Paper Presenters

Ashley Salazar
Mexico State University, Las Cruces - Alpha Chi Alpha

The Juvenile Justice System: The Legal Treatment of Juveniles as Adults and "Dual Jurisdiction"

Ivette Ramirez
Mexico State University, Las Cruces - Alpha Chi Alpha

Race and Violent Crime: Latino Homicide

Brianna Jackson
Fairmont State University - Epsilon Iota

Analysis of strategies employed at targeting the drug problem in the U.S

Elizabeth Castrejon
Mexico State University, Las Cruces - Alpha Chi Alpha

Wrongful Convictions: Eyewitness Testimony and False Confessions

Thank You Judges

Jon Cooper, Ph.D.
Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Emmanuel Onyeozili, Ph.D.
University of Maryland, Eastern Shore

Andrew Giacomazzi, Ph.D.
Boise State University

Tamara Wilkins, Ph.D.
Minnesota State University, Mankato

Regina B. Shearn, Ph.D.
Alpha Phi Sigma Executive Director

Deanna Shields, Ph.D. and John McLaughlin, Ph.D
Fairmont State University

Andrea Joseph, J.D.
New Mexico State University, Las Cruces
Conference Random Scholarship Recipients

Rebecca Rico - Florida International University - Sigma Phi Alpha
Gabriel Gresko - Indiana University of Pennsylvania - Alpha Eta
Rachel Hunt - Boise State University - Alpha Kappa
Tia Sanders - North Carolina Central University - Eta Lambda
Caleb Houchens - Eastern Kentucky University - Epsilon
Amanda Humphres - Boise State University - Alpha Kappa
Danielle Covola - NMSU Las Cruces - Alpha Chi Alpha
Marco Ruiz - NMSU Las Cruces - Alpha Chi Alpha
Nicholas Brown - Fairmont State University - Epsilon Iota

Chapter Grants

University of Texas-Arlington
Lambda Sigma Chi Chapter

Eastern Kentucky University—Regional Campus
Theta Chi Chapter

University of Louisville
Omicron Chapter

New Mexico State University, Las Cruces
Alpha Chi Alpha Chapter

North Carolina Central University
Eta Lambda Chapter

Advisor Grants

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Lorna Grant
North Carolina Central University

Michele Bratina
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    sional skills.
  - Recommendations from professionals familiar with your academic work.

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Dr. Wilson Huang (Faculty, Criminal Justice Ph.D. University of Maryland)
Dr. Fred Knowles (Faculty, Criminal Justice; Ph.D. University of Missouri)
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Raleigh, NC

University of Dayton, Zeta
Dayton, OH

Texas A & M University - Commerce, Alpha Kappa Omega
Commerce, TX

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Alpha Phi Sigma has a very unique and fashionable jewelry line designed by Honorary Member Ken Jernigan (picture right). Most rings and the Greek letter charm are available in yellow gold, white gold, and silver. These are pieces you can wear proudly for a lifetime. Check out the pricing and order online. Pricing starts as low as $35.

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NSU’s Online Criminal Justice Program Named one of the Nation’s Best for Veterans

Once again, Nova Southeastern University (NSU) has been recognized for providing students with one of the nation’s top online academic programs. U.S. News & World Report has released its rankings of top online graduate programs for veterans, and NSU’s Criminal Justice program was ranked in a tie for 21st.

“For more than 50 years, NSU has worked hard to create programs that provide academic opportunities for students that meet their varied needs,” said Dr. George Hanbury, Ph.D., President and CEO of NSU. “One segment of our student population that’s growing is our veterans, and we want to ensure we provide them with educational opportunities that best suit their needs as they transition back to civilian life.”

Dr. Hanbury said that this latest honor is in keeping with NSU’s Vision 2020, where the university will be recognized by accrediting agencies, the academic community and the general public as a “premier, private, not-for-profit university of quality and distinction.” This is the second time NSU’s criminal justice program has been recognized by U.S. News & World Report – earlier this year the online program for all students was ranked 22nd in the country.

