As a part of the Panhellenic and Interfraternity Council’s first ever Spring Service Days, twelve athletes from the Special Olympics Southern California came to Alpha Delta Pi’s lawn on April 23rd to play in a Unified Soccer Tournament with sorority women and fraternity men. The athletes were incredibly spirited and thrilled to meet USC students.

The sororities and fraternities that participated had a fantastic time. The tournament style was quite casual, allowing for a fun and non-competitive environment. Three athletes and two fraternity men or sorority women were placed on a team to compete in a twenty-minute, 5x5 game. When the athletes had a game off, they’d kick around the ball with greek members, make posters for athletes competing in the Special Olympics World Games this summer, or grab refreshments on the porch. The afternoon ended with the athletes and greek students putting their arms up in a unity pose for the camera, symbolizing how Special Olympics Athletes and non-Special Olympics athletes can come together and support one another.

Students from the Panhellenic and Interfraternity Councils gathered on Tuesday, April 21 to write letters to deployed troops, wounded warriors, veterans, and new recruits in the Office for Fraternity and Sorority Leadership Development and Veterans Resource Center. In the letters, students described their hobbies, passions, and interests, and thanked the veterans and those on active duty for their years of service to our country that enable the fraternity and sorority members to enjoy all of their campus activities and pursue their professional goals.

By the end of the day, there were over 60 letters written. These letters will be included in care packages to be sent overseas through Operation Gratitude. It was an incredible event and the greek community was proud to be able to give back to our troops.

By Allie Schmiesing, Panhellenic VP External Affairs

By Meghan Janke
Panhellenic VP Philanthropy
Name: Leona Fallas  
Year: Junior  
Affiliation: Gamma Phi Beta  
Major/Area of Research: Marketing  
Who are you doing research with? Marshall School of Business  
What professor(s) are you working with? Valerie Folkes

I am reading the entire Journal of Consumer Research and Journal of Consumer Psychology from 2013-present and coding information about each study’s researchers gender and university affiliation, research topic, participants used, and participant demographic.  
What do you hope to achieve by doing your research? Our research hopes to gain insight into disparities between studies that use students versus studies that use online surveys, and the specific demographics (age, gender, other factors) they are able to target online.

Name: Samantha Levra  
Year: Junior  
Affiliation: Alpha Delta Pi  
Major/Area of Research: Double major in Political Science and Sociology  
Who are you doing research with? National Association of Latino Elected Officials through POSC 395 Research Internship  
What professor(s) are your working with? Professor Auerbach and Jodie Epstein

The NALEO Educational Fund has been advocating for the creation of an Office of New Americans. This new office would coordinate cross-agency collaborations around immigrant integration at the federal level, manage at least two federal grant programs and develop further recommendations to promote integration. Integration includes promoting U.S. citizenship and naturalization, and teaching immigrants English, civics, history and certain work-related skills. It can also include educating immigrants about their eligibility for federal programs, and ensuring that all government programs that affect immigrants take into account their impact on immigrant communities and the states and localities that are “receiving” communities for newcomers. In order to assist with developing the structure for this office, I am evaluating the structure of similar offices in the federal government, even though this office does not directly address immigrant integration issues. I’m examining the organizational structure of the Office of National AIDS Policy. I will be working with fellows examining other federal agencies to combine best practices and features from our assigned offices and develop recommendations for the “ideal” Office of New Americans.

Name: Steven Weier  
Year: Junior  
Affiliation: Alpha Gamma Omega  
Major/Area of Research: I’m a double major in Economics and Political Science and currently doing the Progressive Degree Program to get a MA in Economics. My research is in the field of Political Science.  
Who are you doing research with? Professor Levy

The research involves analyzing and interpreting survey data that deals with public opinion concerning public benefits and political rights for non-citizens in the US in general and California specifically. It seeks to explore the underlying values and issues that motivate these opinions. The research is relevant to immigration policy. Personally, I hope to be a co-author of a journal article aimed at publication. More broadly, I hope to expand our understanding of public opinion concerning public policy towards immigrants.
Greeks Doing Research

Name: Kerilynn Adams
Year: Junior
Affiliation: Sigma Delta Tau
Major/Area of Research: Double Major Neuroscience & Psychology/Cognitive Psychology
What professors are you working with? Dr. Stephenson

I am researching how the fluency of a font affects the number and quality of corrections a student will make when editing an essay. The research question is asking whether or not feedback from an editor is most helpful (sees the best results) when it is one out of the following: typed disfluent font (e.g., Arial), typed fluent font (e.g., Monotype Corsiva), handwritten disfluent font (e.g., block letters), or handwritten fluent font (e.g., cursive). My hypothesis is that because disfluent fonts are more complex to process, students that receive feedback in one of the two disfluent fonts will show lower quality corrections than students that receive feedback in one of the two fluent fonts. This research has the goal of improving the overall quality of work from students especially when given the chance to improve upon it. Hopefully our results will give us information that can be used to give students the most clear and helpful feedback.

