



FALL 2023 NEWSLETTER

ALUMNI INTERFRATERNITY & SORORITY BOARD

LAFAYETTE COLLEGE



Welcome

This past May, I had the honor of accompanying my father, Trustee Emeritus Mark Weisburger '55, at Lafayette's 188th Commencement. As we walked together across the Quad to celebrate the Class of 2023, it became apparent to me how much Lafayette has been a part of my family's life. That ceremony was just as meaningful to me as it was for the more than 600 graduates and their families.

Lafayette remains special to me for many reasons. Not only did I meet my wife, Jenny '82, at Lafayette, but the lifelong friendships that I formed with classmates, my Chi Phi brothers, and faculty remain a constant in my life.

Participating in Commencement also reminded me of how important it is for alumni to assist undergraduates. So many of you have helped students navigate their years on campus and beyond through providing career connections, internships, recommendations, and more. It's one of the reasons why prospective students choose Lafayette—they know a 30,000 strong alumni network is there to help. This is also true for Greek organizations. Through our support, we can ensure that they represent the College, their chapters, and themselves in the best way possible.

As the fall semester begins, I look forward to seeing you back on campus for Homecoming Weekend (Sept. 29-30) and the Rivalry game against that other team (Nov. 18).

Go Pards!

Michael Weisburger '82 aka "Weissy"

President, Alumni Association Board

"I am Lafayette"



Welcome

On behalf of the Alumni Interfraternity and Sorority Board, we are pleased to share with you updates from the undergraduate Greek community at Lafayette. The AISB works to support the undergraduate Greek experience and to keep our alumni aware of the robust Greek life experience at Lafayette today. As you'll read in the following pages, the Greek community is strong and continues to serve an integral role in the success of Lafayette College.

The Greek community is strong. There are 737 students currently affiliated with a Greek chapter. Undergraduates excel in the classroom and broader Lafayette community, with an all-Greek GPA of 3.48! Forty-five members were recognized for excellence at the 2023 Honors Convocation and two chapters were recognized as the Student Organization of the Year ("Serving their Membership") at the Aaron O. Hoff Awards. Most impressive, five of the Pepper Prize finalists from the Class of 2023 were members of a Greek chapter!

There is more work to be done. Greek leaders from across campus came together in March for the 2nd Annual Fraternity & Sorority Life (FSL) Workshop. Sponsored by the Division of Student Life, the goal of the workshop was to discuss ways to enhance and strengthen the Greek experience. As a result, the AISB is researching ways to increase awareness of mental health resources, decrease the financial burden of FSL membership, better educate new members, and help all members succeed in the classroom. [Please consider supporting the Greek Fund](#) – a fund that supplements programs that benefit the Greek community such as leadership conferences and campus speakers.

Much thanks and gratitude. This newsletter would not be possible without the collective work of our 12 undergraduate chapters. Special thanks to Emma Chen '24 and Justin Bharucha '24 who lead the Panhellenic and Interfraternity Councils. Additional thanks to all members of AISB, chapter advisors (all chapter representatives are shown at the end of this newsletter), and Jake Bates. Finally, thank you to all the Lafayette alumni who continue to support your respective chapter or Greek life in general.

We hope you enjoy the chapter updates and hope to see you on campus soon.

Kristin Anderson '14
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Hello,

I hope that everyone had a wonderful summer. I am just putting this message to update you on some initiatives going on within the fraternity and sorority community at Lafayette.

Since the last publication, we wrapped up our spring semester.

- We hosted our 2nd Annual FSL Community Workshop, facilitated by Tara Fuller.
- Our community hosted FSL Fest, which was successful in reaching more unaffiliated students. Our most successful events were Snow Cones on the Quad, Preview Day (pulling in nearly 200 students to both Panhellenic and IFC recruitment), and our DEI Speaker: LaShatá Grayson's keynote about microaggressions and how to actively work towards building an anti-racist culture within our community.
- The Fraternity & Sorority Life community received funding to partner with the Timothy J. Piazza Center for Fraternity and Sorority Research and Reform to survey the experiences of our FSL students. Additional information will be coming regarding what was learned and how it has aided in supporting our community.

This fall semester, we have a few new initiatives and some continuations from the previous year.

- We will be hosting our first New Member Education Program for the entire new member class covering topics, such as the history of FSL at Lafayette, what is the purpose of the councils, risk management, and life-long siblinghood.
- I will be hosting a presentation over Family Weekend to educate parents on our community and what to be aware of.
- The FSL community will be getting more involved with Homecoming this year in a collaborative effort with Alumni Relations.
- Fall means it's accreditation season. This year is the first year that the presentations will be open to anyone and everyone. As the focus is on chapter accomplishments and pride, we are hoping that the open access will show the Lafayette community the positives of our FSL organizations more transparently.
- We will wrap up the year with our 2nd Annual Fraternity & Sorority Award Ceremony. Alumni interested in attending are welcome to do so.

As always, the aim of my work is to provide the most fulfilling fraternal experience to our students and to provide them with the tools to succeed post-grad. Your support has been invaluable.

Warmest regards,

I wish you all an incredible fall semester.

