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# TORCH & TREFOIL

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## Unbridled Service in Louisville!



*Pictured above: Alpha Phi Omega's 2006 National Convention Planning Committee*

As we prepare for our 39th Biennial Convention – Alpha Phi Omega's greatest celebration that occurs once every two years – we should take a moment to think about the theme of this year's event. **Unbridled:** *running free; unrestrained enthusiasm; unhampered service – doing as much service as we can to support our nation, communities, campuses and Fraternity.*

Participation in the Convention itself is service to the Fraternity. Whether you're an active or alumni member, involved on a regular basis or a Brother who hasn't attended an APO event since graduation, there is something for everyone at this year's celebration.

Brothers from across the country have been working diligently to plan what we hope will be the largest gathering of Brothers in the history of Alpha Phi Omega! Our exciting four-day extravaganza begins with the Reunion Carnival just prior to the Opening Ceremony on December 27 and culminates with our Toast Song at the conclusion of the Awards Banquet on December 30. Mixed between these events is something for everyone, including service projects, fellowship events, workshops, legislation and day trips (read more on pages 12-13).

The Convention Planning Committee developed its vision for this year's Convention: *To engage the whole Fraternity in a celebration of Brotherhood from which each Brother will leave energized to Share, Grow, Improve and Invest in the future of Alpha Phi Omega.*

It's not too late to make plans to be in Louisville, Kentucky, for what is sure to be four fantastic days of **Unbridled Service**. For more information or to register, visit the 2006 National Convention web site at [www.convention.apo.org](http://www.convention.apo.org).

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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## Celebrating Success – Striving for Improvement!



As we approach our 39th National Convention, I cannot help but spend time reflecting on these past two years. Our Brothers served tens of thousands of disadvantaged individuals and hundreds of worthwhile causes nationwide, completing a conservative estimate of more than one million hours of volunteer service. We continued to develop leadership through service, as our Brothers put Servant Leadership into action. We included more students on more campuses, allowing our Brotherhood to complete more service projects.

At every level of the Fraternity we are stressing continuous improvement. We updated our web site to improve communications to our membership. We developed a national marketing campaign to drive college students interested in service to our local Chapters. We examined our current structures and our ability to deliver the Fraternity's programs and made significant improvements in Chapter and membership support. We created a Student Advisory Committee to provide direct student input at the national level. Finally, we examined current systems and processes for creating new Chapters, registering membership, and paying fees, and developed new strategies for improving each of these areas.

Success and improvement are essential to our sustainability. Active and alumni Brothers continue to share our story, grow our membership, and improve our programs by personally investing their time, talents and finances, which are so important for success. We must continue to improve systems and processes, and provide unlimited support to Brothers and Chapters. We must embrace and celebrate these efforts, both big and small. And the 2006 National Convention will be just that – an opportunity to celebrate our great success, focus on improving APO and plan strategies for future growth and achievements.

You are invited to participate in what we expect to be one of the largest, if not the largest, Conventions in our history! Active and alumni Brothers alike will not want to miss this event, as there will be something for everyone. The traditional program that includes educational workshops, reference committee work and legislation will be an important part of this year's agenda. In addition, the National Convention Planning Committee, under the leadership of Convention chair Brittany Recktenwald-Montgomery and Convention coordinator Dave Keely, has planned several exciting activities, including local tours, memorable banquets, an opening session like no other and some special sessions that you will certainly want to experience. Finally, the most important reason to attend the 2006 National Convention is the fellowship – catching up with old friends, making new ones and celebrating the glorious 81-year history of our Brotherhood.

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# Diversity Beyond Your Chapter

## Bringing Diversity to Life

We're often told that in order to have a strong financial outlook, we should diversify our investment portfolio. Consider applying that philosophy to life and what diversifying your life can do for your well-being. Diversity can be more than a corporate initiative. It can be a practice incorporated into your personal life. There's a saying, "You get the same results by doing the same things." Try something different. Think about how diverse your life is and the types of things that you can do to enrich it. Being open to different experiences can be a catalyst to being open to different kinds of people. Not sure how? Here are a few suggestions to help get you started.

## Say Yes to New Things

When someone invites you to a play, movie, or an event that you normally wouldn't attend, say yes. One reason people don't seek out a new experience is that they have never tried it before. How do you know you won't like foreign films if you've never seen one? How do you know you won't enjoy an opera if you've never heard one? Try something at least once, maybe even twice. Learning about

other cultures through experiences is a great way to make an effort towards diversity.

## Volunteer

Many different organizations could use your help. You can read to the blind, tutor a child, or help a shelter that serves the homeless. Interacting with persons different from yourself is a great way to broaden your perspective. Having personal experiences with those of other races or cultures may help negate myths, stereotypes, or fears. Volunteering is a wonderful way to enrich your life, while helping an organization in need.

## Tempt Your Palate

Food is a wonderful way to be exposed to other cultures and ethnicities. Besides Italian or Chinese, consider trying an Ethiopian, Thai, or Hungarian restaurant. It's a great way to open up to other parts of the world. If you find yourself really enjoying food from a particular country, take it a step further and learn more about the culture itself. It could be the start of a great experience and bring another culture even closer.