This is the third year that U.S. News & World Report has issued these rankings, which identify programs that provide veterans with high-quality, flexible online educational options. According to the report, to be eligible, programs had to be part of an institution of higher learning that is certified for the GI Bill, be participating in the Yellow Ribbon Program or be a public institution that charges in-state tuition for out-of-state veterans. In addition, to be ranked, a school had to be part of the top 75% of schools in the overall 2015 Best Online Programs rankings by the publication (NSU was in the top 22 programs overall.)

“We’ve worked hard to position our criminal justice program as one of the premiere programs online and I’m very proud of this recognition,” said Kimberly Durham, Psy.D., dean of NSU’s Institute for the Study of Human Service, Health and Justice. “It’s a reflection of the program’s faculty – they are truly at the heart of what distinguishes our program from others.”

NSU’s criminal justice graduate program is unique as it’s offered entirely online. This format allows students to participate in courses from anywhere in the world and provides flexibility in completing a master’s degree while providing time for students to continue their current career if need be. NSU’s master’s program in criminal justice is designed for those interested in careers in several areas, including, but not limited to: police officer; detective; FBI special agent; DEA agent; Secret Service special agent; Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) special agent; and Federal Air Marshall.

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Dressed in long black robes, a group of Justice Studies students sit patiently as they wait for their names to be called. There are 26 of them lined up in four rows. Just minutes before, the room was filled with the metallic squeaks of moving tables and rushed instructions; now it has fallen into a respectful silence as the students wait.

Arcing across the wall is a bright golden bunting that tells why they’re here. It reads “Alpha Phi Sigma,” and today these students will be its newest members.

Though it’s only had a chapter at the University of Guelph-Humber since 2013, APS has a more than 70-year history in Canada and the United States. What started at Washington State University spread across the continent, and there are now at least 360 chapters of the society, which aims to prepare students for careers in policing and the law by encouraging academic achievement, leadership skills, and a devotion to social justice.

Back in the classroom, as the students’ names are called, they walk across the room one by one. They receive a certificate, a membership card and are given a broad golden scarf called a stole, which is draped across their shoulders.

“She members of Alpha Phi Sigma are members for life, so we put the stole on them when they’re inducted into the society and they wear it again at graduation,” says Alice Zheng, 4th-year Justice Studies student and the president of the University’s APS chapter.

The stole is meant to be a reminder of the work that it took to get into the society — applicants need to have been in Justice Studies for three semesters, have a 75% grade average, go through an interview process, and then be invited into membership — as well as the mission it stands for. This past year, the chapter’s third year at UofGH, has encouraged its members to get involved in social justice issues.

Since September, APS has run letter-writing and petition-signing events for Amnesty International, and staged a fake mugshot day to combat the stigma that comes from being arrested, regardless of guilt.

Their biggest event of the year is a day-long exploration of the history of wrongful convictions in Canada. Alice, who completed her 3rd-year field placement at the Association in Defence of the Wrongfully Convicted, worked with the rest of the Alpha Phi Sigma team to organize the event, which introduced students to famous Canadian instances of wrongful conviction, like Steven Truscott and Guy Paul Morin. Along with these case studies, they also invited guest speaker John Artis, who spent 15 years in prison after being wrongfully convicted with the American boxer Rubin “Hurricane” Carter in the 1960s.

“This year we wanted to focus on issues that happen outside of our school,” says Alice. “These are all real issues and we want to encourage our students, and the rest of campus, to pay attention.”

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Seminar: Surviving Domestic Violence
A Campus Conversation with Christy Sims

In April 2015, the members of the Iota Zeta Chapter hosted a public event featuring Ms. Christy Sims, President of the Christy Sims Foundation, a non-profit organization designed to educate the community, increase awareness and raise funds to support victims of domestic violence and their children, and provide resources to help them rebuild their lives. Ms. Sim’s journey has been aired on national television; she has given lectures at various colleges and university, and has served as keynote speaker at several fundraisers for victims of domestic violence.

Students learned of her experiences and made an instant connection between her purpose of public education and the goals of Alpha Phi Sigma. With the help of the faculty advisor, Dr. Celeste White, and alumni support, Iota Zeta was able to arrange “A Conversation with Christy Sims: Domestic Violence Survivor” on the campus of Clark Atlanta University. The event held was public, but was attended primarily by those in the campus community. While attendees learned of her personal experiences, to include interaction with the Criminal Justice System, Ms. Sims primary focus was her survival of the trauma. She successfully directed attendees’ attention to the courage, faith, and resilience she chose to rely upon so that she may create a message for others.

