

# South Central Leadership Team Reports

## February 2017

### South Central Provincial Vice President 2016-2017 Report Henry McDaniel

#### Travel During Period:

1/23-24/2016 Board of Directors Meeting  
3/4/2016 South Central LEAD School  
4/23/2016 Midwestern Regional Initiation  
5/15/216 Iota Nu Social  
8/12-14/2016 Board of Directors Meeting  
10/22/2016 South Central LEAD School  
10/29/2016 Western LEAD School

#### **Provincial Committees**

Professional Development – Josh Robinson  
Community Service – Kris McDaniel  
Alumni Development – Matt Hudson  
Scholarship & Awards – Allan Schuster

#### **Discipline and Chapter Assistance**

Kappa Xi – Kappa Xi continues guidance at this time. They continue to struggle but have made improvements in many areas. The chapter has worked closely with their local leadership which has helped with this improvement and continues to be receptive to assistance.

Eta Tau- Leadership is working with this chapter and feels that continued close involvement is needed. The chapter is benefiting from involvement as indicated by the strong response to completing needed requirements on time and keeping in contact with leaders.

Eta Nu – Eta Nu continues guidance. The local leadership team is active with this chapter and is looking to build a team to provide additional support needed assistance.

Lambda Upsilon-Lambda Upsilon continues on probation due to hazing violations of both Delta Sigma Pi and St Mary's University. The University probation will be reviewed by 12/31/2016 with fraternity probation continuing until 6/1/2017. The chapter has completed many of the requirements for probation including

professional activities regarding hazing and submitted a communication plan that has been submitted to both Fraternity and University leadership.

Beta Phi – Recently it was identified that the Beta Phi chapter had multiple violations including to charge pledges excessive fees above that allowed in the standard pledge education process, use of unapproved ritual and lack of communication with leadership. During their last meeting, the Board of Directors approved a twelve month probation.

## **Board Project Update**

### **Board Communication Tool**

The HUB has been updated with a field that allows for the board to provide feedback to other board members and stakeholders. While there was slow adoption to use the new fields, there was an increase in usage in the week leading up to the last board meeting. Issues for improvement were identified including more frequent emails for updates and to include the last comments made. Future updates may also include online voting.

## **Summary**

The last year has been successful and the province will end on a strong note. Highlights include continued growth in membership along with the recent addition of a colony at the University of Texas at Dallas. We have also continued our commitment to future Brothers by moving \$2,671.92 to our Provincial Travel Fund. On the other side we have had significant rise in discipline issues at both the member and chapter levels including several cases of chapter hazing, national bylaws and policy violations. Leadership is working with chapters but a renewed focus on education will be recommended going forward and into the next biennium.

**Gateway Regional Vice President  
2016-2017 Report  
Jeanette Buie**

**Travel(s)**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Chapter/Event</b>	<b>Reason</b>
10/04	Eta Nu Exec meeting	
10/22	Overland Park LEAD	
10/29	Denver LEAD	
11/12	Eta Sigma Initiation	
11/13	Alpha Beta Initiation	

**DD Appointment List**

<b>Chapter</b>	<b>District Director</b>	<b>Alumni Advisor/Assistant DD</b>
Alpha Beta	Don Fitzgerald	
Alpha Chi		
Beta Sigma		
Eta Nu		
Eta Sigma	Nathen Christen	
Iota Nu	Cory Teller	
Kappa Omicron	Stephanie Morris	
Sigma Psi	Matt Hudson	

**Chapter Updates**

**Alpha Beta – University of Missouri**

Alpha Beta is a large chapter that has good event programming and strong brotherhood. Overall the chapter is in a good position for future success.

**Alpha Chi – Washington University**

Alpha Chi is a large chapter and has good event programming. Many of the brothers are also leaders in other organization and very involved on campus. The chapter has a successful history and the current brothers are living up to the high expectations. The chapter is in a good position to reach CMP Accredited chapter status.

### **Beta Sigma – Saint Louis University**

Beta Sigma is a stable chapter with good event programming. The chapter is currently on target to reach CMP Accredited chapter status.

### **Eta Nu – University of Missouri - St. Louis**

Eta Nu has faced challenges in the past but is slowly improving chapter success despite not having district director assigned currently. They are currently under guidance because of pledge dropout rates. The pledging program will be under closer supervision during the spring semester to improve performance in this area.

### **Eta Sigma – Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville**

Eta Sigma is a consistent chapter with good regional involvement. They have taken steps toward hosting joint events with other chapters in the Gateway region. They have good programming and strong chapter brotherhood. They are in good position for CMP Accredited status with a strong possibility of Recognition status.

### **Iota Nu – Truman State University**

Iota Nu is a strong chapter with good event programming. Many brothers are leaders on campus and within other organizations. The chapter has a strong history and is in a good position for continued success. The chapter is in a good position for CMP Accredited and Recognition status. They are on target to also achieve CMP Excellence status.

### **Kappa Omicron – Missouri State University**

Kappa Omicron is a good chapter with strong brotherhood and good event programming. The chapter is on target to achieve CMP Accredited status.

### **Sigma Psi – Lindenwood University**

Sigma Psi has strong brotherhood and is involved within the university. They are successfully growing. The chapter is on target for CMP Accredited status.

### **St. Louis Alumni Chapter**

The chapter is having success with involving new members. The chapter recently donated funds to Central Office to archive previous issues of The Deltasig online.