## Take an Ethnic Studies Class

If there's a particular culture that you've always been interested in, an adult education class could be for you. Local community colleges offer a variety of courses from African American Literature to Chinese Religions. You can expand your horizons, meet new people, and learn something all at the same time.

Having a lifestyle full of diversity means being open to change and incorporating it into your everyday living. Make sure you are friendly to everyone and not exclusive in any way, shape, or form. Seek out groups that are working toward improving diversity. If you see an opportunity to encourage diversity in your workplace or community, strive to make it happen.



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## President's message *continued from page 2*

Brothers, thank you for your continued commitment to our great Fraternity! Thank you for your dedication to serving others and giving unselfishly of your time and energy to so many worthy causes. Thank you for providing exceptional leadership on your campuses and in your communities to help make this world a little better for those in need.

I look forward to seeing you at our National

Convention, and as we enter this holiday season I wish you and your family peace and a very happy new year.

In Service/In Brotherhood,

# CHAPTERS in Action



## NU MU CHAPTER University of Minnesota/Duluth Duluth, MN

For the first service project of the school year, the fall Pledge Class of Nu Mu Chapter, along with several Actives, joined together to help the community. Brothers and Pledges worked together to clean-up Highway 23 by removing trash and debris. Because of the project's success, Nu Mu Brothers will complete this mission again next spring. Visit <http://www.d.umn.edu/~apo/> to learn more about Nu Mu Chapter.

## PI ZETA CHAPTER Tuskegee University Tuskegee, AL

Throughout the final week of September, Brothers of Pi Zeta Chapter celebrated service week with the theme, "Building a Better Tomorrow through Service." Activities included service projects in the chapel of the university, a Pool & Spades tournament, painting of on-campus basketball courts, a forum in the Union, APO Fun Day, campus-wide clean-up projects and support of Habitat for Humanity.



## DELTA OMEGA CHAPTER University of Houston Houston, TX

This past spring, Brothers of Delta Omega participated in "Frontier Fiesta" – a three-day carnival activity on campus. For more than 40+ hours, Delta Omega Chapter worked together to build a silent movie/karaoke booth. The group won 1st place in most creative carnival booth, as well as won 1st place in overall carnival booth. For more information, visit <http://www.uh.edu/apo/>.



**TAU UPSILON**  
**University of Wisconsin-Platteville**  
**Platteville, WI**

More than 25 Scouts participated in Tau Upsilon's Merit Badge University this past spring. Activities included chemistry, electronics, engineering and radio merit badges. Other volunteers who helped make this event a success included Theta Tau (an engineering fraternity), the Alchemists Club and the Institute for Electrical and Electronic Engineers. For more information, log-on to <http://www.uwplatt.edu/org/apol>.



**ZETA THETA CHAPTER**  
**Drexel University**  
**Philadelphia, PA**

Joining together with Zeta Theta Alumni Association and the Asbury Protestant Ministry, Brothers of Zeta Theta traveled to New Orleans, LA, during spring break to offer their generous service! APO Brothers aided the rebuilding of two family homes by deconstructing all of the damaged housing. Their work benefited the victims of Hurricane Katrina. To learn more about Zeta Theta Chapter, visit <http://www.dusers.drexel.edu/~aphi/homepage.html>.



**KAPPA THETA CHAPTER**  
**Wake Forest University**  
**Winston-Salem, NC**

As a Youth Service Grant recipient this past spring, Kappa Theta Chapter sponsored "Big Brothers/Big Sisters Field Day," which also included the 5th annual "Kickball for Kids" event. In addition, volunteers from the Public Interest Law Organization (PILO) at Wake Forest University Law School, the Wake Forest Volunteer Service Corps (VSC) and Theta Chi Fraternity helped make this event a huge success for more than 50 local children. Other activities included face painting, relay races and much more. Visit <http://groups.wfu.edu/Alpha-Phi-Omega/> for more information.

# CHAPTER *Anniversaries*

## 75

4/14/1931 *Tau* University of Florida  
 10/2/1931 *Phi* Syracuse University  
 10/24/1931 *Omega* Drake University  
 11/13/1931 *Chi* University of California at Los Angeles

## 70

3/22/1936 *Alpha Tau* Butler University  
 4/17/1936 *Alpha Chi* Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
 5/1/1936 *Alpha Phi* Washington University  
 5/7/1936 *Alpha Psi* Lehigh University  
 5/17/1936 *Alpha Omega* Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine

## 65

3/16/1941 *Gamma Phi* Western Michigan University  
 5/3/1941 *Gamma Chi* Samford University  
 5/11/1941 *Gamma Theta* University of Colorado at Boulder  
 5/25/1941 *Gamma Nu* University of Idaho

