

The Scoop

Updates, Announcements & Important Information

Letter from our Office

Following the inaugural Advisor Academy in November 2017, our office committed to regular communication with chapter advisors and other alumni volunteers. In this first issue of *The Scoop*, you'll find helpful information for the fall semester, updates from our staff and a feature on one of your own. We hope that *The Scoop* will continue to grow and provide important, relevant and timely information for you as you support your chapter.

Spring 2018 was certainly a busy semester and we are enjoying quieter times around campus. Summer marks the end of another year, a bit of a slower pace, and planning season. Some of the highlights from the past few months include welcoming 395 new members into our community, the annual Accreditation process and further initiatives around building an inclusive community. Greek Allies, our LGBTQ advocacy group, took its programming "on the road," and began hosting discussions at chapter facilities. Nine chapters from all three councils participated in discussions, and some meetings attracted 40+ students. Additionally, a student-driven Trans-inclusion Task Force began work to develop an environment where transgender women feel welcome and supported in pursuing membership within our 8 Panhellenic chapters. Student facilitators led discussions with over 450 women on what it means to be transgender and how to cultivate inclusive spaces. The task force will continue next year with incoming student leadership to offer additional ongoing educational opportunities for chapters and their members, among other things. Finally, our staff co-facilitated new member orientations with each chapter's new member educator, reaching students in their first 3 weeks of joining an organization. This was a fantastic opportunity for our staff to partner with chapters, establish expectations and make connections.

Spring was not without challenges and unfortunately three chapters were closed. Alpha Chi Omega Sorority, Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, and Kappa Alpha Fraternity were all dissolved and lost University recognition. The loss of five organizations in 12 months has certainly impacted our community and our work. The standards that we hold both individuals and organizations to are very real and we will continue to have high expectations for our community. Our staff is committed to supporting groups that provide meaningful, healthy, and positive experiences for Lehigh students.

We are already excited and looking forward to 2018-2019! Phoebe starts later this summer (see p. 3), plans for the next Advisor Academy are taking shape, and move-in will be here before we know it. We hope that you enjoy some downtime this summer as well as time with family and friends. As always, thank you so much for your time and support of our students.

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Mark your Calendars

Houses Open

AUGUST 22

First Day of Classes

AUGUST 27

Advisor Academy

Invitation to follow

SATURDAY

OCTOBER 27

Pacing Break

OCTOBER 15-16

Lehigh-Lafayette

NOVEMBER 17

Fall Initiation

Deadline

DECEMBER 7

Congratulations!

2018 Fraternity & Sorority Life Leadership Awards

Distinguished Service Award

Anne-Marie Anderson, Ph.D.

Djenne Dickens, Mu Sigma Upsilon

Inclusive Leadership

Advisor of the Year

Josh Greenberg, Alpha Epsilon Pi

Dana Teach, Kappa Alpha Theta

Inclusive Leadership

Emerging Leader of the Year

Gaby Montes, Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Inc.

Malini Ray, Zeta Tau Alpha

Living the Ritual

Emerging Leader of the Year

Christy Cullen, Zeta Tau Alpha

Emily Brown, Alpha Omicron Pi

Inspiring Change

Greek Leader of the Year

Molly Bankuti, Zeta Tau Alpha

Outstanding Philanthropic Effort

Phi Sigma Kappa

Greek Leader of the Year

Ian Davis, Alpha Epsilon Pi

Commitment to Service

Alpha Epsilon Pi

Outstanding President of the Year

Arianna Pineiro, Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Inc.

Program of Distinction

Lambda Theta Alpha
Appropriation ≠ Appreciation

Outstanding President of the Year

Matthew Tracy, Alpha Epsilon Pi

Most Improved Chapter

Kappa Alpha Theta

Traditional of Excellence

Erin Garrity, Pi Beta Phi

Tradition of Excellence

Empowering Others

Mu Sigma Upsilon Sorority, Inc.