Jake Bates

Fall 2023

- **August 30 - September 3**
 - Panhellenic Recruitment
- **August 28 - September 10**
 - Interfraternity Recruitment
- **September 6**
 - Student Involvement Fair
- **September 16**
 - New Member Education Program
- **September 18 - 22**
 - Hazing Prevention Week
- **September 22 - 24**
 - Family Weekend
- **September 29 - 31**
 - Homecoming Weekend
- **November 3**
 - Accreditation Portfolios Due
- **November 6 - 10**
 - Accreditation Presentations
- **December 8**
 - Fraternity & Sorority Award Ceremony

Pepper Prize Finalists



***Jeffrey Alexander
Delta Upsilon***



***Harshil Bhavsar
Chi Phi***



***Kaitlyn Hilley
Alpha Gamma Delta***



***Annie Krege
Alpha Phi***



***Thalia Newman
Alpha Gamma Delta***



Jeffrey Alexander (Delta Upsilon)

Major: Psychology

Thesis: Social Comparisons of
Prejudice Within Greek Life

I have come to know the Lafayette Ideal as an iterative process, as a community building upon itself. Whether it be in my academics, extracurriculars, or personal life the Lafayette Ideal always finds itself present, it serves as a reminder that just as we have been influenced and inspired by the graduating classes before us, we serve as an inspiration for those who come after. I know the Lafayette Ideal by name. I acknowledge its presence whenever I'm surrounded and supported by the posse community; I write it emails when I ask for letters of recommendation or extensions; I see it every day as I walk through campus on my way to class; I accept its warm embrace as it asks me where I've been.

I call the Lafayette Ideal my friend. It's tutored me through chemistry; it reminds me that resting is just as important as working; it checked up on me during the pandemic and offered me a place to stay; it drives me back to McKelvy when it's too cold or late at night. Whether it be there to support me as I move an audience to tears through theater, at the Posse Plus Retreat, at a McKelvy Discussion, or participating in my research studies, the Lafayette Ideal is a ubiquitous experience that I have had the privilege of calling my own. Every day, I walk with confidence knowing I have the full support of the community around me. Lafayette College and its constituents have granted me the same thing my three foster families worked tirelessly to provide me: the knowledge that I can love and be loved unconditionally, the space to make mistakes—to be human—and know that I will always be supported.



Harshil Bhavsar (Chi Phi)

Major: Neuroscience and Biochemistry

Thesis: Investigating chaperone-prion interactions of LGMDD1 homologous mutations in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*

There's no doubt that the "Lafayette Ideal" celebrates the success of individuals who are changemakers. How we measure success is a bit more open ended. Don't get me wrong, awards provide tremendous satisfaction, but recently, I've learned to associate my success with the impact I have on others in my community. To me, the Lafayette Ideal leaves their mark by coupling service with mentorship just like I have at Lafayette.

The success I've come to value has stemmed from my strong roots and identity as a first-generation college student. As a past College Advising Corps (CAC) student, I'm thankful to now be an ambassador for the program and empower other first-generation students when they face self-doubt. My desire to improve educational access led me to volunteer at Generation Next where I've consistently mentored first-generation students and watched them thrive into confident, college-bound seniors. Using personal life lessons, I helped them realize that their upbringing does not define who they have the potential to become, but rather, that they have the power to craft their own stories. Through this process, I developed a deep sense of pride knowing that I played a small inspirational role in their personal success.

My passion for service and mentorship extends into my everyday life in my many roles as a student, friend, and engaged community member. Altogether, my devotion to issues such as educational access and STEM inclusivity have made me a stronger leader and campus advocate while redefining my views on my own success. Thank you to Lafayette for providing me opportunities to grow as a leader, but more importantly, I hope that my efforts have been impactful enough to ignite a similar sense of success in the next generation of Lafayette students as they transform our community for the better!



Kaitlyn Hilley
(Alpha Gamma Delta)

Major: Biology and Government & Law

During my FYS, I wrote about my frustrations with the college allowing significant amounts of food waste to go to landfills each week. My professor challenged me by asking, "What are you going to do about it?" Since then, I have been determined to take action throughout my college career and for the rest of my life.

I have been passionate about helping the college achieve its goal of reducing food waste as outlined in the CAP 2.0 since my first year. I saw an opportunity to address this issue through composting and worked with various entities, including Student Government, my research organization abroad, and the EVST internship, to develop and implement composting methods on-campus and within the Easton community. Despite facing challenges, such as COVID-19, our efforts paid off as the college is set to begin composting again this fall. As president of Alternative School Break (ASB), I faced significant challenges keeping the group active during the pandemic. Despite this, I persevered in my role and helped lead the rebuilding efforts of the organization. ASB serves an important purpose in our community as we learn about social justice issues, engage with marginalized groups, and strive to make a meaningful impact beyond completing service projects. It was fulfilling to see us finally able to go on servicetrips again, giving back to our community and other communities worldwide.