## 60

6/9/1946 *Delta Eta* Oregon State University  
 6/22/1946 *Delta Theta* University of Louisville  
 11/14/1946 *Delta Kappa* Emory University  
 11/14/1946 *Delta Iota* Mercer University  
 12/15/1946 *Delta Mu* Pittsburg State University  
 12/15/1946 *Delta Nu* Yale University

## 55

1/19/1951 *Iota Mu* University of South Carolina at Columbia  
 2/11/1951 *Iota Xi* Edinboro University of Pennsylvania  
 2/18/1951 *Iota Omicron* Gettysburg College  
 4/21/1951 *Iota Rho* Florida State University  
 5/19/1951 *Iota Tau* Saint Olaf College  
 5/27/1951 *Iota Phi* University of California at Davis  
 5/27/1951 *Iota Chi* Northern Michigan University  
 5/27/1951 *Kappa Alpha* Lamar University  
 5/27/1951 *Iota Omega* SUNY Brockport  
 6/11/1951 *Kappa Beta* Polytechnic University-Brooklyn

## 50

3/13/1956 *Lambda Tau* Salem International University  
 5/19/1956 *Lambda Omega* California University of Pennsylvania  
 5/20/1956 *Mu Alpha* Georgetown University  
 5/20/1956 *Lambda Phi* Eastern Michigan University  
 11/29/1956 *Mu Zeta* San Francisco State University

## 45

4/13/1961 *Nu Theta* Rowan University  
 5/3/1961 *Nu Kappa* Campbell University  
 5/13/1961 *Nu Nu* Eastern New Mexico University  
 5/19/1961 *Nu Xi* Birmingham-Southern College  
 5/25/1961 *Nu Mu* University of Minnesota/Duluth  
 11/3/1961 *Nu Pi* Minnesota State University, Mankato  
 12/11/1961 *Nu Rho* College of William & Mary  
 12/15/1961 *Nu Sigma* Stephen F. Austin State University

## 40

1/1/1966 *Pi Eta* Loyola University of Chicago  
 2/12/1966 *Pi Iota* Wofford College  
 5/1/1966 *Pi Omicron* Emory & Henry College  
 5/13/1966 *Pi Upsilon* Drew University  
 5/15/1966 *Pi Chi* Duquesne University  
 5/15/1966 *Pi Rho* Rider University  
 5/22/1966 *Rho Beta* Armstrong Atlantic State University  
 6/15/1966 *Rho Gamma* California State University, Long Beach  
 7/3/1966 *Rho Theta* Capital University  
 12/3/1966 *Rho Lambda* Saint Edward's University

## 35

4/3/1971 *Chi Kappa* University of North Carolina at Asheville  
 5/15/1971 *Chi Pi* SUNY Fredonia  
 5/15/1971 *Chi Nu* Grambling State University  
 5/22/1971 *Chi Sigma* Allegheny College  
 5/23/1971 *Chi Upsilon* Dillard University  
 11/20/1971 *Chi Chi* University of Central Arkansas

## 30

4/30/1976 *Omega Epsilon* Illinois Wesleyan University  
 5/2/1976 *Omega Gamma* Angelo State University

## 25

3/28/1981 *Alpha Alpha Xi* University of the Pacific  
 4/26/1981 *Alpha Alpha Omicron* Longwood University  
 5/9/1981 *Alpha Alpha Pi* Westminster College

## 20

3/8/1986 *Alpha Beta Kappa* University of New Orleans  
 4/27/1986 *Alpha Beta Mu* Grove City College  
 9/20/1986 *Alpha Beta Nu* Penn State at Erie/Behrend College  
 12/6/1986 *Alpha Beta Xi* SUNY at Geneseo  
 12/21/1986 *Alpha Beta Omicron* Elmhurst College

## 15

3/3/1991 *Alpha Gamma Kappa* Southwestern University  
 3/24/1991 *Alpha Gamma Iota* University of the Sciences in Philadelphia  
 4/14/1991 *Alpha Gamma Lambda* Albion College  
 6/1/1991 *Alpha Gamma Mu* William Paterson University of New Jersey  
 9/14/1991 *Alpha Gamma Pi* University of Maine at Farmington  
 9/14/1991 *Alpha Gamma Omicron* Heidelberg College  
 12/18/1991 *Alpha Gamma Xi* University of Dayton

## 10

3/30/1996 *Alpha Delta Nu* Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University  
 4/14/1996 *Alpha Delta Xi* Christopher Newport University  
 5/18/1996 *Alpha Delta Omicron* West Virginia Wesleyan College  
 9/28/1996 *Alpha Delta Pi* University of West Alabama

## 5

3/10/2001 *Alpha Epsilon Lambda* McDaniel College  
 4/28/2001 *Alpha Epsilon Mu* Concordia University  
 5/5/2001 *Alpha Epsilon Nu* University of San Francisco  
 12/7/2001 *Phi Omicron* Ferrum College

## Tau Chapter Celebrates 75 Years

Brothers of Tau Chapter, at the University of Florida in Gainesville, FL, celebrated 75 years of Leadership, Friendship and Service in April during the annual Founder's Day banquet. More than 50 members attended this event with "Welcome to Taullywood" as the theme (in the style of the red carpet awards similar to the Oscars). The banquet recognized the dedicated service to the Chapter as well as to the community. Region IV Director Matt Cross and Sectional 74 Chair Brian Wilson attended, and three Chapter Distinguished Service Keys were presented, along with several annual awards.