### **Regional Expansion Activity**

We are not currently looking at any collegiate chapter regional expansion at this time. Expansion opportunities are being considered for alumni groups in Springfield and the Columbia/Jefferson City area.

### **Regional Goals For 2016/2017**

- 1) For each chapter to have at least one representative at National and Provincial events.
- 2) All collegiate chapters in the region to achieve at least Accredited status on CMP.
- 3) At least three chapters reach at least the Chapter of Recognition status for CMP.

## **Suggestions and Comments**

I would like to thank all chapters for their hard work during the past year. This work is paying off with good chapter programming and stronger chapters throughout the Gateway region. Each chapter's success can be presented through award submissions and I would like to encourage all chapters in the region to submit award applications so that their hard work can be recognized by their peers.

A challenge currently facing the Gateway Region is identifying alumni brothers to fill leadership roles. Part of the reason for this challenge is helping brothers to transition from active collegiate brothers into involved alumni brothers. I would like all collegiate and alumni leaders to help identify opportunities to assist all collegiate brothers in making that transition to involved alumni.

Please feel free to reach out to myself or the other members of the regional leadership team for questions or assistance.

**Gulf South Regional Vice President  
2016/2017 Report  
Susan Lackey**

**Travel(s)**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Chapter/Event</b>	<b>Reason</b>
11/06/2016	Beta Psi – LA Tech	Initiation – Ruston, LA
11/13/2016	Gamma Mu – Tulane	Initiation – New Orleans, LA
11/18/2016	Delta Nu – Loyola	Initiation – New Orleans, LA

**DD Appointment List**

<b>Chapter</b>	<b>District Director</b>	<b>Alumni Advisor/Asst. DD</b>
Beta Psi	Quindarien Price	N/A
Beta Zeta	Erin VanGeffen	N/A
Delta Nu	Jeanne Noggerath	N/A
Eta Tau	Megan LeBouef Valencia	N/A
Kappa Xi	Roman Guillory	N/A
Gamma Mu	Alexis Carville	N/A

**Chapter Updates (as of 12/20/2016)**

- **Beta Psi – Louisiana Tech University (LA Tech) – Ruston, LA**
  - CMP-Accredited Chapter: Complete 43.90% Approved 39.02%
  - Beta Psi had six Brothers registered who attended LEAD in Jacksonville, and they have registered for Houston – South Central LEAD Provincial. As the only Gulf South Regional Chapter functioning on the Quarter System, they continue to exhibit the enthusiasm and positive attitude to remain successful. The Chapter embraces an energetic can-do attitude and has successfully maintained pride and enthusiasm, winning every award they applied for last year.
  
- **Beta Zeta – Louisiana State University (LSU) – Baton Rouge, LA**
  - CMP-Accredited Chapter: Complete 48.78% Approved 43.90%

- As the largest chapter in the Gulf South Region, they consistently have representation at National Events, including nine at Denver LEAD this fall. As of December 20, Beta Zeta has not registered for Provincial LEAD, but they are planning to have a seated delegate. They incorporate a wide array of professional, community service, and social events, eliciting great responses and participation from collegiate brothers and alumni. Beta Zeta does not just aim to meet expectations but is intent on exceeding them.
- **Delta Nu – Loyola University – New Orleans, LA**
  - CMP-Accredited Chapter: Complete 48.78% Approved 39.02%
  - Delta Nu has experienced vast improvements in all areas of CMP. They had no representation at Fall LEAD but plan on sending a delegate to Provincial. Communication with leadership is not as strong as the previous semester; however, they do make every effort to share info. Opportunities for joint events and activities in conjunction with neighbor Gamma Mu are being discussed. They have a new District Director who is anxious to help them succeed.
- **Eta Tau – McNeese State University – Lake Charles, LA**
  - CMP-Accredited Chapter: Complete 53.66% Approved 46.34%
  - Eta Tau has had problems in many aspects of CMP and is on CMP Guidance until August 13, 2017. They are making steady progress towards improvements. They had representation at Jacksonville LEAD (one collegian), and they are planning to send a delegate to Provincial, although they have not as yet registered. They have an experienced DD (an Eta Tau Alum) who is an excellent resource for information and to answer questions.
- **Gamma Mu – Tulane University – New Orleans, LA**
  - CMP-Accredited Chapter: Complete 36.59% Approved 21.95%
  - Gamma Mu is gradually improving, however, they were unable to send representation to fall LEAD but have every intention of going to Provincial. One big hurdle to overcome is their lack of an alumni base to rely on (Gamma Mu initially deactivated in the 1960s). They are making sincere efforts to build one from scratch with the last couple of graduating classes. It is a slow process, but they are eager to succeed. More communication with their DD and RVP would be beneficial and prevent “trial and error” situations. Alpha Kappa Psi has that ever present foothold at Tulane University, and practically every professor in the School of Business is a member. Gamma Mu has strong leadership in their DD, and they are encouraged to connect with Delta Nu, which is literally next door. A partnership with hosting and attending events would be beneficial to both Chapters.
- **Kappa Xi – University of Louisiana at Lafayette (ULL) – Lafayette, LA**
  - CMP-Accredited Chapter: Complete 39.02% Approved 26.83%
  - Kappa Xi’s CMP Guidance was extended until December 31, 2016, and they have made small improvements in some areas but reverted in others. They did have four collegians represent the Chapter at fall LEAD in Denver and will seat a delegate at Provincial. Kappa Xi has a DD who is an alum of the Chapter and has done much to help them return to functionality. Kappa Xi is continuing attempts at securing sponsors and developing creative ways to fundraise.