Iota Zeta Chapter members conducted a brief evaluation for feedback. Many attendees shared that their knowledge of the plight of victims and interaction with the Criminal Justice system was limited. Perhaps most revealing was that many had never received education about victims’ survival. Activities during this event included distribution of prevention materials, websites, and other resource listings to be referenced for those experiencing abuse. Also a question and answer session was held, and Iota Zeta members ended the event by presenting Ms. Sims with a Certificate of Courage.

The students worked hard to ensure the success of this program. Their work is an excellent demonstration of the connection between criminal justice education and the work of serving the community.
On March 24th, 2016, ten Criminal Justice Students from Atlanta Metropolitan State College joined the Pi Alpha Omicron Chapter established at the College last year. The Inductees are as follows:

- Kelvin Aggrey-Ansong
- Brandee Bolton
- Russell Bryson
- Sonora Cost
- Enrique Jackson
- Frankesha James
- Shunya Johnson
- Orlanda Mahdi
- Shawn Rolison
- Sharon Tyre

Dr. Anita McMurtry- Advisor  
Professor Tammy Geer - Advisor

It was a great day for the College and the Chapter with guest ranging from the Dean of Social Sciences, Dr. Vance Gray, as well as our very own Vice President Dr. Michael Heard, and finally our College President Dr. Gary McGaha.

Lt. Peter Andresen was our featured speaker, inspiring our Criminal Justice students to continue to strive in making their dreams a reality in spite of life’s difficulties. Lt. Andresen also advised the students to remember why they started their journey and to also remember those who encouraged them along the way, which will propel them to reach their goals. Our speaker also shared the joy he has experienced while serving in law enforcement, and finally, encouraged the attendees to challenge themselves to a higher standard of work.

The Chapter also took the time to Honor Dr. Leroy Baldwin, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice, for his outstanding service to the Criminal Justice Department for over 30 years. Dr. Baldwin during his speech stated “If I have helped someone within my journey then my work is not in vain.” Overall it was truly a day to remember.
On February 27, 2016, the faculty advisor of the Phi Eta Chapter spearheaded and moderated a Know Your Rights program co-sponsored by Saint Leo University, Piney Grove Baptist Church, and the YWCA of South Hampton Roads. The panelists, Retired Virginia Beach Deputy Chief John Bell, Jr., Virginia Beach Lieutenant Johnny Gandy, Newport News Sergeant Eric Hires, Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Andre Rosenberg, and Virginia Beach Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Deputy Clerk Glenna Lee Mackay addressed stop and frisk, traffic stops, racial profiling, implicit bias, warrantless searches, consent searches, and expungements. The members of the Phi Eta Chapter assisted with signing attendees in and with collecting the cards for the question and answer session. Approximately 100 people attended the program.

The Alpha Phi Sigma Criminal Justice Honor Society, Phi Eta chapter and Alpha Alpha Alpha, American Criminal Justice Association, Lambda Alpha Epsilon Chapter, participated in the March of Dimes Walk for Babies on Saturday, April 30, 2016. Our team set our fundraising goal at $250 and exceeded our goal by raising $280.
Volunteer Opportunities

**If you want to touch the past, touch a rock. If you want to touch the present, touch a flower. If you want to touch the future, touch a life.** ~Author Unknown

The Polly Klaas Foundation is looking for EVolunteers for their Rapid Response Team. Additional information can be found on their website [http://www.pollyklaas.org/evolunteer/](http://www.pollyklaas.org/evolunteer/)

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The Color Run, information available at [http://thecolorrun.com/about/](http://thecolorrun.com/about/)

Love animals? Check your local rescue, Humane Society or animal shelter! Volunteers can do a variety of tasks, including cleaning kennels, playing with the animals, feeding and watering animals and even administrative work!

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If you volunteer at an event, please let us know! We would like to feature YOU in an article for your newsletter!

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**Advisors Corner**

I recently had a student ask me how being a member of the Kappa Kappa chapter of Alpha Phi Sigma could help him in his law enforcement career. My first thought was that we may have current members with this very same question. My other thought was a famous quote by JFK: “My fellow Americans, ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country”.