## 50th Anniversary for Mu Alpha Chapter

In March, more than 300 Mu Alpha Brothers returned to Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Chapter. The four-day event included football, parties, service projects, a barbeque and the initiation of 13 new Brothers on the Chapter's 101st line. The weekend concluded with a black-tie banquet with the Honorable Maura Harty, Assistant Secretary of State for Consular Affairs, giving the keynote address about how no matter who we are in APO, "service is what we do." To learn more about Mu Alpha Chapter, visit <http://www.mualpha.org/undergrad/index.html>.



## 25 Years for Alpha Alpha Xi

Alpha Alpha Xi Chapter, at the University of the Pacific in Stockton, CA, celebrated its 25th anniversary in grand style during March and April. In March, Alpha Alpha Xi hosted the Section 4 Spring Conference, with "Hollywood and Motion Pictures" as the theme. After a full day of workshops and fellowship activities, the closing banquet featured previous Chapter charter members who told tales of Alpha Alpha Xi's beginnings. Everyone then joined together and sang "Happy Birthday" to the Chapter and continued the celebration with delicious birthday cake. This event was followed by the Chapter's annual banquet in April, which commemorated 25 years of service to Alpha Phi Omega and to the Stockton community.

# APO LEADS

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## Presenters Needed!

Did you ever wonder how you could give back to the Fraternity - directly to the actives and pledges? Do you enjoy traveling? Could you conduct a presentation for a few hours? Could you present the course that you're trained in at least once each year? If you answered yes to these questions, and if you're willing to make the commitment to attend training, then please consider becoming an APO LEADS presenter. Here are three steps to take to become a presenter:

1. Attend Basic Skills (Presentation & Facilitation).
2. Attend the APO LEADS course that you wish to present (excludes SERVE).
3. Attend that APO LEADS Content Training Course.

Options for where to attend the training:

- At the 2006 National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky (all training courses except SERVE Content Training will be offered).
- SERVE Content Training is offered annually at SERVE course locations.
- Both Basic Skills courses are offered at the National Volunteer Conference held every summer.
- At a Regional Conference in December of a non-National Convention year.
- You can also request training courses by contacting David Eyl, APO LEADS Training Coordinator.

To learn more and/or to register for any of these training opportunities, please contact David Eyl at [training.coordinator@leadership.apo.org](mailto:training.coordinator@leadership.apo.org). He will be glad to answer your questions and help get you started!

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# Congratulations 2005-2006 "Chapter of Excellence" Award Recipients

The Chapter of Excellence program recognizes those Chapters whose programs of Leadership, Friendship and Service promote growth and longevity. It's also designed to promote better communication between the Chapter and the sectional, regional and national leadership through regular reporting of Chapter activities. Chapters must achieve 8 of 12 requirements, including those indicated as mandatory requirements, in order to receive designation as a Chapter of Excellence. The requirements must be completed during the Fraternity's fiscal year; this year's 21 recipients will be recognized at the 2006 National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky:

*Epsilon, Truman State University*

*Mu, Indiana University*

*Alpha Gamma, Purdue University*

*Alpha Sigma, University of Nebraska at Lincoln*

*Zeta Delta, Miami University*

*Theta Alpha, Stevens Institute of Technology*

*Theta Omega, Randolph-Macon College*

*Kappa Chi, Creighton University*

*Lambda Rho, Augustana College*

*Lambda Phi, Eastern Michigan University*

*Xi Beta, University of Nebraska at Kearney*

*Omicron Delta, McMurry University*

*Pi Chi, Duquesne University*

*Rho Gamma, California State University, Long Beach*

*Rho Pi, University of California at San Diego*

*Rho Sigma, Point Park University*

*Tau Lambda, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology*

*Omega Epsilon, Illinois Wesleyan University*

*Alpha Gamma Eta, University of Vermont*

*Alpha Delta Tau, Nova Southeastern University*

*Alpha Epsilon Chi, Bethany College*

For more information about the Chapter of Excellence program, visit [www.apo.org](http://www.apo.org).

## APO Chapter Alumni Participate in "Oaken Bucket" Competition

In an effort to increase the number of Torchbearers from Alpha Gamma Chapter at Purdue University, Tom Jackson, a 1990 Alpha Gamma initiate, came up with an idea that would expand a campus tradition between two schools to Alpha Phi Omega.

The Old Oaken Bucket is a trophy awarded each year to the winner of the Purdue University-University of Indiana football game. First started in 1925, the Old Oaken Bucket is adorned with bronze links indicating the season's winning team.

