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YOUNG ALUMNUS SETTING THE STAGE FOR CHAPTER ADVANCEMENT

Volunteering for change

Brent Bowers, Capital University '10 is giving back to Alpha Sigma Phi by volunteering as a Chapter Advance Facilitator.

Chapter Advance is a program offered by Fraternity Headquarters that allows a chapter to have a retreat to focus on areas that they are struggling with. Topics range from accountability, recruitment, risk management, ritual and finance.

The overall goal is to get the chapter talking about the areas they are struggling with and to make changes.

It is a one day retreat for the whole chapter and is facilitated by alumni volunteers like Brent Bowers. Every chapter gets a Chapter Advance every two years.

In order to be a successful Chapter Advance Facilitator, you have to be adaptable, have a good attitude and make a connection with the chapter. The facilitator sets the stage for discussion and progress.

"A lot of time the chapter comes to a solution on their own because you (the Chapter Advance Facilitator) created the environment for them to talk about it," Bowers said.

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While giving back to the Fraternity, Bowers has had the opportunity to experience different campus cultures, meet brothers from across the country and help better the fraternal movement.

"My favorite part about being a Chapter Advance Facilitator is meeting undergraduates. I like that I get to travel to places I have never been. It's a learning opportunity for me too," Bowers said.

Bowers also serves as the Recruitment Counselor for Ohio State and facilitates at Alpha Sigma Phi educational programs. He plans on staying involved with the Fraternity and encourages others to get involved.

"The biggest thing is to take a step and get involved, it can be anything," said Bowers, "It can be as small as supporting a local chapter, even if it is not your chapter, by going to philanthropy events. I think it is especially important for young alumnus to get involved after graduation."

If you would like to get involved please contact Dennis Beaudoin at 317-843-1911 or dbeaudoin@alphasigmaphi.org.

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DELTA PHI IS BIKING TO GIVE OTHERS INDEPENDENCE

Grand Valley held the 18th annual Cycling for Independence philanthropy event this spring. The chapter raised over \$20,000 for a non-profit Canine Companion for Independence that enhances the lives of people with disabilities by providing assistance dogs.

The entire chapter worked year round to raise money. Fifteen members, who raised over \$300 each, got to participate in the bike trip. The trip starts and ends at the campus clock tower with 905 miles traveled in a week. The brothers take one hour biking shifts while the “cheer van” follows along providing encouragement and directions.

As the Bike Trip Chairmen, Jacob Walson, Grand Valley ‘10 was in charge of setting up the places they stayed at during the week. Making sure the bikes are in working order, renting vans and coordinating events to raise money for the event.

Over the seven day trip, the brothers had rainy days contrasted by sunny days. When the weather is nice the views will take your breath away.

“It’s really nice gliding along the lake. There are some really good views. Biking through Chicago is always nice,” Walson said.

The chapter’s success can be attributed to their passion for the cause. Walson said, “You have to find a cause that you are really passionate about. We love CCI so much; this is some thing we look forward to.”

It is very rewarding to see the people and service dogs that are impacted by the donations.



“It’s great to see the faces of the handlers when we donate and to play with the puppies, it’s just really fun,” said Walson.

Over the 18 years that the Grand Valley chapter has been donating to CCI they have raised over \$120,000.

Next year the chapter plans on hosting more events, including a 5K to raise money specifically for Cycling for Independence.