Note that there are MANY networking and job opportunities available to Alpha Phi Sigma members. Some of these might become more evident as you become more involved in the chapter and within your communities as a representative of the chapter. Others are available to you for simply being a member.

Please check out the Alpha Phi Sigma website below for more information on career and networking opportunities. [http://www.alphaphisigma.org/alumni---careers-1.html](http://www.alphaphisigma.org/alumni---careers-1.html)

Still, be sure to keep in mind that since this is a volunteer organization it is imperative to the survival of the organization and especially the chapter that we encourage members to be active in helping the chapter reach its goals. If you have any questions about how to become more actively involved and/or any questions about the organization that you may not have previously thought to ask do not hesitate to reach out to the advisors (Dr. Mike or Michelle Beshears), or the chapter’s board members via email at apuskappakappa@gmail.com.

Sincerely,
Drs. Michael & Michelle Beshears

**President’s Points**

First, congratulations to all of our members who conferred their degrees in February! Commencement will soon be here so as a reminder, members can submit their active member logs prior to the April 1st deadline. We have had a few members already submit their logs and earn their active member status.

We held our commencement meeting in March and I hope that you were able to attend. If you have not taken the commencement survey, please do. If you were unable to attend, you may listen to a recording of the meeting at [https://apus.adobeconnect.com/_a795569749/p4bb0d5hu9/?launcher=false&fcsContent=true&pMode=normal](https://apus.adobeconnect.com/_a795569749/p4bb0d5hu9/?launcher=false&fcsContent=true&pMode=normal)

Members are welcome to attend our monthly board meetings, just let us know if you are interested in attending so we can send you the link to access the meeting room.

Sincerely,
Mike Green, President

**Vice President’s Voice**

Hello Kappa Kappa,

Hard to believe the first quarter is quickly coming to a close. As we begin the final stretch of active membership and preparing for commencement I know many of you who will be walking for the first time have many questions about commencement.

We recently had a chapter wide meeting and thanks to technology we were able to record the session for those of you who could not join us. We’ve all been there before. Duty calls, family calls, life in general just gets in the way. We have posted the recording for you so that you can hear and read the chat box with the information about commencement and lots of other information that was passed on. However, if there are questions you have that weren’t answered or aren’t cleared please don’t hesitate to email us at the chapter email and one of the board leaders or advisors will get back to you. You can even PM us on Facebook as well.

Commencement is such an exciting time for everyone but it can also be a stressful especially if it’s in a location you’ve never been to so please, don’t hold back. Those of us who have been to the National Harbor area that can help you will help you. If you have questions about the active membership log please ask away. I am looking forward to meeting our chapter members, alumni and graduates alike. Keep up the great work!!

Respectfully,
Rachel Vis, Vice President - Kappa Kappa
Lambda Omega Chapter President, Courina Hughes, from California State University at Fresno, drove from Fresno to San Jose to join the festivities at the San Jose State University Iota Chapter's Spring Induction.

A great demonstration of UNITY!

Courina Hughes pictured with Alpha Phi Sigma’s Assistant Director, Adriana Jansen
HONOR REGALIA

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- ALL Honor Regalia order forms MUST be signed by the chapter Advisor.
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**Criminal Justice Career Fair**

During the 2015-2016 academic year, the Phi Zeta Chapter of Alpha Phi Sigma partnered with Regent University Career Services in co-hosting a Criminal Justice Career Fair. The fair took place on Thursday, January 28, 2016, and lasted approximately two hours. The event hosted a panel discussion of criminal justice experts followed by a table fair. Students from both the undergraduate and graduate levels were in attendance from a variety of areas of study including, but not limited to, the following: criminal justice, psychology, divinity, and law.

Nine law enforcement agencies from the Commonwealth of Virginia were in attendance, including local police departments, sheriff’s departments, correctional facilities, and the state police. Students were able to learn from the panel discussion how the variety of academic disciplines all play a role in policing, courts, corrections, and rehabilitative efforts.

The table fair following the panel discussion allowed students to individually interact with the various representatives. Within the month following the fair, one police department reported back having tested and interviewed four Regent University students from the fair. Students and law enforcement agencies requested that the Phi Zeta Chapter of Alpha Phi Sigma and Career Services co-host another criminal justice career fair again.