## **Regional Expansion Activity**

Consideration has been given to the feasibility of an Alumni Chapter in Ruston, LA (LA Tech).

## **Regional Goals For 2016/2017**

These goals are inclusive for Chapter Officers/Members and Leadership (RVP, DDs, etc.):

- 1) Promote stronger attendance at National Events – LEAD, Provincial, GCC
- 2) Stress a more conscientious effort to comply with deadlines – CMP, Awards, etc. and encourage early registrations for National Events
- 3) Encourage and ensure chapters maintain a clear line of communication with leadership and alumni
- 4) Encourage chapters to achieve Accredited Chapter status and beyond
- 5) Continue to encourage communication/interaction/brotherhood among Chapters

## **Suggestions and Comments**

Two Gulf South Chapters were on CMP Guidance for the fall semester –

- Eta Tau until August 13, 2017 – Although a strong improvement is noted with regard to meeting deadlines and completing tasks, I suggest Eta Tau continue as planned on Guidance until the completion date. Having more structure can only assist with their continued improvement and help them be more conscientious with regard to time management, communication, commitment and responsibility.
- Kappa Xi until December 31, 2016 – Kappa Xi has improved in some areas but dropped in others. I am torn with which direction to pursue. On one hand, if there is a possibility Guidance could continue until August, they may have a much better chance of continued improvement and maintaining balance. On the other hand, or if continuance is not an option, the vote of confidence in removing them from Guidance could boost morale and encourage them to strive harder for improvement. They have been on some type of discipline for two years, and I would hate to see them become disillusioned and/or defeated.

Time management and deadlines are always a big problem for many of the Chapters. I realize the significance for having deadlines at the end of semesters, however, when Chapters have Initiations in mid to late November, elect new officers shortly thereafter, immediately jump into finals, followed by end of semester-pack up to go home, things such as a December 15<sup>th</sup> deadline are difficult to maneuver. I, and the DDs, spend countless hours emailing, texting, and calling in reminders and follow-ups. It is worth every second, though, to watch these collegians step up to the plate, accept the challenge and complete their tasks with pride and without complaint!



**Gulf Western Region  
2016- 2017 Report  
Musanna Al-Muntasir**

**Travel(s)**

Date	Chapter	Reason
08.27.16	Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi	Required RVP Visit
09.10.16	University of Texas – Austin	Required RVP Visit
09.17.16	St. Edwards University	Required RVP Visit
10.29.16	Texas A&M University - Kingsville	Required RVP Visit

**DD Appointment List**

Chapter	District Director	Alumni Advisor
Beta Kappa	Connor Doyle	William Peterson
Zeta Nu	Abel Morales	Thomas Kreuger
Eta Psi	Matthew Gressler	Steven Koch
Theta Omega	David Riedel	Mary Dunn
Iota Psi	Kimberly Garza	Liz Palacios
Lambda Nu	Gilbert Landras	Liesl Wesson
Lambda Upsilon	Leslie Dailey	Guillermo Martinez
Omicron Phi	Gabriel Salas	Gary Lott
Pi Omega	Jackie Romero	Eugenio Suarez

**Chapter Updates**

**Beta Kappa (Report as of 1/22/17)**

**The University of Texas at Austin**

CMP Report - Complete 36.59% | Approved 29.27%

Beta Kappa has great communication and operational efficiency in their chapter. They have strong programming all around. They are improving their chapter relationship with the rest of the region. They hosted the last regional initiation.

## **Zeta Nu**

### **Texas A&M University -Kingsville**

CMP Report – Complete 48.78% | Approved 43.90%

Zeta Nu did a fantastic job recruiting this last semester. They have strong programming and relations with the university. They should co-host and join chapter events with TAMUC since they are a sister chapter less than an hour away. They should also encourage the significant amount of alumni in the city to form an Alumni chapter to further support their chapter goals.

## **Eta Psi**

### **University of Houston**

CMP Report – Complete 51.22% | 43.90%

Eta Psi had a rocky start with the university and past president but have quickly overcome all obstacles and well on their way to chapter of recognition or excellence. They have some of the strongest alumni support and they need to continue solid transitioning to keep this sustained growth.

## **Theta Omega**

### **St. Edwards University**

CMP Report – Complete 53.66% | 48.78%

Theta Omega has solid fraternal spirit. Their turnaround has been amazing since they are now turning all critical reports on time. They should continue to concentrate on chapter professionalism and member growth.

## **Iota Psi**

### **Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi**

CMP Report – Complete 68.29% | 63.41%

Iota Psi has great fraternal spirit and well on their way to Chapter of Recognition and Excellence. They have great programming and solid support from the Corpus Christi Alumni Chapter. They need to concentrate on having events with their sister school TAMUK that is less than an hour away and building a stronger alumni relationship.

## **Lambda Nu**

### **Texas A&M University**

CMP Report – Complete 51.22% | 43.90%

Lambda Nu has strong operations across the board and continues to engage well in regional activities. They can benefit by taking advantage of this situation and developing a continued relationship with the rest of the region.

## **Lambda Upsilon**

### **St. Mary's University**

CMP Report – Complete 39.02% | 26.83%

Lambda Upsilon has successfully removed them out of university suspension to chapter probation for the semester. With strong leadership their fraternal bond has grown from this ordeal and they continue to push for chapter recovery and growth.

