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Spring 2011 New Members

Xi Delta Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
- Mr. Emmanuel Fairley, a junior International Affairs major from Fayetteville, NC
- Mr. Calvin Walker, a freshman Political Science major for Richmond, VA
- Mr. Jonathan Smith, a sophomore Engineering major from Richmond, VA
- Mr. Tevonte Grant, a freshman Business Management major from Richmond, VA
- Mr. Moussa Sow, a junior Economics major from Mali, West Africa
- Mr. Alan Jones, a junior Political Science major from Virginia Beach, VA

Lambda Iota Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.
- Ms Mahlet Daniel Mebrahtu, a sophomore Health Sciences major from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- Ms. Selamawit Mamo, a sophomore Health Sciences/Pre-Medicine major from Washington, DC
- Ms. Shannon Clarke, a junior Social Work major from Richmond, VA
- Ms. Angelina Sobel, a freshman marketing major from Stafford, VA
- Ms. Menbere Assela, a sophomore Justice Studies major from Washington, DC
- Ms. DaNae Ashley Colson is a senior Health Science major from Chasapeake, VA

Nu Lambda Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.
- Mr. Lamar Walker, a junior Foreign Language major from Richmond, VA
- Mr. Ryan James, a senior History major from Richmond, VA
- Mr. Michael Obeng, a junior Computer Info Syst. Major from Woodbridge, VA
- Mr. Rashad Moore, a freshman Political Science major from Charlotte, NC
- Mr. Cornel Wade, a freshman Communications major from P. G. County, MD

Lambda Chi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
- Ms. Lamitra Barnes, a freshman Theatre Arts major from Richmond, VA
- Ms. Tyiesha Brooks, a junior Management major from Richmond, VA
- Ms. Leah Young, a senior Justice Studies major from Henrico, VA
- Ms. Vanessa McLeod, a junior Health Sciences major from Virginia Beach, VA
- Ms. Jessica Bailey, a junior Communication Studies major from Hampton, VA
- Ms. Danielle Blue, a junior International Business Major from Chesapeake, VA
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Beta Delta Delta Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

- Mr. Brent Butler, a sophomore Computer Science major from Virginia Beach, VA
- Mr. Anthony Terry, a sophomore Justice Studies major from Woodbridge, VA
- Mr. Adrian Cavanaugh, a sophomore Justice Studies major from Glen Allen, VA
- Mr. Jonathan Oliver, Jr., a senior Marketing major from Woodbridge, VA

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Theta Nu Chapter

- Ms. Candice Williams, a sophomore Health Services Admin major from Salem, VA
- Ms. Dezirae Brown, a Cultural Anthropology and Geographic Science major from Chesapeake, VA
- Ms. Jelesa Anthony, a junior Biology major from Leesville, VA
- Cassandra Howell, a senior Social Work major from Richmond, VA
- Jessica Albert, a sophomore Journalism major from Chantilly, VA
- Heavenly Hunter, a Writing Rhetoric and Technical Communications major from Richmond, VA

Alpha Omicron Chapter of Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity Inc.

- Mr. Richard Alguilar, a sophomore Political Science and Anthropology major from Charlottesville.
- Mr. Renzo Renteria, a sophomore Biology major from Springfield, VA
- Mr. James Aliaga, a junior Philosophy and Pre-Law major from Springfield, VA
- Mr. Rommel Aguilar, a junior International Business and Finance major from Woodbridge, VA

Alpha Epsilon Chapter of de Sigma Iota Alpha, Inc.

- Ms. Teresa A. Rusin, a sophomore Communications major from Crystal City, VA
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Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.

The ladies of The Lambda Iota Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated strive to uphold the standards and goals that were established when the sorority was founded. Nationally, Sigma Gamma Rho focuses on developing and equipping young women with the tools necessary to be successful in life. One of our core programs, “Project Reassurance”, aims to help young mothers begin their journey of raising a child and also to be able to maintain a lifestyle conducive to raising a child. During Sigma Week, along with other programming, Lambda Iota engaged in a community service project for Project Reassurance with the Harrisonburg High School Nursery.