As I approach graduation, I am proud of the impact I have made on the Lafayette community. Through my involvement with composting and ASB, I have worked to embody the Lafayette ideal of being a positive leader and changemaker. My legacy at Lafayette is the continued growth of both the composting program and ASB, and I am confident these initiatives will continue to thrive and make a difference in our community.



Annie Krege (Alpha Phi)

Major: English and Film & Media
Studies

Thesis: Virtual Reality: A tool for the
disabled Lafayette population

During my first day on campus, as a part of POSP, I was taught the phrase “active citizen.” An active citizen is someone whose community becomes a priority in values and life choices. This term has been a guiding principle for me over the past four years, as it has acted as an ideology that I have committed myself to embodying. To me, the Lafayette ideal is the epitome of an active citizen in every community that they are a part of.

Community is a cornerstone of Lafayette. Students immerse themselves in organizations and groups that give them a sense of belonging. As an active citizen, not only do I work to build community in various affiliations, but I aim to better them. I have recognized areas of growth within my communities and committed myself to making the changes necessary to leave each better than I found it.

Through my academic work, I’ve provided a platform for Lafayette’s disabled community to address Lafayette’s flaws and imagine the ways we can build a more accessible and inviting campus. Through my roles in Cadence and Alpha Phi, I’ve worked diligently to create a more fundamentally inclusive community. In Marquis Players and MOSAIC, I’ve worked to increase engagement with the Easton community, bringing the importance of connecting with the outside community to a wider range of students than ever before. My journey through POSP has helped me mold future active citizens who will continue to improve the communities they occupy. As my time as a Lafayette student comes to an end, I’m proud to know that I have had a hand in not only bettering my communities, but giving other students the tools and confidence to continue the hard work that others have begun before them to challenge this institution to become the best that it can be.



Thalia Newman
(Alpha Gamma Delta)

Major: Biology

Thesis: Predicting the therapeutic capabilities of macrophages: Validation of a computational model

Four years ago, I would have described myself as “indecisive.” I spent high school balancing two parts of myself, feeling like I had to choose to commit entirely to biology or music when planning my future. I thought my inability to decide on a sole focus was a weakness, but I also knew that I could not make that choice if it meant giving up something I loved. I never would have thought that four years later, my perspective would change so drastically.

As a Lafayette student, I explored each of my passions to their fullest potential. My interests in biology and music went beyond simply succeeding in the classroom, pushing me to become involved on a deeper level by pursuing additional roles and responsibilities. My dedication to each department has been reflected through my receipt of the Biology Department’s Willis Roberts Hunt Prize and the John D.

Raymond Music Award, each awarded to senior students who are felt by the members of the respective department to be most deserving. In addition to these passions, I developed interests in social justice, education, and mentorship through my roles as a PARDner and later Leadership Team member for the Lafayette

Extended Orientation

program, the Director of DEI for Alpha Gamma Delta, a peer educator with Peer Anti-Violence Educators, and a current Co-President of Pards Against Sexual Assault.

Through my time at Lafayette, I learned that my “indecisiveness” is not the negative quality I had long perceived it to be. My passion for science, and for music, and for a myriad of other topics is not a weakness, but something that makes me more well-rounded, driven, and curious. It allows me to open doors to new opportunities and explore subjects from unique perspectives. It helped me understand and strive toward the Lafayette Ideal.



Lafayette Honors Convocation Winners

During the 2022 - 2023 academic year, 45 of our members were recognized for excellence and took home 50 awards (42% of the awards offered) in 27 fields of study and/or engagement (69% of the majors and offices).

Alumni Relations

*Lafayette Alumni of the Lehigh Valley
Scholarship Award*

Christian Combi (Zeta Psi)

Art

The Ed Kerns Award

Andrea Collazo-Salazar (Pi Beta Phi)

Fredrick Knechy Detwiller Prize

Maya Nylund (Kappa Kappa Gamma)

Vician B. Noblett Prize in Studio Art

Renee Mercereau (Alpha Gamma Delta)

Asian Studies

*Outstanding Achievement in Asian Studies
Award*

Nick Sama (Delta Tau Delta)

Biology

Willis Roberts Hunt Biology Prize

Thalia Newman (Alpha Gamma Delta)

Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering

*Lehigh Valley Section of the American
Institute of Chemical Engineers Award*

Danielle Lemisch (Alpha Gamma Delta)

*Lehigh Valley Section of the American
Society of Metals Award*

Finlay Smith (Chi Phi)

Chemistry

*American Chemical Society Division of
Organic Chemistry Undergraduate Award
in Organic Chemistry*

Becky Hartman (Alpha Gamma Delta)

*American Chemical Society Division of
Physical Chemistry Undergraduate
Award in Physical Chemistry*

Haleigh Marzano (Alpha Phi)

American Chemical Society Prize

Harshil Bhavsar (Chi Phi)

Theresa Chua (Kappa Kappa Gamma)

Carl J. Staska Prize

Zoey Bragg (Alpha Phi)

Abbey Pettenati (Delta Gamma)

William Forris Hart '27 Chemistry Prize

Betsy Foker (Alpha Gamma Delta)

Economics

*Department of Economics Award for
Scholastic Excellence*

Shaan Shuster (Phi Kappa Psi)