Empowering Others

Erin Hank, Zeta Tau Alpha

Inclusive Leadership

Zeta Tau Alpha

Inclusive Leadership

Nick Furgason, Phi Sigma Kappa

Living the Ritual



Fall 2018 Programming

Intervene is an in-person 60-minute workshop that provides an opportunity for students to view the video with others and engage in a facilitated conversation to reflect upon the attitudes and behaviors that influence the process of intervening as an individual or with assistance. This is required for all second year students on **Friday August 24th**.

Social Host Training This required training educates new presidents, social chairs, and risk managers (or equivalent role) on personal and chapter liability, policies, and harm reduction strategies related to social events with alcohol.

Base Camp, September 7-9th Chapter and Council leaders will gather to build relationships, engage in conversation about the reality of our community, think through steps for creating positive change, and take action.

PREGAME OFSA will continue to require all students interested in joining a fraternity or sorority to attend this program which focuses on harm reduction and bystander intervention in social settings where students may choose to drink alcohol. Sessions will be offered throughout the fall semester.

Welcome to Phoebe Galbraith, recently hired Assistant Director! Phoebe will join us from the University of Tennessee where she completed her Master of Science degree in College Student Personnel. Prior to this, she completed her Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from Boise State University in May 2016. As a graduate student, she has worked extensively with the Multicultural Greek Council, National Pan-Hellenic Council, and Panhellenic Council, and brings a wealth of knowledge to our team.





Advisor Spotlight: Josh Greenberg

Alumni Advisor, Alpha Epsilon Pi, Sigma Eta Chapter

Why do you volunteer with Alpha Epsilon Pi and the Greek community at Lehigh?

I volunteer to pay it forward. Each of us were the beneficiaries of a campus community born out of a culture and traditions that are uniquely Lehigh thanks in part to alumni support and volunteerism, and it's incumbent upon each alumnus and alumna to find a way to pay forward their Lehigh experience. For many, that's making a gift to support a Greek chapter's programming and educational initiatives or to fund an athletic team's new equipment or to enhance academic or co-curricular programs or to provide financial aid and access to less privileged students. For 1,400 alumni, that's also giving their time and resources to directly impact the student experience and Lehigh community. For me, it's not about attempting to recreate my Lehigh experience for other students, which I could never do and none of us could ever do; it's about empowering the next generation of Lehigh students to create their own, equally as special and impactful, Lehigh experiences.

What are some of the highlights of your time as an advisor?

Gaining University recognition in 2015 was a huge milestone for Alpha Epsilon Pi, and with that privilege, our chapter has grown immensely as a leader within the Greek and greater Lehigh communities. AEPi was first accredited as a gold chapter and then twice accredited with excellence, which is motivating for our members and rewarding as their advisor. Matt Tracy '19 receiving the President of the Year award this year and Ian Davis '18 receiving the Greek Leader of the Year award the past two years, and them both serving as presidents of the Interfraternity Council, were incredibly proud moments for me. And, of course, I appreciated the recent recognition as Greek Advisor of Year. Accolades aside, I'm most happy to see our brothers put on great programs and events, grow as confident leaders in their own ways, and enjoy their Lehigh experience.

What are your hopes for the Greek community in the future?

The Greek community at Lehigh and across the country is experiencing a watershed moment of shifting expectations for what it means to be a fraternity or sorority that positively contributes to the campus community. Each of our organizations has a seat at the table to influence how those new expectations for Greek organizations will take shape and apply across the community, and I hope chapter leaders seize that opportunity to advocate for systematic changes and policies they trust and believe in and around which they can generate buy-in. A handful of chapters will remain willfully blind or resistant to change. Only one of those is a viable path for success. As advisors, it's important to be responsive to our chapters' challenges—real and perceived—though, at the same time, to acknowledge the changing circumstances and to guide our chapter leaders and members towards a pattern of decision-making that reflects an organizational commitment to these new community expectations.



Tenure: 5 years
Undergrad Institution:
 Lehigh University,
 2013
Day Job: Business &
 Intellectual Property
 Attorney
Current City: NYC

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answers?**

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Advisor Resources
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website!**