“Sigma Week” started on Saturday, March 19, with “Life of the Party”, there was a great turnout! The following day on Sunday March 20 we held a baby shower for five teenage moms at Harrisonburg High School: who with the help of various Greek organizations on campus, we were able to raise a large amount of supplies and make gift bags for the girls. It was an awesome experience: playing games, getting to know the girls, and playing with their children. The girls were very appreciative. We plan to continue to build lasting relationships with girls at the high school by volunteering weekly/biweekly at the nursery in order to make this program an annual event. On Wednesday, March 23 we held a health initiative called “You Are What You Eat”. The goal was to inform college students of the risks of unhealthy eating habits accompanied by tips and solutions to take home. Finally our annual We Don’t Walk We StRholl Exhibition took place on April 8, 2011. The event was full of healthy Greek Unity and some fun strolls!

ΣIA Easter Egg Hunt Party
On Friday April 8, 2011, four Lovely Latin Ladies of ΣIA participated in an Easter Egg Hunt for all the children that were present at Hillendale Park. Rossana Ortiz (alumni), Magdaelena Ortiz (alumni), Liz Alva, and Kathy Cisneros sought out to set up games and activities for the children such as our infamous egg hunt, coloring, soccer, a piñata, and so much more! It was a lovely success! When the party was over, all the children asked, “Are you guys coming back again?” We were overwhelmed with joy.
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.

The Beta Delta Delta Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., consistent with its national ideal of uplifting the community, has been diligent in engaging in honorable endeavors on campus and within the surrounding communities. This semester, the chapter labored to raise money to support the local Boys and Girls Club and has also dedicated time engaging youth in recreational sporting activities at The Boys & Girls Clubs sites in both Harrisonburg and Fredericksburg, VA. The young men in the chapter spent a weekend assisting a disabled resident, providing him and his family with landscaping assistance as well as maintenance work around their home. The Omega men held their annual Health Initiative in collaboration with the Brothers of New Direction, providing vital sex education to the JMU student body. In the spring semester the organization was able to successfully hold a Membership Selection Process, welcoming four new men into the fold. The new Omega men at JMU are Brent Butler, Anthony Terry, Adrian Cavanaugh, and Jonathan Oliver, Jr.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

The Iota Alpha Chapter has had a very busy semester full of Community Service, Sisterhood, and Scholarship! We started the semester with celebrating our Founders Day here on campus by sharing our history with all that came out to learn about our illustrious organization. On Feb. 24 we had our annual Unity Cook-Off, which was a great success. March 19th, we traveled to Fairfax, Virginia to hold a stepping workshop. This workshop shared the historical significance and health benefits of stepping with families in Fairfax, Virginia, which utilize this wonderful facility. Fundraising is an exciting and beneficial activity for all organizations and on March 28 the Iota Alpha chapter had a wonderful time serving ice cream to the local community. Each month we hold a series of community service activities which impact the Harrisonburg Community. Our weekly events consist of Church Clean Up, Table of Brotherhood, Ruby Slippers, and Adopt-A-Highway. We are culminating this semester with our Annual Fashion Show Cirque Du Soleil, which was held on April 15 at 7pm in Festival Ballroom. At the 11th Annual James Madison University NAACP Image Awards our very own Jessica Wade received the Guiding Light Award for Graduate Student of the year and Tatiana Torruella received the Junior Leader of the year award. Dr. Celeste Thomas also received the Faculty Member of the Year Award and Dr. Alica James received the Staff Member Award. This semester we have seven sorority members graduating: Marissa Blair, Nicole Carter, Jazmine Harrington, Rashaunda Jackson, Adriane Lanier, Brittnie Sykes, and Jessica Wade.
The ladies of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. “Tenacious” Theta Nu chapter have been very busy lately. March 20-26 was “Zeta Week,” which the ladies kicked off with university Sunday. They also held their 2nd Annual “SpadeZ Tournament” in Transitions on March 22nd. Most notably, the Zetas held their first ever “Becoming look-a-like talent show.” Becoming included several imitation acts performed by JMU students. The overall success of the show put ideas into motion for Becoming 2012—making Becoming another signature program for the Zetas.