J. H. Tarbell Award

Nick Tufano (Delta Kappa Epsilon)

Robert F. Hunsicker Educational Prize

Shaan Shuster (Phi Kappa Psi)

Geology & Environmental Sciences

James L. Dyson Geology Award

Julianna Huba (Alpha Gamma Delta)

Electrical & Computer Engineering

J. J. Ebers Memorial Award
Henry Grote (Delta Tau Delta)

Lawrence J. Conover '24 Electrical Engineering Prize
Boris Schmuylovich (Delta Upsilon)

English

Gilbert Prize
Maya Nylund (Kappa Kappa Gamma)

H. MacKnight Black Poetry and Literature Prize
Fayth Wisheart (Alpha Phi)

Engineering Division

William G. McLean Tau Beta Pi Prize
Finlay Smith (Chi Phi)

Engineering Studies

Charles L. Best Memorial Prize in Engineering Studies
Elizabeth Diacik (Delta Gamma)

Health Professionals

Joseph Watt Kuebler Jr. Memorial Prize
Devon Hallihan (Pi Beta Phi)

The Mark I. Koshar, M.D. '70 Award
Emma Taylor (Alpha Gamma Delta)

Sanfurd G. Bluestein '42 Award
Emma Taylor (Alpha Gamma Delta)

Forensics

Benjamin F. Barge Oratorical Prize
Jefrey Alexander (Delta Upsilon)
Cat Kruman (Alpha Phi)
Noah Wilk (Delta Kappa Epsilon)

Government & Law

Minerva & Emil V. Novak Prize in Government & Law
Ry Stratton (Kappa Kappa Gamma)

Paul Tully Memorial Prize
Leah Bartlett (Alpha Phi)

History

Class of 1910 Prize
Mackenzi Berner (Pi Beta Phi)

International Affairs

Rado Pribic Prize in International Affairs
Nick Sama (Delta Tau Delta)

Jewish Studies

Ludwig and Batrice B Muhlfelder Prize
Emma Mickel (Delta Gamma)

Religious Studies

David Fowler Atkins Jr. Prize
Zubair Ali (Delta Tau Delta)

Rev. J. W. and R. S. Porter Bible Prize
Christina Thoen-Nilsen (Alpha Phi)

Landis Center for Community Engagement

Eleanor Winkey Prize

Avery Besch (Alpha Phi)

Annie Krege (Alpha Phi)

Jeremy Saxe Award

Kaitlyn Hilley (Alpha Gamma Delta)

Languages & Literary Sciences

Frank Kline Baker Spanish & Latin

American Civilization Award

Emma Taylor (Alpha Gamma Delta)

James Alexander Petrie Prize in French

Piper Davis (Kappa Kappa Gamma)

Fiona Geddes (Alpha Gamma Delta)

*Rexroth Prize in German - Language
Studies Award*

Kai Fore (Phi Kappa Psi)

Henry Grote (Delta Tau Delta)

Mechanical Engineering

Carl G., Jr. '67 and Deborah B. Anderson

P'01 Mechanical Engineering Prize

Jed Alterman (Chi Phi)

Christian Combi (Zeta Psi)

Karl J. Ammerman Prize

Fayth Wisheart (Alpha Phi)

Music

John D. Raymond Music Award

Thalia Newman (Alpha Gamma Delta)

Military Science

Lafayette College President's Award

Brandon Leibensperger (Chi Phi)

Military Order of Foreign Wars

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National Sojourners Award

Zachary Gill (Chi Phi)

Neuroscience

William C. Rappolt '67 and Walter Oechsle

'57 Neuroscience Prize

Harshil Bhavsar (Chi Phi)

Physics

Physics Department Scholastic Award

Jake Santos (Delta Kappa Epsilon)

Psychology

Burton H. Cohen Memorial Prize

Rachel Giunta (Alpha Phi)



2023 AARON O. HOFF AWARDS



Pi Beta Phi and Delta Tau Delta received the award of Student Organization of the Year (“Serving their Membership”)

Lafayette Panhellenic Council 2023



The Panhellenic Council is thrilled to be back on campus and working together again with each other and each sorority. Last semester was wonderful, with our Panhel Week and our FSL Fest. We just concluded an incredibly successful formal recruitment, with 194 individuals registering and 175 receiving a bid.

We are looking forward to an exciting semester, with increased Panhellenic events, including a partnership with LANDIS. We cannot wait to work with alum, the Interfraternal Council, and other members of the campus community this semester before we transition to a new Panhellenic Exec. We are very proud of the increased presence of the Panhellenic Council this past year, and can't wait to continue this.

Please feel free to reach out to Emma Chen with any questions or concerns at cheneb@lafayette.edu!