## **Omicron Phi**

### **University of Texas at San Antonio**

CMP Report – Complete 60.98% | 53.66%

The chapter has great fraternal spirit and communicates daily on their group page. Reports show strong programming and operations. They could benefit to network a bit more with the other San Antonio chapters such as Lambda Upsilon and Pi Omega. They are encouraged to continue building their relationship with the alumni chapter.

## **Pi Omega**

### **Trinity University**

CMP Report – Complete 51.22% | 46.34%

Pi Omega has had a great turnaround regarding fraternal spirit and regional involvement. I encourage them to reach out and build their network with the San Antonio alumni chapter. They are hosting the GWR Regional conference this year.

### **Regional Expansion Activity**

We were looking at expanding the region and including four universities; Texas State University, University of Houston – Victoria, University of the Incarnate Word, and The University of Texas – RioGrande Valley. Victoria is no longer an option due to the entire business school. We have several discussions moving to an online curriculum. Several meetings are scheduled to introduce the Fraternity to these schools.

### **Regional Update for 2016-2017**

The Gulf Western Region continues to do well overall. We have seen an increase in inter-chapter communication and participation over the years. Regional event planning has been a tremendous influence in increasing morale, fraternal spirit, and CMP credit. All District Directors have been empowered to make the right decisions in accordance to bylaws, policies, and risk management. Most DDs are well on their way to obtaining CDL tiers 1 and 2.

The San Antonio alumni chapter and Corpus Christi alumni chapters have been doing extremely well. The San Antonio Alumni Chapter has three members that are District Directors in the region for UTSA, Trinity and St. Mary's University. The Corpus Christi Alumni chapter has a member as a District Director for TAMUCC. The CC Alumni chapter earned a Gold Status and the SA Alumni chapter earned a Silver status last year. The Austin Alumni chapter is fairly new yet taking great strides to reach Gold status this upcoming year.

The leadership team has implemented better communication methods via Facebook and GroupMe to communicate with all chapters. The region is looking to host its own leadership conference as a means to raise fraternal spirit, increase our networking opportunities, and increase alumni participation. This coming semester's Spring Initiation will be hosted by the Omicron Phi chapter of The university of Texas – San Antonio.

**Midwestern Regional Vice President  
2016-2017 Report  
R. Nicole Moeller**

**Travel(s)**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Chapter/Event</b>	<b>Reason</b>
1/26/16	Nu Omega	Chapter Visit
1/27/16	Nu Xi	Chapter Visit
2/4/16	Iota Omicron	Chapter Visit
2/16/16	Nu Omega	Pledging Ceremony
2/17/16	Nu Xi	Pledging Ceremony
2/18/16	Iota	Pledging Ceremony
3/3/16-3/6/16		Provincial LEAD
4/24/16	All	Regional Initiation & Lunch
8/25/16	Iota Omicron	Chapter Visit
8/30/16	Nu Omega	Chapter Visit
8/31/16	Nu Xi	Chapter Visit
9/1/16	Iota	Chapter Visit
9/20/16	Iota Omicron	Mitch Matthews Presentation
11/5/16	Nu Xi	Initiation and Lunch
11/13/16	Iota Omicron	Initiation and Lunch
11/19/16	Iota	Initiation
12/1/16	Iota Omicron	Chapter Visit/ Christmas Party

**DD Appointment List**

<b>Chapter</b>	<b>District Director</b>	<b>Alumni Advisor/Assistant DD</b>
Iota	Shayne Henderson	
Iota Omicron	Katie Goebel	
Nu Omega	Oliva Burden	
Nu Xi	Ben Price	

## Chapter Updates

- **Iota – University of Kansas**

- CMP Progress – 56.10% completed and approved for accredited chapter.
- Chapter is doing well overall. They reach out when they need help. We need to work on maintaining knowledge as officer's graduate, specifically on chapter finances and ritual. A meeting is arranged in February 2017 to address some of these issues. Continue on working on increasing attendance at national events such as GCC and LEAD.

- **Iota Omicron– University of Central Missouri**

- CMP Progress – 56.10 % completed and approved for accredited chapter.
- Chapter is going through some major changes. They are working closely with their DD to bring up their recruitment numbers. They will work on gathering some knowledge that was lost with graduating seniors specifically in the pledge education and finance areas. They reach out to the DD and RVP when they have questions on anything they are unsure of, and make sure to always follow risk management.

- **Nu Xi – University of Missouri Kansas City**

- CMP Progress – 51.22 % completed and approved for accredited chapter.
- Nu Xi has successfully completed this past semester without any notable problems. The members were able complete activities and fill out the forms promptly and accurately. Any problems that did arise were handled quickly and professionally. There are not any issues that need to be addressed at this time.

- **Nu Omega – Rockhurst University**

- CMP Progress – 56.10% completed and approved for accredited chapter.
- Nu Omega has successfully completed this past semester without any notable problems. The members were able complete activities and fill out the forms promptly and accurately. Any problems that did arise were handled quickly and professionally. There are not any issues that need to be addressed at this time.

**Regional Expansion Activity** – There is currently no expansion activities happening at this time, but will keep looking for opportunities. The area is working on re-establishing the Kansas City Alumni Chapter whose franchise lapsed.

## Regional Goals For 2015/2016

- 1) Work with chapters to send larger numbers of brothers and pledges to national events, with a focus on LEAD.
- 2) Have all chapters reach Accredited Chapter in CMP.
- 3) Encourage chapters to reach for Chapter of Recognition and Chapter of Excellence in CMP.
- 4) Work with chapters on perfecting ritual, with a focus on initiation.
- 5) Reach out to brothers to encourage alumni development and participation.