**Local Law Enforcement Appreciation: Fall and Spring**

In both the fall and spring semesters of the 2015-2016 academic year, the Phi Zeta Chapter of Alpha Phi Sigma desired to show their appreciation for both the campus police department and their local precinct of the Virginia Beach Police Department. Each semester on a selected day, the members baked approximately 200 cookies and made thank you cards which they then personally delivered to the two departments.
Members of the Mercyhurst University Upsilon chapter have been busy with a number of activities this past year. In March, several APS students accompanied two faculty members to the Pennsylvania Criminal Justice Educators Conference (PACJE) at Eastern University. Students sat in on presentations about ISIS, police brutality, the Supreme Court, and the war on drugs. One of our students, Shannon Bair was awarded the 2016 PACJE Undergraduate Scholarship Award, and another, Haley Schaef was the recipient of the 2016 Best Undergraduate Paper Award. While in Philadelphia, students toured the Constitution Center and saw the Liberty Bell. We closed our trip by touring Eastern State Penitentiary, the oldest prison in the country. Eastern State certainly gave us a new appreciation for how inmates are currently held compared to the often inhumane efforts utilized at Eastern State.

APS students were also part of a field trip to Attica Maximum Security Prison in New York. Fourteen students, accompanied by two faculty members were given the opportunity to have an interactive session with four inmates at Attica. Each inmate had served over 10 years for a violent crime and allowed us a chance to get to know each of them beyond their inmate number. We learned the importance of family and martial relationships while incarcerated, the lack of rehabilitation programs, the effects of overcrowding, and the overall effects of prisonization on inmates and their families.

We sponsored a presentation from Dr. Eric Vey, a forensic pathologist in Erie County. He gave a fascinating presentation to over 100 students on death investigation. Students learned tell-tale signs of suicide, downings, strangulation, blunt force trauma wounds, vehicular homicide, and death by different types of weapons. This presentation was well received by a number of students.

The APS Induction ceremony was at the Erie Yacht Club this year. Our keynote speaker was Cheryl Labenne, a Mercyhurst alum and a Hearing Examiner for the PA Board of Probation and Parole. She provided us with lessons learned in working in the criminal justice field and also words of encouragement for our graduates. We had a very productive beginning of the year and are excited about planning next year’s events.
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The Sigma Mu Sigma Chapter Wins Three STARS

On Monday, April 25, 2016, Alpha Phi Sigma – Sigma Mu Sigma was awarded with three STAR (Student Talent and Recognition) Awards for their outstanding efforts through the 2015 – 2016 academic year at Missouri State University. These awards were as follows:

**Outstanding Sophomore**

Kirsten Spangenberg was awarded as being the Outstanding Sophomore. She is a highly motivated young lady who has sophomore standing with her time spent at Missouri State University, but has excelled through classes at an astonishing speed, which has earned her many college credits. Currently she not only serves as the Undergraduate Vice President for Alpha Phi Sigma – Sigma Mu Sigma, but she is also holding an officer position with Missouri State University’s Criminal Justice Society. Upon the 2016 – 2017 academic year, she hopes to be enrolled in the Accelerated Master’s Program in Criminology and Criminal Justice at Missouri State University, while she takes on the role of Undergraduate President with Alpha Phi Sigma – Sigma Mu Sigma.

**Outstanding Faculty Advisor**

Ms. Ivy Yarckow-Brown has been distinguished at the Outstanding Faculty Advisor for a Student Organization through the 2015-1026 academic year. She began in the role of faculty advisor for Alpha Phi Sigma – Sigma Mu Sigma in August of 2005. Prior to her advising, only 75 students had become members of Missouri State University’s Alpha Phi Sigma chapter. Since her arrival on the scene with the organization, over 200 more members have joined. Eight years ago, Ms. Yarckow-Brown created the Annual Missouri State University Criminology and Criminal Justice conference, which Alpha Phi Sigma – Sigma Mu Sigma has hosted for eight consecutive years with attendance being over one thousand participants per year. She is also serving from 2016-2018 as a National Advisor for Alpha Phi Sigma.