Emma Chen, President (APhi) ~ Emma Lorey, Vice President (APhi) ~ Nieve Kelly, VP Recruitment (PiPhi) ~ Zoe Gelber, VP Events (AGD) ~ Addie Wagner, VP Operations (KKG) ~ Kate Strong, VP PR (KKG) ~ Adriana Vergona, VP DEI (DG)



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RECRUITMENT

At the beginning of Fall '23, members of the IFC began preparing and initiated a successful Fall Recruitment. There were 149 PNMs who registered for Fall Recruitment, and 117 who accepted bids from one of the six fraternities on campus, marking a 78.5% retention rate. PNMs were required to participate in Diversity, Equity & Inclusion initiatives such as breakout rooms during recruitment. IFC plans to hold Spring '24 Recruitment for fraternities that wish to participate. The IFC hopes that current NMs can foster strong connections with alumni.



SEMESTER IN REVIEW

The IFC consortium continues to maintain a strong presence on campus, not only within the FSL community, but outside. Members of the community continue to exemplify leadership positions on campus, whether it be helping with Lafayette's Orientation process (LEOs), or being RAs in dorms. Many IFC members hold positions in organizations such as Pards Against Sexual Assault (PASA), LEAP, and Mock Trial.

The IFC is currently planning on revising its Constitution, spearheaded by President Justin Bharucha '24, as well as getting more involved with various outside organizations at Lafayette College for partnered events.

Current Members:

President: Justin Bharucha (Chi Phi), VP Operations: Jose Munoz (Chi Phi) VP Recruitment: Jake Leddy (Delta Upsilon), VP DEI: Anthony Abenante (Delta Upsilon), VP Scholarship: Larry Shore (Phi Kappa Psi), VP PR: Tyler Nyberg (Delta Kappa Epsilon)



FUTURE EVENTS

At the end of the Spring '23 semester, the IFC Executive Board discussed ways to bring the six fraternities together, through various community competitions. Currently, the board is planning to use part of its semesterly funds for an academic competition, as well as a possible football tournament on March Field, in an effort to bring the community together and foster friendly competition.



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Zeta Theta Chapter 2023



Academics and Leadership

Our chapter is currently in the Diamond Society with an average GPA of 3.5 +. We also hosted a brunch during which Professor Sunderland came to talk with us. We are very excited for another professor lecture this semester. Additionally, some of our sisters have been representing the Zeta Theta chapter off campus. Kate Demaree attended the NGLA conference, and Maddy Tallman went to the Alpha Gamma Delta Empower Leadership Conference. Both Carly Johnson and Bri Hartman were selected for the AGD conference this academic year.



Wellness and Sisterhood

The Zeta Theta chapter has attended multiple educational events, including Safe Zone training, a PAVE seminar about healthy relationships, and a microaggression presentation. We are also proud to announce we have reframed our chapter meeting model in order to value time together. We now have weekly sisterhood events to help build bonds across class years and throughout the chapter. We also host larger events such as Paint and Sip or Fams-giving each month. Additionally, our sisters recognize one another by identifying a Sister of the Week and a Senior of the Week. This semester, we are looking forward to sister-mother/sister daughter celebration, a LRAJE spiral discussion, and a talk on mental health issues.



Philanthropy and Service

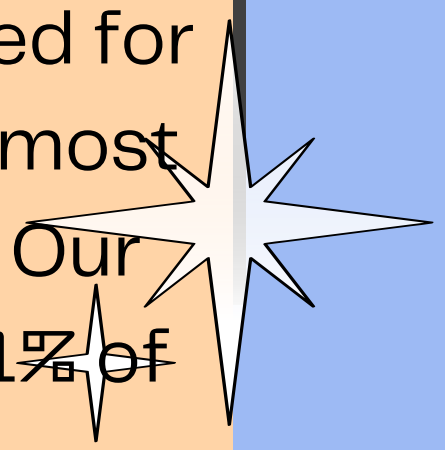
Last year, our chapter has completed over 800 hours of service, raised \$1600 for the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation, worked with Father's House weekly, and packaged 10,000 meals for families in need through Rise Against Hunger. We have also hosted or participated in events such as Alpha Grabba Donut, Alpha Gam Kan Jam, March Madness Brackets, and our Spring Spinner. Outside of our Philanthropy, we have worked with other organizations on campus including PASA's Denim Day fundraiser, Lafayette's Relay For Life, and a fundraiser for Turkey-Syria Earthquake relief. We are looking to upcoming fundraisers for suicide prevention, breast cancer awareness, and the Eastern PA Trans Equity Project as well as volunteering at Easton Garden Works.



Community

In the spring, Zeta Theta partnered with several organizations, including the groups mentioned in the iPhilanthropy section. This fall, we are highly anticipating a fundraiser for the equestrian team and partnering with PASA for another event. Our chapter is the only Greek Organization that has managed to do an event with every other Greek organization on campus; this includes our mock recruitment with DG, New Member event with APHI and PI PHI, pizza party with KKG, our spinner and Kan Jam with Chi Phi, March Madness bracket fundraiser with Chi Phi and Phi Psi, Pizza Palooza and Spinner with DU, and the fundraiser for 9/11 Tunnels for Towers with every other Greek organization on campus.

Sharing our recent accomplishments, makes us even more excited for the future of our chapter. We most recently won the awards for most campus involvement and greatest achievement in recruitment. Our chapter is also in IHQ's Crescent Society, putting us in the top 11% of AGD chapters internationally.





