

pi kapp parent

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from the recruitment chair

Hello, my name is Jerry Kozak. I am the recruitment chair for Pi Kappa Phi. Many of you new parents should have received a letter from me a month ago when your son was considering his bid. On behalf of the house, I would like to thank you for supporting your son in his decision, and congratulate you on raising a current or future Pi Kapp.

We ended our recruitment period with 21 members in our Alpha Omicron Associate class. If the entire class initiates, it will be the largest class in the history of our house. They are all great guys, and though they are from different backgrounds, each was selected because they exhibited our values.

Over the next two months, they will be very busy between school and the fraternity, but will have the full support of the brotherhood along the way.

about the associate term

The associate term here at Pi Kappa Phi serves to provide our new members with the foundation they will need, not only to become effective active members, but also to grow as dutiful and successful students and members of society. We pride ourselves on our stance against the stereotyped stigma of Greek life by promoting strong relationships between active members and associates, rather than the separation of the two, often characterized by hazing trends across the country.

Our new member education program revolves around our Big Brother -Little Brother system. When associates are individually paired with an active brother, they not only gain a resource to guide them through the term, they also gain a friend and

confidant, whom they can trust to always look out for their best interests. Every Wednesday evening, we take part in a Big Brother-Little Brother event. These events vary from week to week, but a few of them include a pool tournament, serenading sororities, laser-tag and whirly-ball.

On Sundays, the associates will meet at the house to settle any business that may be at hand. As a class, they are responsible for raising \$1600 for philanthropy, as well as contributing to a house project, so they have plenty of tasks to discuss every week. In joining an organization with a proud history spanning the 20th century, they are expected to study what it is to be a Pi Kapp. Our associate literature, "The White Diamond," covers Greek history, our fraternity's history, studying tips, and even manners and etiquette. After our weekly Sunday meeting, associates and brothers alike will help to keep our house looking clean and orderly. We take the aesthetics and hygiene of our house very seriously, and we take pride that our front living room is occasionally mistaken for that of a sorority's.

Monday kicks off the academic week so we like to start the week by getting together for a couple hours at the library each Monday evening. This is especially helpful for the younger members, as they get the chance to receive help from brothers that have taken similar classes.

We are all very excited to welcome twenty-one formidable young men into the Alpha Omicron associate class, and look forward to their initiation into our brotherhood.

*Best Regards,
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pi kapp accomplishment

Over the summer, Michigan Pi Kapp sophomore Billy Patterson partook in a medical research project with Dr. Charlene Irvin of St. John's hospital in Detroit. The focus of the study was to determine whether or not the hospital staff would report to work in the event of an avian influenza (bird flu) pandemic. The study was performed through surveys of clerical workers, nurses, and doctors.



On September 25, Billy attended the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine (SAEM) Midwest regional conference. He had been invited to present his research to doctors, residents and medical students. Out of the 30 poster presentations given (a 5-8 minute Power Point presentation), Billy won "best poster presentation".

parent weekend update

We will be having a Parent Weekend potluck brunch and tailgate, Saturday, October 21st. It will start Saturday morning at 11:30am. The Michigan vs Iowa game starts at 3:30pm. Tentatively, we will be televising the game on a Projection Television at the house for those parents who wish to stay longer.

The decision to move the event from Friday to Saturday was based strongly on the inability for local parents (who make up a large portion of the house) to be able to make it on a Friday evening, having to fight the rush hour traffic after work. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

We look forward to all of your company, and hope for a large turnout to our potluck brunch and tailgate.