Name: Alex Coco
Year: Junior
Affiliation: Sigma Alpha Mu (Sammy)
Who are you doing research with? USC’s Rocket Propulsion Lab
What professor(s) are your working with? Dr. Dan Erwin

The goal of USC’s Rocket Propulsion Lab (RPL) is to be the first completely undergraduate student group to reach space. Our aim is to send a rocket past the Von Karman Line, the official boundary of outer space 100km above sea level. Specifically, my research deals with the parachute recovery system: how to get the rocket back down to Earth safely. At the top of the rocket’s flight, the rocket’s nosecone must eject to allow the rocket’s parachute to deploy. To reach this end, I am designing an air-bag-like mechanism. By igniting a mixture of several chemicals, cold gas will be produced underneath the nosecone, and the resulting pressure will sheer off the nosecone. Mission accomplished!

Name: Paige Sorrentino
Year: Senior
Affiliation: Alpha Chi Omega
Major/Area of Research: Human Biology major, Biomedical Engineering researcher
Who are you doing research with? Aminat Adebiyi, Ph. D candidate
What professor(s) are your working with? Dr. James Weiland

The aim of this project was to develop a wearable low-vision aid that provides navigational assistance to visually impaired individuals. The device provides verbal and vibrotactile commands to allow blind subjects to walk around a room without bumping into obstacles, and without using a cane or a guide dog. Trials were conducted at the Braille Institute on subjects ranging from low-vision to completely blind. The results are awaiting publication. I hope to contribute to the fashioning of a device which helps people enjoy a higher quality of life, because life just isn’t quite the same without sight. This project further inspired me to pursue my dream of being an optometrist, and I will be starting school at Southern California College of Optometry in Fall, 2015.
### 2015 Greek Awards

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**The Little Free Library**

This Spring, the IFC and PHC Executive Boards worked together to create a free library in Hoover Park for the children in the USC Campus Community. The library was unveiled on Saturday, May 9, and the children were very excited to get these books. John Thomas, the Executive Director of the USC Department of Public Safety said, “I echo Dr. Merriman’s sentiments and once again want to express my thanks and appreciation for your sponsorship of this Little Free Library for the kids in the USC Campus Community living near Hoover Park. Words seem hardly sufficient as I reflect on how eager the kids were to get their hands on those books! IFC & Panhellenic have been such great partners with DPS and I look forward to our continued partnership. Thanks for your leadership!”

Congratulations to everyone involved in this project!
2015 Greek Awards

Interfraternal Spirit

Diversity Programming Award

Risk Management Award

Certificates of Excellence:

Michael L. Jackson Campus Involvement Award

Certificate of Excellence:

Chapter Pride Award

Certificates of Excellence:

Chapter President’s Leadership & Vision Award

Certificates of Excellence:

President’s Award for Overall Excellence

Certificates of Excellence:

Delta Gamma
Zeta Beta Tau

Omega Phi Beta
Sigma Nu

Delta Delta Delta
Pi Kappa Phi
Kappa Alpha Theta
Tau Kappa Epsilon

Alpha Delta Pi
Tau Kappa Epsilon
Gamma Phi Beta

Sigma Delta Tau
Kappa Sigma
Alpha Gamma Delta
Kappa Kappa Gamma

Calum Hayes, Phi Delta Theta
Kimberly Ostiller, Kappa Alpha Theta

Alpha Chi Omega
Sigma Delta Tau

Kappa Alpha Theta
Tau Kappa Epsilon

Fanny Anderson receiving the President’s Award for Kappa Alpha Theta.

Tau Kappa Epsilon accepting the President’s Award for Overall Excellence.

The Little Free Library Unveiling at Hoover Park
Awards

Thank you to everyone for all of your hard work and leadership this semester! Have a great summer!

Panhellenic Council Awards

- Panhellenic Spirit Award
- New Member of the Year
- Sorority Member of the Year
- Philanthropy Spirit Award
- Helen of Troy
- Remarkable Contribution to the Greek Community
- Innovative Event Award
- Best Marketing Award

Interfraternity Council (IFC)

Each year, the Interfraternity Council gives out awards to members of their community for their individual efforts.