Current Members:

This semester we welcomed 38 new members into MC'23! Our Chapter has currently 93 active members. Our VP of New Member Education & Member Experience, **Hope Tracey '24** has already held many activities to integrate the new members and facilitate conversation with current sisters.

Academic Excellence:

Out of 83 girls, 64 made the Dean's List- with 19 members also receiving a perfect 4.0: **Krista Bogan, Hope Bolidzer, Emma Chen, Lily Dell, Haley Finn, Kat Flanders, Rachel Giunta, Annie Hathaway, Becca Jackson, Hayley Katz, Abigail Key, Annie Krege, Cat Kruman, Anna Mastrogiovanni, Gen Mclean, Jasmine Nguyen, Laura Pailas, Bernadette Russo, and Christina Ruvo!** As well, Our chapter had the highest term GPA for the

Spring in all of Fraternity & Sorority Life!



Philanthropy:

Alpha Phi has its own foundation, the Alpha Phi Foundation, to raise money for specialized care and education for Women's Heart Health. Last Semester, we hosted various philanthropy events throughout the week of Valentine's Day to raise money for the Alpha Phi Foundation. This year we hosted a new event, **Move Your Phi't 5k**, co-sponsored with Delta Kappa Epsilon, Chi Phi, and Delta Tau Delta. Including our annual **Red Dress Gala**, we have raised **\$12,000** from Heart Healthy Week. As well, we hosted our Alpha Phreeze event in May, raising funds for the Children's Home of Easton. Upcoming this semester, we will be hosting **Alpha Phifa**, a 4v4 soccer tournament on March Field, and **Kingdom of Hearts**, a Talent Show. As well, in October, we have planned a **Halloween Spinning** open to all Lafayette students, co-sponsored with Delta Kappa Epsilon. This would not be

possible without our Philanthropy Chair, **Alyssa Giannasca '24**.

Summer Experiences:

This summer various members gained new experiences in forms of internships and research in various different fields. Our members have interned at **Quanterix, Dell & Dean PLLC, Clark Construction, Tyler Technologies, Spectrum Mobile, Collectively Inc., Massachusetts Attorney General's Office**, and more! As well, various of our sisters participated in research, such as **Caroline Wolff '25** who conducted clinical research for dementia and Alzheimers at **Beth Israel Hospital** and **Hope Tracey '24** who did chemistry research as a **Bergh Scholar** at Lafayette College. We are so proud of our sisters and their accomplishments!

DEI Education:

Our VP of Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion, **Haley Finn '24** has been working hard to plan various DEI events for this upcoming semester. Coming up in October, Haley has planned a Faith zone training workshop with Chaplain Alex Hendrickson.

Sisterhood Events:

Our chapter prioritizes friendship and sisterhood. We aim to host at least two sisterhood events per month, including movie nights, dinners, and general house get-togethers. This semester we are also planning an apple picking event and a Fall retreat!





CHI PHI



PHILANTHROPIC AFFAIRS

In Spring '23, the Rho chapter cosponsored numerous events throughout the community to raise money for many different causes. This included a week of cosponsoring Alpha Phi's events for Heart Health, participating in Read Across America at March Elementary, and more. In Fall '23, brothers of the Rho chapter plan to support the Lafayette College and Easton area community by volunteering at LaFarm bringing back Dog Day in support of the Lehigh County Humane Society, and Cosponsoring Spinning fundraiser events.



SEMESTER IN REVIEW

The Rho chapter continues to maintain a strong presence on campus, not only within the FSL community, but outside. Chi Phi continues to house multiple successful RAs in dorms around campus and maintains executive positions of important advocacy organizations on campus, such as Lafayette Environmental Awareness and Protection (LEAP) and Pards Against Sexual Assault (PASA).

In Spring 2023, Chi Phi continued to excel in sexual awareness and ally training workshops in PASA, PAVE, and certifications of SafeZone training. Our Chapter Advisor, Jerry Blakeslee '70 has continued to present and educate newly initiated members of the Rho chapter on anti-hazing measures, which is maintained as a strong principle of the Rho Chapter.



AWARDS

Over the summer, Matt Kirkman and Doug Barnett represented the Rho Chapter at the 157th Chi Phi Congress. They had the privilege of accepting the Thomas Deans Award in accreditation and the Thomas Gehring Award for Chapter Excellence. We are very proud of being recognized nationally with both of these prestigious awards.

Epsilon Xi, Lafayette College

Welcome MC '23

During the first week of September, we had 34 new members join our sisterhood!



150 Years of DG

Over the summer President, Maya Byrne (MC '21) traveled to Memphis, TN and Oxford, MS to celebrate the 150th anniversary and homecoming of Delta Gamma. During her trip, she had the opportunity to meet with other DG presidents, members, and alumni from around the country.



Our Philanthropy



Over the past couple months, we have raised money for our philanthropy, Service for Sight. Service for Sight provides access and advocacy for the visually impaired and blind communities.

Do Good Week: During the week of September 12th, we raised money for our philanthropy through baked goods and lemonade sales, an Owowcow ice cream Fundraiser, and a cosponsored car wash with another Greek organization on campus.