Brother Jackson's idea was to expand this annual school tradition to Alpha Phi Omega, encouraging a fun rivalry between alumni. In support of Alpha Phi Omega's Annual Fund, Alpha Gamma engages in a competition with Mu Chapter at the University of Indiana. The Chapter with the largest percentage increase of Torchbearer donors over the previous year (by December 15, 2006) will be the recipient of the APO Oaken Bucket Award. The winning Chapter will receive a traveling trophy and be recognized at the 2006 National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. "This is simply a fun way to increase alumni support from two Chapters and expand a tradition," stated Jackson. "Every year there are several Brothers I know who could support the Fraternity's Annual Fund by becoming a Torchbearer; my idea is to add some Fraternal competition to the process."

Brother Jackson is chairing this effort for Alpha Gamma Chapter. Kelly Ross, a 1995 initiate from the University of Indiana, is chairing for Mu Chapter. Between now and December, Brothers from both Chapters will be contacted and asked to consider becoming a Torchbearer.

APO Brothers can track the competition between these two Chapters by visiting the Fraternity's website at [www.apo.org](http://www.apo.org) and checking out the APO Oaken Bucket page.

# APO Brother Recognized for Service to Youth



Craig S. Donais was recognized with a Silver Beaver Award by the Daniel Webster Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Craig is the current district chairman of the Massabesic District and a member of the Daniel Webster Council Executive Board. He is also an Eagle Scout, an active member of the National Eagle Scout Association and a 26-year veteran of the Scouting program.

Craig is an alumnus of Kappa Omicron Chapter at the University of Massachusetts, a life member of APO, and has received the Herbert G. Horton Service to Youth Award. He's also a Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow and a recipient of the National Order of the Arrow Distinguished Service Award.

A graduate of Suffolk University Law School, Craig has served as a judicial law clerk to the New Hampshire Supreme Court for two years and an assistant attorney general for the state of New Hampshire for more than five years. Craig is currently an attorney at the Bedford firm of Getman, Stacey, Schulthess & Steere, P.A.

Craig and his wife, Mary Kate, have two children – Garrett and Aidan. The Donais family resides in Manchester, New Hampshire.

## A Band of Brothers

The Dallas, Texas-based Mayo family has definitely embraced Alpha Phi Omega, with three sons joining the Fraternity at three different universities. Pictured left to right are Jeff Mayo, a grad student at Texas Tech University, where he served as president of Beta Sigma Chapter in fall of 2004 and spring of 2005; David Mayo, an alumnus of Texas A&M University, where he served as president of Xi Delta Chapter in 2002; and Andrew Mayo, a student at Southwestern University and a member of Alpha Gamma Kappa, where he served as member-at-large and publicity chair. Andrew plans to attend the 2006 National Convention in Louisville. Thank you Mayo brothers for your commitment to and leadership in our great Fraternity!



## Featuring... Hershel Hartford

# CHAPTER ADVISOR'S CORNER



We'd like to take this opportunity to introduce you to Hershel Hartford, a very special individual and dedicated Brother and Advisory Chair for our beloved Fraternity.

Hershel resides in Fayetteville, Arkansas, and has been involved with Alpha Phi Omega for more than 20 years. In 1984 he became a member of Zeta Tau Chapter at Central Methodist University (then Central Methodist College) in Fayette, Missouri. "My campus friends – Mark Evans, Gary Clark, Kim Willard and Steve Steinhaus – are Zeta Tau Brothers. Through their involvement, I learned to appreciate the values of Leadership, Friendship and Service, which inspired me to pledge," stated Hershel.

Over the years, Hershel experienced firsthand how APO benefits campuses and communities throughout the country. In 2003, his career path took him from parish youth ministry into campus ministry when he became chaplain at St. Martin's Episcopal University Center at the University of Arkansas. He also became the canon missionary for Campus Ministry for the Episcopal Diocese of Arkansas.

Hershel visited an APO information booth on campus and was quite

impressed. He introduced himself as an alumnus and was contacted a few weeks later regarding facility information for an executive committee planning retreat. The relationship grew and Hershel was eventually asked to serve as an advisor, and then as an advisory chair for Beta Rho Chapter, following in the footsteps of Dr. Fred Heismeyer III, National President.

Hershel credits his involvement as an advisor to the amazing group of students in Beta Rho. "Their spirit and energy are infectious and their commitment to APO's Cardinal Principles are inspiring. I'm continually amazed at their efforts and abilities," he said.

Hershel feels strongly about what it takes to be a good advisor, which includes a deep commitment and being accessible. "It's about trusting those young adults to take hold of the leadership positions entrusted to them and offering your time and gifts freely. You also have to be willing to take the time to listen as the Chapter evolves into its unique identity each semester."

Even though things have changed over the past several years, Hershel feels that the continued commitment of our APO Brotherhood through Leadership, Friendship and Service will provide an even greater focus for the growth of our Fraternity. Future generations will benefit from the leadership programs, enriched fellowship, and service opportunities while reaching out to others and shaping new lives.