**Southwestern Regional Vice President**  
**2016-2017 Report**  
Kevin Gore

Notable Travel:

Spring 2016:

Attended five out of six Pledging Ceremonies  
Attended South Central Provincial LEAD Conference in Dallas, TX  
Attended three Initiations and on joint Initiation (North Texas, Texas-Arlington, Angelo State at North Texas)

Fall 2016:

Attended five out of six Pledging Ceremonies  
Attended Overland Park LEAD School (October 22<sup>nd</sup>)  
Attended Denver LEAD school (October 29<sup>th</sup>)  
Attended five out of six Initiations

Upcoming Travel:

Attending Board meeting in Oxford (January 24)  
Attending Pledging Ceremonies for Spring Pledge Classes  
Attending South Central Provincial LEAD Conference in Houston, TX (March 3-5)  
Attending Initiations at all Chapters (schedule conflicts permitting)  
Attending 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of Eta Theta (Angelo State) (April 29<sup>th</sup>)  
Grand Chapter Congress in New Orleans (August 16-20)

**Regional Goals:**

- 1) CMP Achievements – 100% Accredited and Recognition, 50% Chapter of Recognition  
Reviewing CMP I feel this will be a much loftier goal, however working with leadership team to be as close to attaining by the end of the 2016/2017 year.
- 2) Assist with planning and executing a Regional Initiation. We currently have one-half of the Chapters in the Region interested and planning has already started. Chapters are looking forward to joining with each other for this occasion.
- 3) Utilize available technology (Skype, FaceTime, GoToMeeting, etc.) to bridge the gap between all chapters in the region as well having the ability for Chapters to attend each other's events without being physically present. This has not been a necessity this year, however will continue to explore and use these means to be present when physically unable.
- 4) Work with Chapters and their District Directors to identify any "pain points" they may be having and how to resolve and/or eliminate.
- 5) Work with Colony members and officers, as well as regional leadership to assist and ensure full Chapter status as soon as possible.

- 6) Continue to focus on attending as many events as possible at each Chapter with primary focus being on Pledging Ceremonies and Initiations. Attend Chapter meeting(s) and Executive Committee meetings as time allows or when requested by Chapters and/or District Directors.

### **Regional Committees**

Scholarship & Awards – Jeanne Levesque

### **Discipline and Chapter Assistance**

CMP is becoming less of a struggle for most Chapters. Continuing to work with Chapter Officers and District Directors, focusing on training and time management/planning. Working with local and national leadership on one chapter discipline issue.

### **Summary**

As we are nearing the end of the biennium, the Southwestern Region continues the work to make each Chapter, and the region better. The Southwestern Region is now under a period of growth as we have a new Colony in place at University of Texas-Dallas. I will be working with the Colony members and officers, as well as regional leadership to ensure success and the eventual future growth of the Region.

The Southwestern Region has enjoyed great success this past year with not just one, but two national award winners. I attended the Denver LEAD school in anticipation of delivering the awards to the respective Chapters. Zeta Mu (Texas-Arlington) was presented the R. Nelson Mitchell National Outstanding Collegiate Chapter Award for 2015-16, and Delta Epsilon (North Texas) was presented the National Most Improved Collegiate Chapter Award for 2015-16. Both Chapters have made great strides to achieve these high-level awards and I feel this is setting the bar for all the Region. I am looking forward to the upcoming award season and seeing how many of the Southwestern Region chapters will be awarded at Grand Chapter Congress in New Orleans this August.

It has been my honor serving the Southwestern Region this biennium and am looking forward to all the great things planned this semester and Summer culminating at Grand Chapter Congress in New Orleans.



**Tornado Alley Region Vice President  
2016-2017 Report  
Mark Wernette**

**Spring & Fall 2016 Travel**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Chapter/Event</b>
1/28/2016	Sigma Chi – Recruitment Event
1/31/2016	Epsilon Zeta – Chapter Dinner
2/13/2016	Beta Upsilon Pledge Retreat (south of Amarillo)
2/20/2016	OKCTAA Game Night at Jerry Hotwagner’s House
2/26/2016	Beta Epsilon & Gamma Epsilon Joint Social @ Main Event OKC
2/27/2016	Sigma Chi Pledge Retreat
3/4-6/2016	South Central Provincial LEAD – Dallas
3/22/2016	Gamm Epsilon Chapter & Pledge Visit
3/30/2016	Beta Epsilon Chapter & Pledge Visit
4/9/2016	Epsilon Zeta Initiation
4/10/2016	Beta Epsilon, Gamma Epsilon, & Sigma Chi Joint Initiation in Norman
4/15/2016	Beta Upsilon Initiation
4/16/2016	Desert Mountain Region Joint Initiation in El Paso
4/22/2016	Beta Epsilon & Gamma Epsilon Joint Rose Formal
4/30-5/1/2016	Beta Epsilon Brotherhood Retreat in Kingston, OK
5/20-22/2016	STAR Retreat
6/18/2016	OKTAA Chapter Meeting
8/21/2016	DD Training/Meeting Brunch at Picasso, OKC
8/24/2016	DD Training/Meeting Dinner at Bricktown Brewery, Edmond
9/1/2016	Epsilon Zeta Meeting – Discussion on Recruitment