Upcoming events: In the next couple months, we will be having our annual Anchor Bowl (10/14) and Haunted House (10/28). Both events will provide students at Lafayette with an outlet to socialize and have fun towards a great cause.



DELTA TAU DELTA



- 2022 IFC Chapter of the Year
- 2022 Student Organization of the Year
- 2022 Court of Honor Recipient
- Highest ranking among all Lafayette Fraternities: 3.5 average GPA for 2023 spring semester
- Hundreds of hours of community service at LaFarm, Lafayette Philanthropic Events, and other fundraising projects
- 30 new members recruited who share our core values of Truth, Courage, Faith and Power. Second most new members among Lafayette Fraternities in '22-'23.



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Lafayette Chapter | Spring 2023

Building Better Men Since 1834

Brothers Go to Leadership Institute

Brothers Simon Smith, Carter Gates, and Anthony Abenante (pictured from left to right in the photos) attended Li in Kansas City over the summer. They had a great time attending the seminars and developing leadership skills which they have brought back and talked about with us at our last chapter meeting. Having such a unique opportunity to learn and meet those from other chapters is important and we were thrilled to have had the opportunity to send them.



Remembering Brothers

We were recently gifted this picture of the old Delta Upsilon house by the widow and daughter of Tim Crotty, class of 1961. Hopefully you will all get a chance to see it in person during our upcoming alumni events.



Recruitment

Recruitment concluded Friday the 8th with bid day, in which we gained 30 new associate members!

This is a great feat for our chapter and is the product of our VP of recruitment Max Adams 24', his rush chairs, and the rest of the brotherhood. We are thrilled to have so many new faces around and are excited to get to know them better during their associate member education.

Zeta Beta Chapter/Lafayette College: Fall 2023



On September 3rd, '23, we accepted 34 new members to ZB chapter! We are thrilled with this new class of sophomores and welcome them to Kappa! (Left: New Member Class Fall '23 with actives)

A reminder to Alumni: Zeta Beta has created our own LinkedIn Page for Lafayette Kappas --- both members and alumni! We invite you to follow our page at [Kappa Kappa Gamma, Zeta Beta Chapter](#). Our Chapter website is Lafayette.kappa.org.

Academic Excellence: Zeta Beta continues to prioritize Academic Excellence. For the Spring term '23, 44 Zeta Betas achieved Deans List (3.6 GPA or higher for the semester). This represents 55% of the active chapter members. Congratulations to all!

DE&I: This fall, Zeta Beta will be partnering with two non-Greek

Lafayette organizations to raise awareness for important causes. The first is WAVES of Equality, a group spreading awareness and support of neurodivergent individuals and communities. The second is LEAP (Lafayette Environmental Awareness and Protection).

Chapter Philanthropy:

- Zeta Beta's Signature Event, **Marina Day**, was held April 30, 2023 on campus. This event is meaningful and personal, celebrating Marina Petersen's (Lafayette '10) life. We raised a record-breaking \$7,911 for the Marina Petersen Abroad Scholarship -- \$1,400 more than our all-time high in 2022! This scholarship allows a Lafayette student to study abroad for a term. The chapter is especially grateful that Toni Petersen (Marina's Mom) was able to join us in person for this special day.
- In 2023-24, the chapter will continue to focus on Mental Health, raising funds for Mental Health America on November 3rd with a fun Kickball Tournament with **DKE**.
- On 10/3, we will have our annual Pink Lemonade Stand raising funds for Breast Cancer Research
- ON 12/2, KKG and **DKE** will hold a spinner, benefiting Team Campbell Foundation (Families with a childhood cancer diagnosis)



Chapter News:

- Emma Bruther '25 will be attending Kappa's Leadership Academy in Ohio, September '23
- Zeta Beta held its first **Alumnae Networking Night** on April 17th, 2023. Twelve alumnae joined us over Zoom to talk about their careers, ranging from fashion merchandising to wealth management. If you would be interested in joining us for our next Networking Night this fall, please reach out to alumnaerelationszetabeta@gmail.com.
- The chapter will also be participating in Lafayette-sponsored events this semester: Faith-Zone Training and Safe Zone Certification. We are also planning a training on Financial Literacy.

New Kappa Alumni News:

- Ry Stratton '23, Co-Valedictorian, is attending her first year at Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law. Congratulations Ry!
- Theresa Chua '23, Co-Valedictorian, is working at Mass General Hospital as a Clinical Research Coordinator in their Spine Department of Orthopedic Surgery. Cheers Theresa!
- Maddie Kollar '23 is enjoying Alumni Life in Philadelphia as a Talent Acquisition Coordinator at URBN, parent company of Urban Outfitters, Anthropologie, Free People.

Calling all Kappas interested in being a Zeta Beta Advisor: Our award winning chapter is proud of our recruitment, leadership, activities and community involvement. If you are interested in advising chapter officers, or serving on the House Board, we would love to have you! There are many options for advising available, depending on the position, with reasonable time commitments. Please contact Betsy Klebe Dziedzic at (610) 844-1199, betsy.dziedzic@gmail.com or Linda Grebe DeLaurentis '81 at (914) 772-2384, lindagrebesdel@gmail.com.