**Outstanding Collaborative Program**

For their efforts in collaborating with students from Missouri State University’s Media and Film Department, the Springfield Police Department, Greene County Sheriff’s Department, the Missouri State University Public Safety Office, and Greene County’s Medical Examiner’s Office, Alpha Phi Sigma – Sigma Mu Sigma, won accolades. Two students from the Media and Film Department, Josh Pfaff and Andrew Westmaas, were seeking assistance from the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice Department in assuring depicted accuracy and portrayals in crime scenes, behaviors of law enforcement officers, appropriate terminology, and more in their short film entitled “Counting to 1000.” More than sixteen hours were spent on film sets and many, many hours were spent behind the scenes preparing for the development of this project, which has already won three other awards in addition to this newly received STAR.
The Iota Chapter at San Jose State University held its annual induction ceremony on campus on April 23, 2016. Chapter Advisor Dr. Veronica Herrera and olden Alumni Bill Nay presided over the ceremony. In attendance were members, alumni, family members, the Dean of the College of Applied Arts and Sciences, Dr. Schutten, the Justice Studies Department Chair, Dr. James Lee, Alpha phi Sigma’s Assistant Director, Adriana Jansen, and Executive Secretary Romina Rodons.

Dr. Herrera, Joshua Felipe (Secretary), and Maricela Flores (President) with the Dean of the College of Applied Arts and Sciences, Dr. Schutten.

Justice Studies Department Chair, Dr. James Lee, was inducted as a faculty member of the Iota Chapter.

The Iota Chapter was honored to receive the CASA Committee to Enhance Diversity and Equity (CEED) student organization award for the 2nd year in a row for our work with the Prison Education Project.

CEED Award winners

Dr. Herrera, Joshua Felipe (Secretary), and Maricela Flores (President) with the Dean of the College of Applied Arts and Sciences, Dr. Schutten.
Father Nayture takes the Iota Chapter on a Hike of the Redwoods and California coast and then a barbeque at his house. Great learning experience while enjoying nature and some Alpha Phi Sigma Unity!
A Get Together

Golden Alumni member, Mr. William Nay met and had lunch with Golden Alumni Tasha Bailey, a graduate of University of Maryland-Eastern Shore, and Sadia Feliciano, the current National president and chapter president of the Gamma Omicron Chapter at University of Maryland-Eastern Shore.

What a great trio!!!

Welcome to Alpha Phi Sigma’s newest Golden Alumni, Jose Flores who received his Masters at San Jose State University, San Jose, CA.

Jose Flores joined the elite Alpha Phi Sigma Golden Alumni. Here he is (in the middle) with Golden Members Adriana Jansen and William Nay. We congratulate Jose on this great accomplishment!
Students and docents on a field trip exploring Miwok were approached by a special visitor, a young female elephant seal. She was wearing an orange tag on her right rear flipper indicating that she'd done time in rehab and was either way too well-socialized and not fearful of humans, or more likely hungry and looking for a handout.

In the picture you can see Golden Alumni member, Bill Nay who is known as Father "NAYture" keeping the students and visitors away from the seal. Father NAYture describes, to his young listeners, the elephant seal, the orange tag she is wearing, and additional details meant to educate in respecting these seals.

Fathey NAYture who resides in California not too far from San Francisco is delighted to educate students, including those in the San Jose State University Iota Chapter, about the environment.

Way to go Bill!!!

A number of individuals were interested in how I evolved from Criminal Justice to “Father Nayture.” My evolution began as I learned more about human impacts due to my roles in Emergency Management and National Security Adviser. My positions required analysis of Risk. To do this I had to review documents like “Environmental Impact” reports for the various activities and National Laboratories I supported.

I also began support the various Boy Scout and Girl Scout units. Karen and I took them on “Nayture” hikes.

One of the defining activities is when I was assigned as the DOE National Security Adviser to support the Environmental Task Force (ETF) established by Vice President Gore. (See page 6 in the attached document.) In my role in support of the ETF I assisted in processing security clearances for 50 of the most knowledgeable scientist in the country; and I was assigned to travel with them and assist them in sorting out what could or could not be published based on their findings. I certainly learned a lot about the human impacts from the best.

Thus, “Father Nayture” become more equipped and passionate about sharing the Earth story with the next generation.

Father Nayture
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