Outside of these programs, the Zetas are still active in their community service efforts. Their Adopt-a-Friend trips to Generations Crossing day care facility in addition to their environmental stewardship project at the Arboretum by maintaining the gardens. On Saturday, April 23, 2011 the ladies held their 2nd “Eggstravaganza” Annual Easter Egg Hunt in the Arboretum for children of the Rockingham/ Harrisonburg areas.

Not only did they manage to put on great programs and actively participate in community service, they had the privilege of presenting their new members to the campus, on April 16th. Six young ladies eager to make a difference in the JMU and Harrisonburg community. This year the Zetas were recognized by NAACP for Best Collaborative Program—“Sankofa” and Best Educational Program—“Structure of the Black Family” with Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

This was a very exciting year for the Xi Delta chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated. Between hosting successful educational programs and social events, collaborating with other organizations, winning awards, and initiating new members, brothers new and old have had a very eventful semester and year. Of the numerous successful event this year, one was the Bone Marrow Drive hosted with Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority and University Health Center Student Wellness & Outreach. Not only was there a big turnout for the event but brothers were given the opportunity to learn more about the necessity of bone marrow donors and increase their knowledge of how best to help. Additionally, the brothers of Xi Delta took part in the festivities of the Panhellenic Greek Week and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Amongst all these things Alpha received the acknowledgment of other groups on campus and was recognized at the 2011 Dolley Awards as the Outstanding Student Organization of the Year. With these successes and the exciting prospects for next year, all the brothers are very excited for the 2011-2012 school year and look forward to the myriad events and programs they have planned such as the annual Miss Black and Gold Pageant and working with Madison HIV/AIDS Alliance during their HIV Awareness Week.

The men of Alpha are hardworking and eagerly ready to take on work of Alpha Phi Alpha and excited for this upcoming school year. Moreover, with the intake of new members a few senior brothers are graduating this semester and moving onto their adult life in the real world.
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Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity, Inc.

On Sunday, April 17, 2011 at 4:13pm the lovely Ladies of the Alpha Epsilon Chapter of Hermandad de Sigma Iota Alpha, Inc., presented their newest member to the JMU community. The chapter prides themselves on their extensive volunteer work. They look forward to furthering their involvement in James Madison University and surrounding Harrisonburg community.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

The ladies of the Lambda Chi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority have had a very busy and rewarding semester. On March 16, 2011 the Lambda Chi chapter collaborated with Women of Color in presenting "A Woman's Worth." Shavalyea Wyatt Gilbert, alumni of the Lambda Chi chapter, came and facilitated a great discussion on many topics of the worth of African American women in today's society. Following their facilitated discussion, the Lambda Chi chapter held their 1st Annual Miss Enchantment Pageant on the Grafton-Stovall Theatre. This event served as an opportunity for middle school children of the Harrisonburg/Rockingham Counties to express their talents. This year they had the privilege of having 7 middle school participants. An addition to the outstanding programming that these ladies have facilitated the Lambda Chi chapter members have also been recognized on both the local and regional level. Ms. Lamitra Barnes received the 2011 NAACP Freshmen Leader of the Year as did Ms. Lauren Ashlie Smith receive the Senior Leader of the Year Award. On a regional level Ms. Melodie Barefield received the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Barbara W. Davis Scholarship Award. To conclude their many accomplishments, the Lambda Chi chapter ended their year by being recognized as the NAACP Chapter with the Highest GPA, Mid-Atlantic Region Outstanding Chapter, Chapter with the Highest GPA, as well as Ms. Aishah McNeil receiving the Undergraduate President of the year award.

Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity, Inc.

The Alpha Omicron Colony of La Unidad Latina, Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity Inc. has returned to the campus of James Madison University. Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity, Inc. strives to be the premiere Latino Fraternity in the nation. This organization aims to promote the Latino campus, brotherhood and academic achievement among its members. The Alpha Omicron chapter presented their four newest members to the James Madison University campus on Sunday, April 17, 2011. These men plan to empower the Latino and other underrepresented groups in the local Harrisonburg community through service and the promotion of education.