Through his work as a chaplain, Hershel serves the students, faculty and staff at the University of Arkansas, providing spiritual guidance, spiritual

formation programs, worship, service and fellowship opportunities. Hershel is married to Mary Ellen Hartford and their family includes six children between the ages of 9 and 31, along with four grandchildren. In his spare time, Hershel enjoys photography, music, cooking, web design, reading, writing and traveling with a special fondness for travel by train.

Hershel has received a number of awards in the area of music, including Outstanding Performance at the UMKC Jazz Festival. He has been a guest speaker, performer and workshop leader at several conferences, most recently at the National Happening Leadership Conference. This semester, Hershel is a Fellow at the Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, Texas.

In addition to his advisory service to Beta Rho Chapter, Hershel is the president of the Campus Religious Organizations group at the University of Arkansas. His volunteer work includes mission work both in the United States and abroad, having completed service in Haiti, Mexico, and the Dominican Republic. This coming year, Hershel has plans for three service trips to the Gulf Coast, Dominican Republic and Tanzania.

One of Hershel's proudest moments came this past spring when he was asked to be the speaker at the Tri-Sectional Conference (hosted by Beta Rho) and was presented an Outstanding Alumni Award by Beta Rho Brothers during the banquet.

To learn more about service opportunities and upcoming events with Beta Rho Chapter, visit [www.uark.edu/~alphiom/](http://www.uark.edu/~alphiom/).



# Alpha Phi Omega 2006 National Convention

As we close the 2006 National Convention, the newly elected National Board members will be installed and Chapter awards will be presented. Please don't miss this memorable banquet with your fellow Brothers!

## SCHEDULE

- **DECEMBER 27:** The Alpha Phi Omega 39th National Convention officially begins with registration, which is open all day. There's a mandatory meeting for Voting Delegates at 2:30 p.m. The Reunion Carnival is a new event that will begin at 5:30 p.m. Be sure to stop by and learn about cool Convention events as you'll be able to sign up for service projects at this time. You can also purchase hot dogs and hamburgers at a nice low cost prior to the Opening Ceremonies. We hope you'll be there at 7:30 p.m. to help open our National Convention! Following the Opening Ceremonies, the Reference Committees will meet to plan their work.
- **DECEMBER 28:** You don't want to miss the APO LEADS workshops, along with many others to choose from. Reference Committees will meet and review legislation throughout the day. At 8:00 a.m. join us for our fitness class. If that's not what you had in mind, then try out Speed Fellowship at 10:00 a.m. Here you'll have the chance to meet other Brothers in a format similar to the popular speed dating. Finally, don't forget to attend the Fellowship Banquet. This year's theme is "Batter Up". Wear your favorite baseball team's jersey and join us for a fun night at the game.
- **DECEMBER 29:** More workshops will be available throughout the day and the Legislative Session will begin. There will also be a Candidates Forum where you can ask questions to those Brothers running for National Board positions, as well as see the groups bidding to host the 2008 National Convention. Then, join us for the first ever APO Wedding, followed by a Wedding Crashers Dance at 9:00 p.m.
- **DECEMBER 30:** The Legislative Session concludes and more great workshops will be available. The Awards Banquet, with the theme "A Night at the Races – Come Dressed in Your Best Derby Attire," will celebrate our great host city and its signature event, the Kentucky Derby.

## LEADERSHIP

The 2006 National Convention will be one of the best opportunities to learn and use leadership skills that are central to our Fraternity. During the Convention, attendees will be able to:

- Demonstrate leadership as Voting Delegates and Reference Committee members. These roles are vital in determining the future course of the Fraternity and represent one of the highest levels of service to Alpha Phi Omega.
- Develop leadership skills by attending the workshops, including APO LEADS and Chapter Officer Training, which offers a nuts-and-bolts perspective on the major Chapter offices.
- Discover new seminars such as website design, interviewing techniques, public relations strategies, massage and much more that will be enjoyable.
- Discover new leadership styles and methods by sharing stories and perspectives with Brothers from across the nation.
- Determine the future leadership of Alpha Phi Omega by electing members of the National Board of Directors and deciding on legislation.

## FRIENDSHIP

Anyone who has ever been to an APO National Convention can tell you that it's one of the most fun experiences you will ever have. Much more than just a double-long conference, the Convention is fellowship on a massive scale. Come to Louisville and you'll be entertained with:

- Our Speed Fellowship is one event you surely don't want to miss. Come make new friends in a fun, safe environment.
- Enjoy all of the exciting activities as two APO Brothers tie the knot. It will be a late night as we celebrate at our Wedding Crasher's dance!

# *Unbridled Service at its very best!*

- Visit our Color Wars where you'll be teamed up with Brothers from across the country to compete for great prizes. Meet new people and see old friends from other Chapters, sections, regions and conferences.
- Bring your old shirts for our first APO T-shirt Signing during Karaoke on the last night of Convention.