Pi Beta Phi

PA Eta Chapter | Fall 2023



Welcoming MC '23

We have just welcomed 38 new members to the PA Eta chapter of Pi Beta Phi, and we could not be more excited! Our Director of New Member Experience is working tirelessly to ensure that every individual feels welcomed. Our goal is for each new member to truly understand what being a Pi Phi means and how it will enrich their college experience and life beyond.



Book Drive for the EACC

During recruitment, we empowered PNMs to engage with our direct service! Members and PNMs wrote notes in over 300 books that PA Eta collected and will be donating to the Easton Area Community Center.



Pie a Phi

Pie a Pi Phi is a long standing tradition for many Pi Phi chapters across North America. PA Eta has held a variety of different Pie a Pi Phi events with multiple different organizations on Lafayette's campus. This past Spring our chapter held a joint event with Chi Phi called Pie a Phi where members from both of our chapters were being pied in the face to raise money for our respective philanthropies.



Honors and Awards

In 2022, PA Eta won the Balfour Cup, the highest national award a chapter can attain from Pi Beta Phi Headquarters. We were recognized for our hard work against the "Abolish Greek Life" movement, strong academics and leadership, sisterhood experience, and philanthropy which includes weekly direct service with the Easton Area Community Center (EACC) and the annual Dance Marathon. In 2023, our chapter was nominated for 4 Regional Awards, winning out against 17 other schools in the Northeast. Two of our graduating seniors from 2023 were also nominated for individual awards. Victoria Akagha was nominated for the Jean Scott Leadership Award for outstanding change leadership. Lastly, we are proud to share that Jordan Lam won the 2022 Chapter Service Award.



Scholarship

Lafayette College Fraternity & Sorority Life Academic Performance Report

Spring 2023 Term

Greek-affiliated students had an average GPA of **3.48** (vs. 3.38 for non-affiliated students) for the Spring 2023 term:

	Total Number of Members	Term Average GPA	Cumulative Average GPA	Greek Council GPA Ranking**	All Greek GPA Ranking**
All Student	2,636	3.41	3.38		
All Greek	737	3.48	3.43		
All Non-Affiliated	1,902	3.38	3.37		
Fraternities					
All Male	1,309	3.28	3.27		
All Non-Affiliated Upperclass* Male	626	3.33	3.26		
All Interfraternity Council	331	3.32	3.30		
Chi Phi	64	3.44	3.38	2	7
Delta Kappa Epsilon	63	3.23	3.19	5	10
Delta Tau Delta	56	3.50	3.47	1	5
Delta Upsilon	60	3.18	3.23	6	11
Phi Kappa Psi	66	3.30	3.23	3	8
Zeta Psi	22	3.27	3.38	4	9
Sororities					
All Female	1,327	3.53	3.50		
All Non-Affiliated Upperclass* Female	538	3.55	3.48		
All Panhellenic Council	406	3.61	3.53		
Alpha Gamma Delta	84	3.62	3.55	4	4
Alpha Phi	85	3.69	3.56	1	1
Delta Gamma	74	3.63	3.59	2	2
Kappa Kappa Gamma***	80	3.47	3.49	5	6
Mu Sigma Upsilon					
Pi Beta Phi	82	3.626	3.48	3	3
* Upperclass includes sophomore, junior, senior students.					
** Rankings based on Term Average GPA.					
*** Mu Sigma Upsilon GPA not included due to size of chapter.					

Support Greek Life

Your gift to the “[Greek Fund](#)” through Lafayette’s Annual Fund will provide direct resources to fraternity and sorority leaders and all members in each chapter on campus. In particular, these gifts bring invaluable speakers and programs to the Greek community, allow students to travel to leadership conferences, and provide tactical and strategic training to chapter leaders to make each fraternity and sorority the best that it can be.

This academic year, funds are needed to support student attendance and travel to two events: the [Association of Fraternal Leadership & Values](#) (AFLV) conference and the [Northeast Greek Leadership Association](#) (NGLA) conference. The goal is for each chapter on campus to send one representative to at least one conference – and at no cost to the student.

Please consider [supporting the student experience via a donation to the Greek Fund](#) in honor of your chapter.



Dates of Interest

September 2023

September 30, 2023 – [Homecoming](#) (Bucknell vs. Lafayette)

November 2023

Bring the Roar – Support the student experience via the [Greek Fund](#)

November 18, 2023 – [Lafayette vs. Lehigh](#) (159th Meeting)

December 2023

December 13, 2023 – [NYC Holiday Party](#) (registration coming soon)

January 2024

Winter Break – [Host a student intern](#) via the Gateway Career Center

March 2024

March 9, 2024 – [Founders' Day](#) and [Wine 3/9](#) – Celebrate the founding of Lafayette College

May 2024

May 19, 2024 – [189th Commencement](#) – Congrats to the Class of 2024!

June 2024

May 31 – June 2, 2024 – [Reunion](#) – Return to College Hill and catch up with old friends



Chapter Roll Call

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