- Tanner Sandoval: Extraordinary service and exemplary advocacy for the USC greek community and IFC
- Matthew Woo: Exceptional involvement and service to the Interfraternity Council chapters and USC community
- Brantley Pepperman: Exceptional service to the Interfraternity Council as a chapter president and Executive Vice President of Judicial Affairs
- Deputy Chief Johnnie Adams: continuing commitment to the Interfraternity Council and dedication to creating a safe environment for its students
- Ray Carlos: Extraordinary service, advocacy, and mentorship to the Interfraternity Council and chapter leadership

Asian Greek Council

- Outstanding Scholars: Sakura Kato, Cody Uyeda
- Outstanding President: Lily Cao
- Outstanding New Member: Christian Miyamae
- Outstanding Council Member: Rachael Kim
- Outstanding Chapter: Delta Phi Kappa
- Outstanding Seniors: Cheryl Ikegami, Jonathan Nguyen
- Outstanding Leadership: Anh Cao

Multicultural Greek Council

- Fraternity of the Year: La Unidad Latina, Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity, Inc.
- Sorority of the Year: Omega Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.
- Philanthropic Organization of the Year: Lambda Theta Nu Sorority, Inc.
- Cultural Organization of the Year: Alpha Gamma Alpha Sorority
- Collaborative Organization of the Year: Omega Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

Christina Stewart, Alpha Delta Pi
Claire Bond, Alpha Gamma Delta
Alicia Jewell, Gamma Phi Beta
Christina Rouse, Kappa Kappa Gamma
Kaitlyn Couture, Delta Delta Delta
Cat Brackett, Kappa Kappa Gamma
Alpha Delta Pi (Fall Chili Cook-Off)
Alpha Gamma Delta

Thank you to everyone for all of your hard work and leadership this semester! Have a great summer!
Overall Greek Valedictorians
Nathaniel Hsieh - Alpha Gamma Omega
Katelyn Masket - Alpha Delta Pi
Madison Jones - Kappa Kappa Gamma

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Kudos to all of the 2015 Greek super scholars!

Members of IFC and PHC receiving the Gamma Sigma Alpha award for the greatest positive gap between the all greek GPA and the undergraduate GPA for Spring 2014 at the AFLV West Conference.
On January 31, 2015, the Omega Phi chapter of Order of Omega hosted the Greek Leadership Conference. This event brought together the executive boards of the chapters as well as the Panhellenic and Interfraternity Councils. The day focused on how to be a more effective leader both within your chapter and the USC community as a whole. The conference opened with Lyssa Aruda, the Omega Phi chapter president explaining how the purpose of Order of Omega is to focus on excellence in scholarship, leadership, and service within the greek community.

The conference was broken up into five rotations. The first one was a presentation from Dr. Lynne Cooper, who talked about the leadership skills she found necessary in producing the proposal for the Mars 2020 Helicopter. The second rotation was a greek leadership alumni panel featuring three alumni that had prominent leadership positions within the greek community as undergraduates. They touched on topics such as how to handle situations when your own chapter may go against the rules, how to effectively disperse work over the whole executive board, and the importance of staying flexible when planning events.

During lunch, everyone filled out a survey to determine what his or her individual leadership style was. The third rotation was then all about recognizing the strengths and weaknesses of your own leadership style as well other people's leadership styles and how to effectively balance each other.

Since the leaders of the greek community do not all gather together often, the fourth rotation focused on community goal setting. As a whole, we discussed the greek community’s approach to social media, sexual assault prevention, philanthropy, interfraternalism and more. We brainstormed on how the greek community can best represent ourselves as a collective unit rather than individual chapters. These goals were then typed up and submitted to the university as Greek Pillars of Excellence that we hope to elaborate on throughout the rest of the year.

The fifth and final rotation was a panel on risk management and safety that included Chief Adams of the USC Department of Public Safety, Officer Garner of the Los Angeles Police Department, Beth Saul and Ray Carlos from the Fraternity and Sorority Leadership Development Office, and Elizabeth Lee from the Center for Women and Men. This panel focused on what individual chapters can do for their members should they be found in an unsafe situation as well as what the greek community as a whole can do to cut down on unsafe situations on the Row.

Overall, the Greek Leadership Conference was a day full of brainstorming about how to improve the greek community and how to strengthen individual leadership skills that proved to be a highly successful event.
Congratulations everyone!
**The Panhellenic Council** had a record-breaking year of membership growth and has added almost 100 new members in Spring 2015 through COB because of the new Fall 2014 Total of 208! Ongoing programs include a house director appreciation brunch, peer educators, Helen of Troy intersorority athletics, XFlow fitness sessions, sister sorority events and weekly safety tips and updates.