## SERVICE

Alpha Phi Omega's service program is an important component of the National Convention. You can serve the members of the Fraternity by being a Voting Delegate, which is a great way to provide service to your Chapter, as well as to APO. If you're not a Voting Delegate, there are other ways to provide service to the Fraternity, as listed below:

- **Safety and Security Volunteers Needed – Rovers/Patrol**  
The Rovers position entails walking throughout the hotel enforcing policies and making sure events are not getting out of control, i.e. parties, loudness, etc. This position also includes looking out for suspicious activities. The Rovers positions will be divided into various two-hour shifts and will be staffed with volunteers gathered at registration and throughout the Convention. Rovers will also have use of radios to alert help if complications arise. Shifts begin at 10:00 p.m. and run through 4:00 a.m. We'll need 48 individuals to volunteer for these positions each night – December 27-30.
- **Escorts** – The escort position is a new safety and security addition that will help any Brother of APO with assistance back to the hotel (within a four-block radius). There will be one male and one female staff member per shift with radios. We'll need approximately six people per night – same hours and dates as the Rovers position.
- **Sergeant at Arms/Floor Services** – Volunteers are needed during both the Reference Committees and the Legislative Sessions to run notes, subpoena witnesses, count votes and to keep order. There will be multiple shifts running December 28-30, so this could be your chance to volunteer and see the legislative process up close.
- Service to the community and the nation is also an important part of the APO service program. Service projects offered throughout the Convention will include:

– We're having a "Green Convention" which means we'll have recycling containers throughout the conference. We're asking everyone to recycle his or her aluminum cans, glass bottles and paper during these four days. We'll need volunteers to help sort the goods and also to help load them onto trucks to go to the recycling center.

– We're also sponsoring numerous community events including a Blood Drive at the Hotel.

## NEW EVENTS FOR ALUMNI

This year we have some new events planned for APO alumni and their families. We're sponsoring a Child Fun Room, especially designed for busy APO parents! Here you can come and enjoy special time with your children and other young parents. Activities will include arts and crafts, games and outings for little ones.

We have great activities planned for spouses as well. We have new seminars targeted especially for these spouses, such as "I'm Married to a Brother, What Have I Got Myself Into" and Interview Techniques, Networking and Corn hole.

## DAY TRIPS

What better a way to enjoy Louisville than to see some local attractions? This year you can sign-up for day trips at registration or by e-mailing us via the National Convention website. Here are the exciting trips we're offering and please remember there is a small fee for these events:

- **Kentucky Bourbon History Center** – Learn how Kentucky's most famous drink is made and the important part Bourbon plays in Kentucky's heritage.
- **Louisville Slugger Museum** – See how a real Louisville Slugger baseball bat is made.
- **Churchill Downs** – Home to the Kentucky Derby, this is where you'll learn about the history and how horse racing plays an important part in Kentucky's economy.

**You can still register!**  
Visit [www.convention.apo.org](http://www.convention.apo.org)

# 2006 National Convention

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

### when

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Wednesday through Saturday, December 27-30, 2006

### how to register

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Visit [www.convention.apo.org](http://www.convention.apo.org) to register on-line. To request a National Convention Registration packet, please call (816) 373-8667 or e-mail [convention.admin@apo.org](mailto:convention.admin@apo.org).

### where

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The Galt House Hotel & Suites ■ 140 North Fourth Street ■ Louisville, KY 40202

#### HOTEL RESERVATIONS:

Hotel reservations should be made directly with the hotel.

Please call 1-800-THE GALT and tell them that you're with the 2006 APO National Convention.

### who

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All pledges, actives, advisors, Life Members, Honorary Members, alumni, family members and friends of Alpha Phi Omega are invited and encouraged to attend this fantastic four-day extravaganza of Leadership, Friendship and Service.

### cost

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**HOTEL ROOMS:** \$69 per night for single, double, triple or quad occupancy  
(12/24/06 through 01/02/07)

**REGISTRATION:**

- Students/Advisors: \$85
- Alumni: Life Members: \$105
- Alumni: Non-Life Members: \$105

*(after 11/15/06)*

**FELLOWSHIP BANQUET (12/28/06):** \$30

**AWARDS BANQUET (12/30/06):** \$35

*(NOTE: Banquet tickets must be purchased in advance because the Fraternity must guarantee payment for a specific number of meals well in advance of the event.)*

### what to do

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There will be legislative and leadership development activities that will shape the future of the Fraternity, as well as fellowship experiences ranging from casual conversations to dances, alumni events, a talent show and two great banquets. During your visit to Louisville, you'll have the opportunity to explore the flourishing cultural district, the vibrant performing arts community, as well as many shops, restaurants and museums.

### getting to Louisville

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Check with your Section or Region to see about group transportation opportunities. You can also check the National Convention website at [www.convention.apo.org](http://www.convention.apo.org) for additional transportation options.



# Youth Service Grant Recipients

The Youth Service Grant program provides Chapters an opportunity to identify a need in their community, develop the program, and conduct a service project that will benefit local children and youth. This year we recognize 20 Alpha Phi Omega Chapters that were selected to receive grants to administer their service projects.