9/6/2016	Virtual Gamma Epsilon Visit – Meet the Alumni
9/23/2016	Beta Epsilon Chapter Meeting and Pledge Ceremony
9/25/2016	Sigma Chi Pledge Ceremony
10/9/2016	Gamma Epsilon Pledge Retreat
10/13/2016	OKCTAA Bacon and Brussels
10/15/2016	Sigma Chi Pledge Retreat
10/21-23/2016	Overland Park LEAD School
10/27-30/2016	Denver LEAD School
11/3/2016	Sigma Chi Chapter Meeting
11/7/2016	Foundation Celebration with Epsilon Zeta
11/13/2016	Gamma Epsilon Initiation
11/18/2016	Beta Upsilon Initiation
11/20/2016	Sigma Chi/Epsilon Zeta Joint Initiation – Cameron
11/20/2016	Beta Epsilon Exec Meeting
12/1/2016	Sigma Chi Meeting – Recruitment Discussion
12/17/2016	OKCTAA Chapter Meeting and Christmas Party

Plus regular phone calls, emails, and text messages with Chapter, Regional, and Provincial Leadership.

**DD Appointment List**

<b>Chapter</b>	<b>District Director</b>
Beta Epsilon	Jennifer Mayes
Beta Upsilon	Charlie Kenney
Gamma Epsilon	Sarah Jane Harris
Epsilon Zeta	Karen Beatty
Sigma Chi	Sara Shidell

## Chapter Updates

Overall, chapters in the Tornado Alley Region are doing OUTSTANDING!

### Beta Epsilon – University of Oklahoma

- CMP – {56.10% Complete; 51.22% Approved} - Chapter is on track for Chapter of Excellence.
- The chapter's professional activities mainly consists of speakers at meetings. They have done several beneficial community service events this past semester, including their annual Price Day of Service.
- The chapter has done a really unique brotherhood retreat the past two years, where they spend a weekend at a church camp on Lake Texhoma and focus on brotherhood and our Principles. The discussions and speakers (usually chapter members) have been outstanding and a great experience.
- One of the chapter's main focus going forward in 2017 is brotherhood within the chapter and exec team. The chapter has already done some things to take the lead on this and make improvements.
- An area of improvement for the chapter can be the trial rate, which was very high in 2016. However, there were very few expulsions in comparison. A review of policies could possibly help reduce this rate.
- Chapter is a Legacy Chapter.
- There are no chapter discipline issues to note.

### Beta Upsilon – Texas Tech University

- CMP – {68.29% Complete; 65.85% Approved} - Chapter is on track for Chapter of Recognition.
- The chapter had 17 brothers at Denver LEAD, which was the most at a LEAD from the Tornado Alley Region.
- The chapter conducted a joint community service event with the Alpha Kappa Psi chapter at Tech, where they had a competitive food drive. Delta Sigma Pi won the competition and both chapters helped the community.
- The chapter has made some good strides operationally over the past semester and will continue to make improvements in this area.
- The chapter continues to see strong recruitment ability, compared to the Alpha Kappa Psi chapter, and pledge retention rates continue to be high (100% for fall 2016).
- Chapter is a Legacy Chapter.
- There are no chapter discipline issues to note. Past issues appear to be corrected, which is a positive testament to the attitude of the chapter members.

### Gamma Epsilon – Oklahoma State University

- CMP – {51.22% Complete; 43.90% Approved} - Chapter is on track for Chapter of Excellence.
- This chapter continues to make amazing improvements operationally from where they were a couple years ago.

- The chapter held a Cowboys Strong Run, a follow up to last year's Homecoming Memorial Run. They netted about \$7,500 from the event, which was donated. They are already working on next year's event.
- The chapter won the National Financial Operation Award this past semester, and they continue to have outstanding financial operations.
- One of the chapter's goals going into 2017 is to have better relations between exec and other members, as well as to continue to recruit high quality members. Fall 2016 was one of their strongest recruiting sessions from the last couple years and they are hoping to build on that.
- The chapter had a pledge retreat for the first time this semester, which might have helped with the pledge retention issues of past semesters.
- Chapter is a Legacy Chapter.
- There are no chapter discipline issues to note.

### **Epsilon Zeta – Midwestern State University**

- CMP – {56.10% Complete; 43.90% Approved} - Chapter is on track for Chapter of Excellence.
- Overall the chapter has improved operationally since last year. The current exec brings a healthy attitude and passion to the chapter.
- The chapter has done several professional and community service events this past semester. They are planning a large semester long community service event with Sigma Chi that will benefit the food banks of Wichita Falls, TX and Lawton, OK.
- The chapter had much better recruitment and pledge retention this past semester. If they can continue what they did they can bring their chapter numbers up to a healthy level within the next year. Being a small school, the chapter will need to always focus on recruitment efforts.
- Chapter is a Legacy Chapter.
- There are no chapter discipline issues to note.

### **Sigma Chi – Cameron University**

- CMP – {56.10% Complete; 43.90% Approved} - Chapter is on track for Chapter of Excellence.
- The chapter has done several professional and community service events this past semester, including joint events with other organizations. They are planning a large semester long community service event with Epsilon Zeta that will benefit the food banks of Wichita Falls, TX and Lawton, OK.
- Like other small schools, the chapter continues to struggle with recruitment. Cameron has a very unique student base. Recruitment will be a continued area of emphasis and the chapter is creating plans to improve this in the future.
- Although the chapter is fairly new, they have been able to have pretty good alumni and faculty relations and hosts an annual alumni softball game.
- Chapter is a Legacy Chapter.
- There are no chapter discipline issues to note.