We’re Colonizing Fall 2013

Carnegie Mellon University

Oklahoma State University

Texas Tech University

University of Delaware

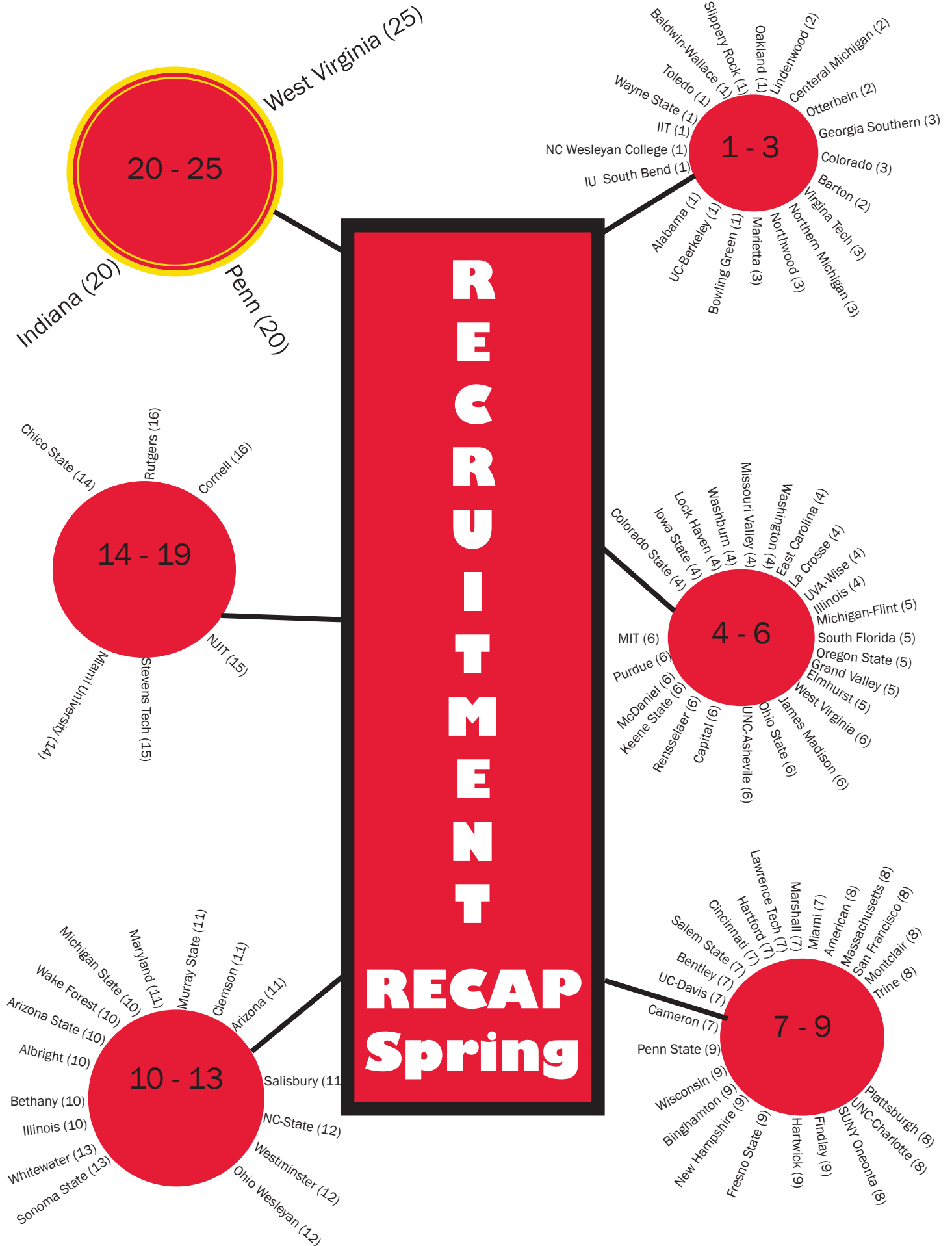
University of Nevada - Reno

University of Texas - Austin

Western Michigan University

Alumni, want to share your talents
with a new chapter?

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Keene State Recieves Charter



Zeta Xi Recieving Chapter Charter

The Zeta Xi chapter at Keene State College received their charter June 1. Colonization began in April of 2012.

Keene State was open to expansion and Alpha Sigma Phi is one of three new fraternities on campus in the last two years.

“Chartering means I am going to come back in 10 years, find Alpha Sigs on campus and be proud of what they are doing and leave a legacy,” Murphy V. Murphy Keene State ‘12 said.

At the time of chartering there were 30 active brothers. The ceremony had 8 speakers and was attended by brothers, family, friends, faculty, Fraternity Staff and Greek community members.

“Being a part of Alpha Sig and being able to charter was the climax of my college career,” founding father Brian ‘Seneca’ Eldredge said.

Eldredge explained that a lot of the brothers were strangers last April. Over time and throughout the process of working towards the chartering benchmarks, the members got to know each other and became a family.

Receiving the chapter’s charter was an exciting moment that symbolized the Fraternity’s values and the commitment to better the man. It was the result of working as a group and growing a brotherhood.



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“I am still emotional about [the chartering process] now. We were able to accomplish something that not a lot of people can say that they did,” Abisch said.

Each of the founding fathers have their own reasons for committing to Alpha Sigma Phi.

“No one else in my family is Greek. It was my father who said you’d be foolish not to do this. That was the defining moment,” Murphy said.

For other chapters going through this process, the brothers have some advice.

“Have your goals set, meet them and then set the next goal,” Abisch said.

Through starting a chapter and forming life long bonds it is hard to choose a favorite moment.

Abisch said, “One of my favorite things was not only seeing myself grow as a person, but to see my brothers grow too.”

Murphy suggests that other interest groups and colonies should contact chartered chapters and groups who are going through the chartering process to talk to them about what you’re going through.

“Some times the best perspective is from a brother across the country,” Murphy said.



Zeta Xi Bowling

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