<u>Chapter</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Program</u>
Beta	University of Pittsburgh	Day of Diversity – A day to celebrate and teach Junior Girls Scouts about diversity.
Omega	Drake University	Kids College Day – Inviting area youth to visit the campus and interact with students involved in various academic majors.
Alpha Psi	Lehigh University	Middle School Science Enrichment – After School enrichment program focusing on science experiments.
Beta Epsilon	University of Northern Iowa	Restoring Nature Trails – Restoring and repairing projects at a local Scout camp.
Beta Pi	University of Tulsa	Kids Carnival – An event featuring activities, food and entertainment for youth and parents.
Beta Sigma	Texas Tech University	Blankets for Love – Provides blankets for warmth and security to youth.
Gamma Zeta	Georgia Institute of Technology	APD Atlanta-area After School Program in partnership with Atlanta Youth Academy providing educational, artistic and social outlets for at-risk children.
Zeta Kappa	Bowling Green State University	Girl Scout Badge Day – Retreat for area Girl Scout Troops.
Zeta Mu	Catholic University	Kids on Campus Day – A one-day program inviting youth to visit the campus to experience various sports, arts, crafts and academics.
Eta Epsilon	Millikin University	Educational Youth Carnival – Local children spend the day on campus to learn about various academic subjects.
Kappa Theta	Wake Forest University	Big Brothers/Big Sisters Field Day – Community youth are invited to campus to enjoy activities and games.
Lambda Omicron	West Virginia University	Park clean-up program with youth.
Nu Delta	Lebanon Valley College	Community Day – A learning event, teaching youth about safety and taught by National Guard and local fire and safety officers.
Omicron Alpha	Kutztown University	YES-Youth Education Service – Tutoring middle school youth in general studies.
Tau Upsilon	University of Wisconsin -Platteville	Mini Merit Badge University for local Boy Scouts.
Alpha Beta Omega	Old Dominion	Hand Washing Education – Activity with children to emphasize the importance of hand washing.
Alpha Gamma Zeta	Houston Baptist University	Annual Literacy Carnival – To help promote Literacy among children.
Alpha Delta Sigma	Lindenwood University	Consumer Challenge – A practical experience for youth at a local shelter to understand personal budgeting.
Alpha Epsilon Theta	University of Akron	Read-a-Thon event for youth.
Alpha Zeta Gamma	The College of New Jersey	College for a Day – A daylong conference for high school freshman and sophomores to experience the academic environment.

Chapters participating in the Youth Service Grant program help realize Frank Reed Horton's dream that Alpha Phi Omega could make the world a better place, particularly through service to "the youth of all nations." The Youth Service Grant initiative is a program supported by the Alpha Phi Omega Endowment Trust. For more information, contact the Development Department at [development.director@apo.org](mailto:development.director@apo.org) or call 816-373-8667, ext. 18.

# WHO, what, WHEN & Where?

## ALPHA PHI OMEGA'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**December 27-30**



**December 30**

Meeting of the National Board of Directors  
Louisville, KY

**2007  
February 8-11**

Meeting of the National Board of Directors  
Kansas City, MO

**February 16-17**

Sections 23/27 Conference  
Host: Beta Theta  
University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Madison, WI

**February 23-24**

Sections 65/66 Conference  
Host: Kappa  
Carnegie Mellon University  
Pittsburgh, PA

**February 23-25**

Section 35 Conference  
Host: Beta Mu  
Missouri State University  
Springfield, MO

Section 90 Conference  
Host: Xi Iota  
Susquebanna University  
Bloomsburg, PA

**March 2-4**

Section 8 Business Conference  
Host: Zeta Psi  
University of Oregon  
Eugene, OR

**March 15**

Absolutely Incredible Kid Day  
[www.campfireusa.org/  
a\\_i\\_kid\\_day/mainpage.html](http://www.campfireusa.org/a_i_kid_day/mainpage.html)

**March 23-25**

Section 52 Conference  
Host: Tau Lambda  
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology  
Terre Haute, IN

Section 64 Conference  
Host: Iota Xi  
Edinboro University of Pennsylvania  
Edinboro, PA

Sections 88/89 Conference  
Host: Epsilon Sigma  
SUNY - University of Buffalo  
Buffalo, NY

**March 24**

Section 99 Conference  
Host: Pi Upsilon  
Drew University  
Madison, NJ

**Mar. 30 - Apr. 1**

Sections 43/44 Co-Sectional Conference  
Host: Alpha Gamma Omega  
(University of Texas at San Antonio)  
Radisson Hotel at San Antonio  
Downtown Market Square  
San Antonio, TX

Sections 53/55 Bi-Sectional Conference  
Host: Epsilon Beta  
Central Michigan University  
Mt. Pleasant, MI

Sections 56/59 Conference  
Host: Delta Gamma  
Ohio University  
Athens, OH

**March 31**

Section 97 Conference  
Host: Beta Iota  
New York University  
New York, NY

**April 13-15**

Sections 47/50/51 Tri-Sectional Conference  
Host: Eta Epsilon  
Millikin University  
Decatur, IL

Section 67 Conference  
Host: Theta Theta  
Centre College  
Danville, KY

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