ALPHA SIGMA TAU

Alpha Sigma Tau welcomes eleven new members

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Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority (AΣT) is currently welcoming their new member class of Alpha Xi (AΞ).

The (AΞ) class consists of eleven lovely ladies: Lauren DiBacco, Kristi Gdanetz, Erinn Gilmore, Whittany Herrington, Kim Hucko, Kaisy Kaferlin, Lauren Liebdzinski, Jenna Lee Luszcak, Alannah Miller, Kara Steele, and Sam Wilcox .

They most recently received their first official welcoming ceremony Monday night and have attended the Panhellenic New Member Academy.

The academy is a newly instated program designed to teach the new members of all of the Sororities and Fraternities just what is expected of them in their new Greek Life lifestyle.

This semester has been the first in years that allowed sororities and fraternities to accept first semester freshmen into their organizations.

In addition to welcoming their new sisters, AΣT participated in the "Light the Night" walk for leukemia and lymphoma.

The walk raised awareness for these two debilitating diseases by setting up glowing balloons and having survivors and supporters walk them around Jerry Uht Park.

Also, this Sunday, AΣT will be performing their semesterly community service project "Adopt a Highway."

The ladies will be cleaning up their designated local road to help keep Erie looking its best.

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SIGMA TAU GAMMA

Sigma Tau Gamma supports Leukemia, Lymphoma battle

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Sigma Tau Gamma V.P. of Membership

This past week, the brothers of Sigma Tau Gamma participated in the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Light the Night Walk.

With Brink Ink screen printing and embroidery in Edinboro as their primary sponsor, the brothers walked with thousands of others to show support for survivors, and those who have lost their battle with blood cancer.

Stepping off from Jerry Uht Park at 7:30 Tuesday night, the walk took made its way up to State Street and towards Lake Erie.

Although the walk took only a half hour, a huge impact was made.

"It's great to see everybody out here showing their support. This is a really big thing that we're glad to be a part of," said Brother Ryan Meyer.

The Light the Night walk is held annually all over the country. All donations go directly to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society to help fund researching a cure for blood cancer.

This year's walk drew upwards of 1,000 participants, many of whom were walking in memory of a loved one, or were cancer survivors themselves.

All walkers raising at least $25 receive a balloon to carry on the walk with them.

Red balloons were for supporters while white balloons were reserved for cancer survivors. Special gold balloons could be reserved in memory of a loved one.

They all contained a flameless candle which was turned on during the walk, hence the name Light the Night. This is Sig Tau's first year being involved with the walk. IFC president and Sig Tau Brother Marc Mancini hopes to continue being involved in years to come.

"It's such a great cause. It's great to be a part of something that's this important and has affected so many peoples' lives. We definitely want to stay involved with this for a while."

Contributed Photo
The brothers of Sigma Tau Gamma group up after participating in the Light the Night Walk.

Back row left to right: Josh Corcoran, Dave McJunkin, Matt Connolly, Jon Alquist (President), Pat Riordan, Ryan Meyer.
Front Row Left to right: Justin Fantuzzo, Justine Albright (Sig Tau Sweetheart), Marc Mancini

PANHELLENIC

Record recruitment for Behrend sororities

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Panhellenic Council President

It's hard to believe that we're already in our fifth week of classes and formal recruitment is over. As of 4:30 p.m. on Friday, September 18th, 37 women had signed their bids for Alpha Sigma Alpha, Alpha Sigma Tau, and Theta Phi Alpha. In addition, 30 men signed their bids with Delta Chi, Kappa Delta Rho, and Sigma Tau Gamma, bringing the grand total of new and associate members to 67, and a Greek community of almost 180! Congratulations to all of you and welcome to Penn State Behrend Greek Life!

Tuesday, September 22nd started the New Member Academy for everyone who signed their bids. The class will meet every Tuesday at 9:00 p.m. in the Smith Chapel for eight weeks and will discuss things like time management, fundamentals of Greek Life, and what it means to be a part of an organization. Members will also take part in a community service project. These classes will be taught by members of the Panhellenic Council and Interfraternity Council and will give the new class a great opportunity to meet everyone they'll be going through their pledging process with.

Panhellenic and IFC members attended Ladder of Risk: Campus Edition through CampusSpeak Sunday, September 20th in McGarvey Commons. Ladder of Risk: Campus Edition was a ideal occasion for chapter presidents, social chairs, risk managers, chapter advisers and campus leaders, as well as all members, to expand their knowledge of good risk management procedures, including an concentrated look into compliant social event planning. Things talked about included what constitues a chapter event, how a third party vendor works, how you develop a guest list, and who should be on the guest list, among other topics.

Panhellenic also hosted the Late Night Program last Friday. Though it ended up being a little breezy and cool, we had an fantastic turn-out and would like to thank everyone who came down to enjoy the movie with us!

Congratulations again to all of our new memebers!

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