Two new programs for Spring 2015 are:

- **GreekedIn**: The Panhellenic Council in conjunction with the Intrafraternity Council hosted a professional workshop open to men and women from all chapters. Professionals from Dream Careers gave a presentation on utilizing LinkedIn and were available for one-on-one resume and cover letter review. In addition, a photographer was on site for students to take professional head shot photos. The event was a great success and brought together members from across the greek community.

- **Sustainability Liaison**: The Panhellenic Council partnered with existing organization Greeks Go Green to create a sustainability liaison in every Panhellenic chapter on campus. The liaison program will allow us to make great strides in increasing the sustainability of each house both through programming and environmentally conscious initiatives. The Sustainability program has already begun work to secure funding for water refilling stations on the Greek Row and to increase water conservation in the USC and Panhellenic community.

By Caroline Cannan
Panhellenic President

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**The USC Asian Greek Council** is off to a great start this semester. We are currently in the process of planning our annual Alumni Panel for April, which will include alumni from all organizations in the Asian Greek Council. This serves as a great way for new members and old members alike to connect with alumni and seek out career and personal advice.

For the fourth week of April, USC AGC will be hosting our annual Philanthropy week. This year AGC is looking to assist people on Skid Row. Delta Phi Kappa has been heavily involved with the Student Coalition for Asian Pacific Empowerment by hosting SCAPE’s 4th annual InspirASIAN event, featuring the voices and talents of local Asian Pacific American artists and activists. In addition, Gamma Epsilon Omega had a very successful spring rush and AGC is glad to welcome these new members to the council. All the chapters in AGC are looking forward to participating in the Southern California Asian Greek Council Talent Show in April, where Asian Greek organizations from all over SoCal will be showcasing their dancing and singing talents.

By Erica Tom
Asian Greek Council President

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The Multicultural Greek Council has made greater strides to increase our visibility on campus. We redesigned our council’s logo and created a new slogan, both of which are representative of our values and culture. We revamped our social media presence on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram; and we hosted our first ever campus event called Tommy Takeover, where our organizations were able to showcase their diverse cultures through stepping, strolling, and saluting, among other performances. Additionally, our member organizations have worked hard to plan amazing events aimed directly at fulfilling their philanthropic and academic work. Our organizations are dedicated to helping the homeless, educating Latinos in our community, and creating awareness about domestic violence. They are dedicated to serving our community and developing their members both professionally, and academically.

By Christine Vargas
Multicultural Greek Council President

With the semester well under way, we’re excited to announce that the Interfraternity Council (IFC) is making great strides to improve our greek life at USC, as well as making a meaningful impact on our community as a whole.

On Thursday, February 19th, IFC and PHC presented a check to the Department of Public Safety’s Explorer Program for $12,359. The program provides area youths, ages 12 to 21, with the opportunity to explore careers in public service and law enforcement. The money is the product of the first annual Greek Carnival held in the fall and will be put to good use providing program participants with scholarships to summer leadership camps.

Just this past weekend we held our bi-annual New Member retreat with over 90% of new members in attendance. The retreat featured speakers from the Office of the Provost, LAPD, DPS, Title IX, Mindful USC, the Counseling Center, IFC Presidents, and the Center for Women and Men. Students were educated on how to get the most out of our incredible university and to have a safe, healthy, and happy career at USC.

IFC has also established a partnership with the 21 fraternity chapters by establishing Sustainability Liaisons within each chapter. The function of this exciting new role is to help carry out the numerous green initiatives we are launching in the upcoming weeks. These liaisons will help create and promote a more environmentally sustainable greek community.

Off to such a great start, the Interfraternity Council is excited to be partnering with the Special Olympics, “A Place Called Home” (a non-profit providing underprivileged high school students with professional development skills), and the headline-generating movement “Little Free Libraries”, over the course of the year.

If there are any comments, questions, or concerns about IFC, or greek life in general, please do not hesitate to reach out to our VP of Comunnications, Nathan Cordes, at communications@uscifc.com.

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Photo Gallery

The 2015 Chapter Presidents at their bi-weekly meeting.

Members of the Panhellenic and the Interfraternity Councils making cards for veterans.

Phi Alpha Delta gathers for their chapter meeting.

The Order of Omega Executive Board at the Greek Awards Presentation.

Asian Greek Council Philanthropy Week on behalf of Skid Row.

The 2014 and 2015 PHC Presidents.