## **Oklahoma City Tornado Alley Alumni Chapter**

- Chapter is doing awesome!
- The chapter was awarded Gold Recognition for the past year and is on track to repeat this year. The chapter also won the Provincial award for Community Service.
- Attendance at national events has been higher than previous years and several are registered for Houston LEAD and GCC.
- Attendance at major events has increased from years past.
- The chapter has done several things to support collegiate chapters in the region, including chapter visits, support of the STAR Retreat, and upcoming grants to each chapter to help with GCC expenses.

## **Regional Expansion Activity**

There has been no expansion activity in the region over the past year. There are a few possibilities over the next couple of years for new colonies, including University of Tulsa, West Texas A&M, University of Central Oklahoma, and University of Arkansas. These opportunities will most likely be available due to brothers transferring and helping establish a colony. No attempts have been made at University of Arkansas since 2013, when issues arose during discussion with the Dean of the Business School.

Ongoing effort is being made to expand alumni chapters in the region. Currently, Oklahoma City Tornado Alley Alumni Chapter is the only franchised alumni chapter, after Tulsa and Wichita Falls elected not to re-franchise in June 2016. Effort is being made to re-franchise Tulsa and Wichita Falls, as well as a new one in Lawton. It is also being explored if it is possible to have one alumni chapter that covers Wichita Falls and Lawton.

## **RVP/Regional Goals For 2016/2017**

1. Be the voice of the collegiate and alumni brothers in the region based on their input – Continue to get feedback from collegiate and alumni brothers and pass along the information as appropriate.
2. Have quality Chapter COYs and 100% application submission – COY was taken to a new level this year. Starting in 2015, an emphasis was made to educate brothers on what COY is and what they should consider when selecting COYs. Most chapters followed a process consisting of week 1 – educate members about COY, week 2 – nominate members for COY, week 3 – nominees give speeches and chapters vote. This resulted in competitive races within chapters and winners taking their applications seriously. Most, if not all, winners reached out to current and past National COYs for advice and guidance and the region saw 100% application submission for the first time ever.
3. Encourage Bucks for Brotherhood to help the South Central Province have highest participation – We encouraged chapters to get their \$100 donation for CMP out of the way for Bucks for Brotherhood and saw all 6 chapters participate for the first time ever. Tornado Alley Region had more chapters participate than any other region in the country.
4. Encourage and promote inter-chapter events – Ongoing. Several chapters over the past year have done joint socials, initiations, and community service events. Some joint events are already planned for the

future. Will continue to encourage all chapters to participate in things and for chapters to reach out to chapters in other regions as well.

5. Encourage and promote attendance at National and Regional events – Ongoing. Attendance at national events has increased recently. Use of personalized electronic invites and extensive social media has helped bring awareness to attend. Other promotional tools included chapter attendance awards for attending Provincial LEADs. Chapters have also helped members financially, in order help increase attendance. For Grand Chapter Congress, we have been selling state pins with our letters on them to raise funds. As a result, each chapter in the region will get a \$100 travel grant to GCC from OKCTAA.
6. Provide the tools necessary for chapters and colonies to be successful – Ongoing training and resources.
7. Encourage chapters to apply for awards – Ongoing. 2016-2017 is to be determined. In June 2016, Tornado Alley chapters submitted more award applications than any other region in the South Central Province. OKCTAA won a provincial award and Gamma Epsilon won a National award. Hoping to see the same or better in 2017.
8. Encourage chapters to reach Chapter of Excellence tier for CMP – Ongoing. Starting last year, we created an incentive for chapters to do well in CMP: Chapter of Recognition would be awarded a congratulatory cake at a chapter meeting and Chapter of Excellence would be awarded the cake and a \$100 grant. Last year, 3 chapters received Chapter of Excellence and 1 chapter received Accredited Chapter. Hoping to see the same or better in 2017.
9. Identify and develop potential alumni leaders in the region – Ongoing. Continue to seek out quality potential alumni leaders and encourage them to remain active. We have started making it a point to talk about volunteer work as an Alum and how we have gotten in the positions we are.
10. Work with collegiate and alumni chapters to help develop a smoother transition for graduating seniors to the alumni world - Work in progress. We continue to see the same struggles as the rest of the country. We have started contacting alumni chapters in the areas new graduates are moving to in order to try to help with alumni chapter recruitment. We also invite every single collegiate brother to the major alumni chapter events in the region, and make collegiate brothers aware of alumni events in other major nearby cities.
11. Promote and foster professional development in the region – Ongoing. This is not at a level it could be. We continue to try to share job opportunities as they present themselves. Regional leadership shares ideas with chapters on expanding their professional programs. One specific goal has been to create a mentorship program. This has not happened at the time of this report for various reason. Hoping for a Beta test spring 2017. If successful, it might be better administered at a Provincial level. In addition, a couple of the collegiate chapters have taken the initiative and created an internship database to help with networking. Hoping to see this be successful.
12. STAR Leadership Retreat – Currently planned for May 19-21, 2017
13. Foster innovation as it presents itself – Ongoing

**Alumni Development Committee – South Central Province  
2016-2017 Report  
Matt Hudson, Chair**

**Travel(s)**

None

**Committee Member List**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Region</b>
Matt Hudson	Gateway

**Committee Report**

During the 2015-2016 LEAD and Provincial conferences, a series of alumni forums were held to collect data as to where the National Alumni Development Committee should focus their efforts. From those forums, three themes emerged which are the focus for 2016-2017:

- 1) Support Experience Satisfaction of Alumni
- 2) Support Social Connections of Alumni
- 3) Support Organizational Commitment of Alumni

During the 2016 LEAD conference, the first theme of Support Experience Satisfaction of Alumni was covered in the alumni forum in Kansas City moderated by the South Central Provincial Chair. Attendees brainstormed ideas on how collegiate and alumni chapters can improve collaboration and support each other. The results of the forum were passed along to the NADC.

The Provincial Chair attended the November meeting of the NADC, where topics discussed included alumni sessions at GCC, marketing plan for Alumni Day in April, and results from the Fall LEAD alumni panels.

**Committee Goals for 2016/2017**

- 1) Ensure 100% refranchising of alumni chapters in the South Central Province
- 2) Work with the NADC to develop strategic plan to increase retention and engagement among our alumni brothers, in line with the National Fraternity's Strategic Initiatives for 2016-2021

**Suggestions and Comments**

None

# SCHOLASTIC DEVELOPMENT & AWARDS COMMITTEE

## South Central Province

### 2016-2017 Report

Allan Schuster, Chair

#### Committee Goals

- More Chapters Submitting Award Winners
- 100% of Regions Submitting a District Director of the Year
- More Certified Deltasig Leaders
- Recertify current Certified Deltasig Leaders

#### Committee Members

Member	Region
Allan Schuster – Chair	Southwestern
Katy Slusser	Midwestern
Erik Gonzalez	Gulf Western
Karen Kitchens	Gateway
Ashley McCormick	Tornado Alley
Megan Valencia	Gulf South

#### Committee Activity and Updates

- **2017 COY Award Applications**
  - 100% of Chapters Submitted a Nominee for Collegian of the Year
    - Worked with North Central Leadership Team and 2015 National COY to have multiple webcasts for COY Applicants to learn best practices
  - 71% (27/38) of Nominees submitted an application, same as 2016
- **Certified Deltasig Leader Program**
  - 28 Total Certified Deltasig Leaders in South Central as of 1/22/17
    - 20% Decrease from Previous Year
    - Regional Breakdown:

	Tier 2	Tier 1
• Gateway:	2	0
• Gulf Western:	9	3
• Gulf South:	1	0
• Midwestern:	0	0
• Southwestern:	6	1
• Tornado Alley:	5	1
  - Goals to be achieved before Grand Chapter Congress
    - All Provincial Leadership be Tier 2 certified (PVP, RVPs, Chairs)
    - 80% of District Directors should have minimum Tier 1 Certification



- RVPs identify 2-3 alumni per region to be certified, including new graduates for minimum Tier 1 Certification
- Each Alumni Chapter have at least 1 Chapter Officer with at least a Tier 1 CDL
- Recertify 100% of current Certified Deltasig Leaders

**Suggestions and Comments**

- Spring Webcast for chapters to use Awards Module on Hub along with best practices for writing award applications
- More focus on using CDL Program across province. Fewer provincial leaders are certified than last year.
- Good job to Tornado Alley for having a 50% increase in CDLs

**Community Service - South Central Province  
2016-2017 Report  
Kris McDaniel, Chair**

**Travel(s)**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Chapter/Event</b>
10/22	Overland Park LEAD

**Committee Member List**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Region</b>
Chelsey Garner	Tornado Alley

**Committee Report**

Held a pop tab war in Overland Park LEAD. Collected a total of 29 pounds of pop tabs to be donated to the Kansas City chapter of Ronald McDonald House Charities. A total of 4 collegiate chapters and 2 alumni chapters participated.

**Committee Goals for 2016/2017**

- 1) Increase participation at LEAD

**Suggestions and Comments**

**Professional Development Committee – South Central Province  
2016-2017 Report  
Josh Robinson, Chair**

**Travel(s)**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Chapter/Event</b>
<b>21 October 2016</b>	<b>Overland Park LEAD School</b>
<b>28 October 2016</b>	<b>Denver LEAD School</b>
<b>10 November 2016</b>	<b>Beta Phi Initiation</b>
<b>11 November 2016</b>	<b>Beta Iota Initiation</b>
<b>12 November 2016</b>	<b>Zeta Mu Initiation</b>
<b>18 November 2016</b>	<b>Delta Upsilon Initiation</b>
<b>19 November 2016</b>	<b>Delta Epsilon Initiation</b>
<b>Weekly -ish</b>	<b>Delta Epsilon Pledge/Chapter Meetings</b>

**Committee Member List**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Region</b>
Nicole Moeller	Gateway
Tanner Sloss	Southwestern
Gilbert Landras	Gulf Western
Walter Lambert	Tornado Alley

**Committee Report**

Worked to find professional speakers for Overland Park LEAD School. Ultimately failed due to cancellation and inability to secure a replacement.

Working with Space City alumni chapter to plan and execute a networking/career fair-type event at the Houston Provincial Conference in March. Complete details are still being ironed out, however, we are on track to host the event the Friday evening before the fun starts Saturday.

**Committee Goals for 2016/2017**

- 1) Research, plan, and execute a professional event collegiate brothers and pledges want to attend
- 2) Research and identify reasons to low attendance for SCP LEAD Schools
- 3) Work with other Provinces to establish events that are more consistent through LEAD events

**Suggestions and Comments**